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To: <nwg@bunnellwoulfe.com>
cc: "Layne Russell" <layne@floridalegal.org>
Subject: Appellate Practice Section Pro Bono assistance request

Dear Nancy (Gregoire) -

1. *Telephone Seminar Series beginning July 19, 2005:* Could the availability of these Section-sponsored trainings be publicized to non-Section member attorneys at the 32 legal aid organizations throughout Florida (including statewide organizations such as Florida's Children First and the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center)? Is there a fee to attend these and could that fee be waived for public interest lawyers? I frankly do not know how many of our attorneys would dial in, but I would very much like them to be aware of this resource and the various topics (not yet posted on your Section's website) if your committee and the CLE committee could approve this arrangement at least for a one year trial period?
2. *Mentoring Program:* Could non-Section members in public interest/legal aid organizations tap into this resource? If so, who does the attorney contact to be matched with a panel member to get their questions answered?
3. *Web-ex online CLE speakers:* Florida Legal Services' statewide director of training, Layne Russell, is planning a series of lunchtime "brown bag" seminars for our statewide legal aid advocates. He would like to involve one or more of your members as speakers on appellate practice issues. Who should he contact to further discuss this idea?
4. *Pro Bono Lawyer needed: Administrative Appeal:* When we met in your office in January, you noted that appellate lawyers like to get involved at the beginning of a case so that they can monitor its progress in the event of an appeal. One of our statewide advocacy organizations would like to file a petition for rule-making on an important statewide issue relating to children. They anticipate that the petition may be denied and do not have the resources to file that appeal. Do you know of any administrative law appellate lawyers with whom we could talk on a confidential basis? [I have a lot of background information and a pro bono law firm-prepared research memo supporting our position, but I would like to clear conflicts first and discuss the details one-on-one with a possible pro bono attorney.]

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Please contact me with your questions and to let me know if I should attend the Section's committee meetings on June 23rd.

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