



SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA INTEREST ON  
LAWYERS TRUST ACCOUNT BOARD

To: County President Judges  
County Bar Association Presidents and Executive Directors

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Date: December 11, 2009

Subject: Available Pro Bono Incentive Funds

The PA IOLTA Board is conducting its grant process to award about \$50,000 of grants primarily to help stimulate and facilitate organized pro bono efforts in counties where none currently exist. To the extent that funds are available, grants may also be awarded to counties with existing organized pro bono programs if they can demonstrate definitive plans to increase pro bono participation, or enhance their programs so they can maintain existing levels of pro bono volunteers.

The PA IOLTA Board encourages collaboration among counties in the submissions of their pro bono proposals. These grants will be awarded on a meritorious basis, and local county financial support will be viewed favorably by the PA IOLTA Board.

The PA IOLTA Board's Pro Bono Incentive Grant Application, 2010 is enclosed. Please note that applications are due to the IOLTA Board by **Friday, January 15, 2010**, two weeks earlier than last year. Electronic copies of the grant application and other materials that may be useful resources for preparing the grant application and planning your program can be found on the IOLTA website at [www.paiolta.org](http://www.paiolta.org). These resources which are located in the "Grants Application" section of the website are:

1. PA Bar Association model pro bono case representation plan; and
2. A description prepared by the America Bar Association of other pro bono activities.

I encourage you to call upon the expertise that exists within the local legal aid program that is serving your county, or David Trevaskis, Esq., the PA Bar Association Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator, (800) 932-0311 ext. 2236, [david.trevaskis@pabar.org](mailto:david.trevaskis@pabar.org), to help you formulate your plans.

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The expected time-line for the grant process is displayed below\*:

Announce Availability of Grant Funds	<u>2009</u> December 11
Grant Applications Due to the Board	<u>2010</u> <b>January 15</b>
Acknowledge Receipt of Grant Application and Request Missing Data	February 5
Receipt of Missing Data	February 12
Grant Committee Reviews Applications and Develops its Recommendations	March
Board Develops its Preliminary Grant Recommendations	March 23
Preliminary Grant Awards approved by Supreme Court	Late May
Notice of Preliminary Grant Awards to Applicants	Late May
Grant Agreements Executed for the Grant Cycle 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011	Mid-June

\* The Board reserves the right to change the timetable without notice.