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Colorado Legal Services (CLS). CLS is a non-profit organization. Applicants whose cases CLS cannot take due to time constraints or conflict are referred to the Pro Bono Project of Mesa County, which attempts to place the case with a pro bono attorney or schedule attendance at a clinic at which the individual is provided with the forms and instructions to represent themselves (pro se) in court.

- CLS only handles matters within our priority areas. These include representing victims of **current**, substantial domestic violence in divorce cases, appearing before Administrative Law Judges in SSI disability cases and providing limited assistance in landlord/tenant cases to those who qualify as poverty level individuals. In addition, CLS represents Pro Bono clients at hearings for permanent protection orders.
- CLS does **not** provide:
 - general legal advice to the public.
 - legal services to the perpetrators of domestic violence
 - any criminal defense services
 - Due to CLS limited staff, the Grand Junction CLS office does not handle most public housing cases, public benefit cases or other legal matters outside the priorities listed above.

The **Pro Bono Project of Mesa County** in partnership with the legal community provides access to legal services and education to those who are considered indigent by federal poverty guidelines. Volunteer attorneys provide these services.

The Pro Bono Project assists victims of domestic violence who are in fear of imminent danger in obtaining protection orders. The person needing a protection order should call Karen Detmers at 243-7940, ext. 308. There are no income eligibility requirements for protection order assistance.

Pro Bono has two levels of priority.

- First priority are cases including divorces for victims of domestic violence in which CLS has a legal conflict or time constraint.
- Second priority areas are family issues without domestic violence, family member adoptions, guardianships, bankruptcy, immigration, simple wills for the elderly or terminally ill individuals, and some consumer issues.

In addition, the Pro Bono Project administers clinics staffed by CLS lawyers to assist individuals in handling their own cases. The clinics offered are the Disso Clinic (divorce) and the Custody Clinic (Allocation of Parental Responsibility) for parents of children who have not been married to each other, contempt matters and modification of dissolution decrees.

Applications for a referral to Pro Bono are made through Colorado Legal Services.

Both CLS and Pro Bono are located at 200 N. 6th, Suite 203, Grand Junction, CO. 81501

Office Hours for intake are weekdays except Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.