

Community Law Program



CLP is a non-profit corporation formed in 1989 by members of the St. Petersburg Bar Association concerned about the civil legal needs of low income residents of Southern Pinellas County, Florida. Over the years, CLP has recruited a panel of approximately 400 St. Petersburg area attorneys who provide free assistance to thousands of people in need of civil legal assistance each year. To volunteer for pro bono service, contact Community Law Program at 727-582-7480.



by Kimberly Rogers

Community Law Program congratulates Attorney William G. Bostick, Jr. for receiving the 2010 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. This most prestigious award was presented to Mr. Bostick on January 28th during a ceremony before the Florida Supreme Court. Bill has been



a member of The Florida Bar for thirty years, and he has been one of CLP's most dedicated volunteer attorneys for nearly two decades. I have personally known Bill for over ten years, and I can truly say that he has made pro bono service to clients who would otherwise be unable to afford private representation more than a

volunteer endeavor. For him, it's a way of life! Each year, Bill devotes an average of 45 hours of time providing free family law advice to clients during our Wednesday walk-in clinic and our pro se forms clinics. In addition to this time, he always has four or five clients for whom he is providing full representation at any given time. He can always be counted on saying, "If you can't find anyone else to take this case, I will."

The best testament to Bill's dedication to pro bono came from a young woman, who came by CLP's office one morning about a year ago. She came into my office literally crying with tears of joy over how appreciative she was for

Bill, who had just wrapped up a final hearing in her case whereby she retained custody of her son. What a difference Bill Bostick made in her life!!

Before the dust could settle from this trip, we began busily preparing for CLP's Open House, which was held on Tuesday, February 16th.

This event was a culmination and celebration of our much-needed and long-awaited office move. This event featured a ribbon cutting ceremony during which Mayor Bill Foster, Chief Judge Thomas McGrady, John Biesinger, III, SPBA President-Elect, and Linda Perrigoue, CLP's Board of Trustees President made congratulatory remarks. In



addition, we introduced everyone to the gracious and talented group of aspiring local artists, Ann Jacob, Linda Slator, Kally Harvard, and Elaine Anagnos, for allowing us to borrow some of their original paintings to display in and decorate our new offices. There was



food, food, and more food, all of which was donated by CLP's Board of Trustees and door prizes for 5 lucky attendees.

If you did not have a chance to stop by during our open house, please feel free to stop by anytime so you can see firsthand what a difference we are making in the community one client and one attorney at a time!

