

December E-Newsletter

Welcome new volunteers! And, a heartfelt thanks to all of you who have contributed your time to helping homeowners at risk of foreclosure!

2009 Volunteer Survey- We need your feedback!

The Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project has now been operating for six months, has assisted over 200 homeowners and has over 400 volunteer attorneys signed up statewide. We're hoping to extend the project another year and we'd like to find out what your experience with us has been so far. Please take just a few minutes to fill out this brief volunteer survey. Please submit your survey responses no later than December 31, 2009. We appreciate your feedback. Thank you!

Please find the survey here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8RKLM9N>

Report on December 5 Foreclosure Prevention Event:

We had an extremely successful foreclosure prevention workshop on Saturday, December 5, which assisted over 220 households throughout the day, connecting borrowers with lenders, housing counselors, and attorneys to help keep people in their homes. This event was made possible through the many hours contributed by a large number of the Seattle King County Asset Building Collaborative members and other volunteers.

Foreclosures in the News:

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Podcasts

<http://www.frbatlanta.org/podcasts/foreclosureresponse/>

Quarter of borrowers in anti-foreclosure plan are behind:

Delinquencies worry some; other experts say it's too early to judge

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/04/AR2009120404449.html>

Mortgage Relief Plan Shows Weak Results

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/09/business/09mortgage.html?_r=1

Can't find that old e-newsletter that has those helpful advocacy resources?

-they're archived here:

<http://www.mywsba.org/default.aspx?tabid=199>

Where's our online advocacy resources page?

<http://www.mywsba.org/default.aspx?tabid=205>

Housekeeping:

Please Check Your Email Spam Filter!

Please make sure you are receiving email from Lili Sotelo and Colleen Mold, our Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project legal team; their emails are colleenm@nwjustice.org and lilis@nwjustice.org and hflap@nwjustice.org. Almost all attorneys should have gotten a chance to accept at least one case.

Anyone who has not received a request for case acceptance should contact Aline at alinec@wsba.org as soon as possible.

Really Eager to Get a Case?

Have you been really eager to get a case but feel like you haven't been quick enough on the draw when our legal team sends out volunteer opportunities? Have you been unable to handle a matter that's been offered but are still really interested in getting a case? If so, please email hflap@nwjustice.org and also let us know if you'd be willing to take matters in neighboring counties or statewide.

Too Busy Right Now to Take a Case?

If you are not currently able or believe that you will not be able to accept cases through the Home Foreclosure Project for the next six months, please take a moment to let us know so that we can remove you from our volunteer list. Please contact Aline at (206) 727-8204 or alinec@wsba.org to be removed from our volunteer list. You can always rejoin us when your schedule opens up.

Questions, Comments and Feedback: We want to hear from you!

Please contact Aline at alinec@wsba.org or at (206) 727-8204.

Thanks again for doing your part to put an end the foreclosure crisis and helping Washington state homeowners!

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!