

February 9, 2010

Dear Panelist:

This letter covers the following topics:

- Interim vouchers
- New procedure for Expert Orders in County Court
- Tour of Nassau County jail
- New DNA Analysts
- Family Law-Westlaw PRODOC
- Metropolitan New York Trainer
- Transportation to Treatment Court
- Additions to Experts Panel

INTERIM VOUCHERS

I recently received a letter from a panelist asking me to change the policy so that he could submit an interim voucher in a case where his client had been placed in a judicial diversion program for 18 months. As I explained to him, we do not need a change of policy.

The policy is that you can submit an interim voucher in every case where your client has been placed in some type of rehabilitative program for 6, 12, 18 months etc. All we ask is that you label your voucher "INTERIM VOUCHER" and that when you submit your final voucher some months or year later, label it "FINAL VOUCHER: AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED: \$_____"

NEW PROCEDURE FOR EXPERT ORDERS IN COUNTY COURT

Panelist Joe LoPiccolo advises of a policy change in the County Court Clerk's office that affects all 18B attorneys. I spoke with Judge Donnino and Don Vetter about it and, henceforth, all attorneys seeking Court Orders for experts, including investigators, should bring their paperwork to the Clerk's office in Room 215N. Personnel there will record the paperwork, have the Judge sign the appropriate Order and give you a copy while you wait or mail a copy to your office.

I have been assured that there will be no inordinate delay with this procedure and I advised Don that all such motions are ex parte. Please let me know, as we go along, whether this new procedure is workable or whether it causes you problems. If the latter, I will address the situation at that time.

TOUR OF NASSAU COUNTY JAIL

Panelist Bill Schafer has made arrangements with the Sheriff's office for a two-hour tour of the Nassau County Jail for a limited number of defense attorneys. It is thought that such a learning experience will enable the defense attorneys to better advise their clients and their clients' families as to what to expect upon admission, what is permitted and prohibited, and a host of other nuts-and-bolts issues.

If you are seriously interested in being involved in such a tour, please complete the enclosed form and fax it back to me.

NEW DNA ANALYSTS

Until now, we have had only one person on our Experts Panel in the area of DNA. This expert, Dr. Lawrence Kobilinsky, does DNA review. He is not associated with an accredited lab and thus cannot conduct DNA analysis.

I am pleased to advise you that we have added three new experts in this area, all of whom are associated with Lab Corp, an accredited DNA lab. These new experts can perform both analysis and review. Particulars as to them can be found in the "Additions to Experts Panel", infra.

FAMILY LAW – WESTLAW PRODOC

Personnel from Westlaw are making an exclusive offer to members of the Nassau County Assigned Counsel Defender Plan regarding their document software programs relating to family law and small office suites. The offer is explained in more detail in the enclosed flyer and, as indicated therein, a web information seminar explaining the program, that can be accessed by you from your office, will be held on Thursday,

February 18th at 4:30 PM. Specifics as to registering for the program are also on the enclosed flyer.

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK TRAINER

The twenty-fourth annual Metropolitan New York Trainer will be held on Saturday March 13, 2010 at NYU Law School. The registration fee is \$85 for 18B attorneys for 6.5 hours of CLE credits. See the enclosed brochure for particulars.

TRANSPORTATION TO TREATMENT COURT

Panelist Laura Meckloskey recently had a problem obtaining transportation for her client, i.e. getting him from Nassau County Jail to the treatment facility in Rockaway Beach where he had been placed.

Laura found a solution with Ray Caviano from Fresh Start. Ray will provide a driver to go to the jail and transport your client to the treatment facility. In Laura's case, the fee was \$45, (which is recoverable as a disbursement).

The only proviso is that the driver will not go the jail and wait for the client to be released. Laura solved this by asking the Judge to release her client to her and she stayed with him until the driver arrived.

Ray can be reached at 516.771.6586 or at freshstartrecoveryresidence.org.

ADDITIONS TO EXPERT'S PANEL

The following have been added to our Expert's Panel:

DNA Analysis
&
DNA Review

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Laboratory Corporation of America
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Thank you all for your continued help and best wishes for a healthy and profitable 2010.

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. McCloskey

JAIL TOUR

**I AM INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE TWO(2) HOUR NASSAU
COUNTY JAIL TOUR.**

NAME (PRINT)

PHONE NUMBER

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