## **Volunteer Lawyer Program Cases**

## Family Law/Domestic Violence

- **1.** Miscellaneous/Domestic Violence, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Providence- Client/mother of 16 month old child has RO against the father of child. Father has filed for visitation of child, but client is opposed because he is violent and a drug user.
- **2. Miscellaneous, March 12<sup>th</sup>/April 9<sup>th</sup>, Providence-** Client is father of 2 year old child. Mother left client and child for 3 months before hiring an attorney filing an ex parte motion for placement. Client feels that he should be the custodial parent because he has cared for the child more than the mother. He would like help getting his position heard in court.
- **3. Post-divorce/Placement, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Providence-** Client is mother and custodial parent of 2 kids (16 and 13 years old). Father has filed for placement of 16 year old child who is disabled. He claims that client is not capable of using child's SSI benefit appropriately. Client disagrees and says that things have been fine since they divorce in 2013.
- **4. Divorce, March 14th, Providence-** Same sex marriage in which there are neither kids nor assets. Plaintiff has an attorney. Couple has been married almost 4 years and separated 5 months. Client would like help navigating way through the process.
- **5**. **Divorce, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Providence-** Same sex marriage. Plaintiff has an attorney. There are no children. Couple owns a house jointly. Mortgage is in plaintiff's name. She would like client to give the house up to her. However, client put up \$20K (obtained as personal loans) for a down payment. The personal loans eventually led client to file bankruptcy. Client would like to sell the house and split the proceeds.
- **6. Miscellaneous, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Providence-** Client is mother of child. She has multiple sclerosis. She lives with her parents who take care of her. The father of the child has filed for sole custody. Client realizes that she is not in a condition to take care of her child, but would like to retain some visitation rights.
- **7. Divorce, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Providence-** Client is wife and mother of 3 month old child. Client would like placement and, despite a TRO against the husband for threats made against her, she is ok with husband having visitation.
- **8.** Miscellaneous/Custody/Child Support, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Providence- Client is mother of 2 children (3 and 1 years old). She has been having issues with the children's father paying child support. Father has had drug tests ordered due to allegation that he's using drugs.
- **9. Restraining Order/DV, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Providence-** Client is mother of 3 children (11, 8 and 1/12 years old). She has filed for an RO against the kids' father and herself due to his violent nature. He was arrested for domestic assault in 2015 and has continued to cause problems for them.

**10. Post-divorce/Contempt, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Providence-** Client's ex-husband is taking her to court for relief. Client was supposed to move out of the marital domicile. However, due to hardship, she has had a hard time doing that. There is also a lien on the property in her name due to a debt. Her ex-husband also wants her to get the lien removed. She would like some help navigating through this.