

## Pro Bono and Community Service

Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote attorneys dedicate themselves to providing countless hours of professional time to public interest matters through pro bono work. This stems from the firm's strong commitment to making it possible for our attorneys to give back to our society in this manner.

Our pro bono work benefits those individuals we serve as well as our community as a whole. Our lawyers' legal and interpersonal skills are enhanced through this form of professional and public service. It is Dickie McCamey's firmwide policy to encourage partners and associates to provide pro bono legal services to those in need. With the help of our Pro Bono Committee and the efforts of our attorneys, Dickie McCamey has been able to give back to our community.

Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. receives its pro bono cases only through the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership or a program approved by the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership. Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. does not take unsolicited pro bono cases via email or phone.

Since 2007, the firm represented hundreds of Protection from Abuse (PFA) plaintiffs and was recognized by the Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA) for their commitment to the program.

It was Dickie McCamey's commitment to the community and pro bono work which led us to become one of the first sponsors of the Lawyers on Loan Project. Under this program, the firm "loaned" an attorney to NLSA for one full year. While working for NLSA, this attorney had the opportunity to serve some of the most forgotten members of our population – the elderly and the poor. These members of our society, who otherwise would have no representation, often become victims of predatory lending, foreclosure, and other problems. We are proud to be a founding sponsor of the Lawyers on Loan Project and believe it enhances our experience while benefiting our society.

Dickie McCamey is also a participating member of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership. This organization is comprised of legal departments, law firms, and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. The goal of the partnership is to increase attorney and paralegal pro bono services to the southwestern Pennsylvania community. In addition, the firm continues to assist in Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders on behalf of NLSA, which are civil (non-criminal) orders that can protect a victim from being abused, harassed, threatened, or stalked.

For nearly two decades, Dickie McCamey lawyers began spending one evening a month at the Millvale Wellness Center Community Clinic advising residents in the Millvale area on various legal issues. The Sisters of St. Francis have been providing the Millvale community with medical services for 15 years through the outreach of the Wellness Center. In early 2007, a representative of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership contacted Sister Lorraine Wesolowski to see if the Wellness Center was interested in adding a legal component to the services provided. It was determined that the low-income residents of the Millvale area have unmet legal needs and the establishment of a clinic was needed. In 2016, the Neighborhood Table Legal Clinic moved its services to Sharpsburg. NLSA assists Dickie McCamey lawyers as necessary on the poverty law legal issues they may face at the Community Clinic.

If you are in need of an attorney, please contact the Allegheny County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at 412-261-0518 or Neighborhood Legal Services Association – Allegheny County at 866-761-6572.

See other examples of DMC's commitment to community by clicking here.

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