

## 2008 Annual Report

**Division/Section/Committee Title:** Legal Services and Programs

**Date:** December 30, 2008

**Chair/Co-chairs:** Judge Frank Sedillo, Elizabeth McGrath, Attorney

### Activities Undertaken Since Last Report:

- **Five meetings of the committee as a whole**
  - **Develop Agenda for upcoming year**
  - **Discussion of various initiatives**
    - **Resource Development & potential fund raising efforts including inviting Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to Albq. as a guest lecturer**
    - **Cy Pres rule changes**
    - **Justice for All Day**
    - **Public Service Announcements**
    - **Court house lawyer booths**
  
- **Justice For All Day at the legislature**
  - **Organize providers to staff tables at Roundhouse to promote awareness of legal services to the poor as a basic human need.**
  - **Coordinated presentation @ Roundhouse**
  - **Ten legal services providers attended.**
  
- **Multiple meetings and e-meetings of Resource Development sub-committee.**
  - **Develop Strategy to minimize cuts to Civil Legal Services Funding.**
  - **Discussed plans to fund an endowment for Civil Legal Services related issues including inviting Justice Sandra Day O'Conner to Albq. as a guest lecturer at fund raising event**
  - **Discussed CY PRES rule changes**
  
- **Attend regularly scheduled meetings with the NM Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission**
  - **Chair work group on implementation of the State Plan**
  - **Participate in Systems Planning Workgroup**
  
- **Several meetings with the Second Judicial District Access to Justice Commission established pursuant to NM Supreme Court 10 step plan**

- Participate in development and implementation of pro bono committee
- Helped develop and participate in 2 legal fairs (Law-la-palooza) where over 200 families were assisted
- **Public Recognition and Outreach**
  - Various appearances on Government Access Channel promoting services available through Civil Legal Service Providers and the State Bar
  - Developing plan for public service announcements

**Ongoing Activities:**

- **Planning for upcoming Justice for All Day events at the Legislature.**
- **Agenda for upcoming year**
  - Implementation of Cy Pres award rule
  - Resource Development & Possible endowment
  - Justice for All Day at legislature
  - Listserv for civil legal services attorneys
  - Public Service Announcements of Bar Related Activities

**Issues Requiring Board of Bar Commissioner Action: (Provide supplemental materials when applicable.)**

- **Justice for All Day at the Legislature.**
- **Possible invitation to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to be a guest lecturer at fund raising event**