

MEMO

TO: Staff and Pro Bono Attorneys
FROM: Richard Chase, Litigation and Training Specialist
SUBJECT: Training
DATE: August 27, 2008

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance and the Illinois State Bar Association are cosponsoring Divorce Basics for Pro Bono Attorneys, 1:00 – 4:45PM, Friday, October 31, 2008, Gateway Center, Collinsville, Illinois.

This Training is for attorneys who do not handle family cases regularly. It will be provided free for all Land of Lincoln staff and pro bono attorneys and to other private attorneys who agree to handle one pro bono case during the next year. Trainees will receive 3 ½ hours of CLE credit.

Attorneys who handle family cases regularly are not eligible to attend this training. Land of Lincoln will be sponsoring an all day training for experienced family law attorneys in the spring of 2009.

The faculty for Divorce Basics for Pro Bono Attorneys are Julie Keehner Katz, former Chair of the Family Law Section; Retired Judge and Pro Bono Attorney Lola Maddox; Joan Spiegel, Managing Attorney, Land of Lincoln; and Janet Hellin, Chief Family Court Judge. Topics include interviewing pro bono clients, basic substantive family law, fee waivers, for pleadings, service process, representation in court, and sources of assistance.

Training will be provided in person to the first 75 applicants and will be webcast live via Illinois Legal Aid Online. CLE credit will be available to trainees who attend the training in person or watch the live or archived webcast. Materials will also be available at the website. Availability of the opportunity to participate via live webcast will be disseminated broadly by the ISBA, which will also be responsible for registration and CLE credit.