

**ICRA Convention/Seminar June 16 - 18 , 2010
Honey Creek Resort State Park on Rathbun Lake
12633 Resort Drive, Moravia, Iowa 52571**

Madam President:

I submit the following **2009-2010 ICRA Pro Bono Committee report:**

Thank you to the members of ICRA who volunteer to serve on our pro bono committee:

Jane Carson, Ann Claney, Sarah Dittmer, Jane Fitzgerald, Cynthia Foley, Lynn Gordon, Judith Herzberg, Melanie Humphrey-Sonntag, Norine Kennedy, Sheila Lasley-Hall, Cindy Miller, Kelli Mulcahy, Michelle Munck, Lee Ann Onstot, Kari Osborn, Daria Shahriari, Karen Teig, Bobbi Jo van Deusen, M. Jane Weingart **(20, total, including this committee chair).**

ICRA Pro Bono Committee volunteers continue to be available to the Volunteer Lawyer Project (VLP). Pro bono requests can be made via ICRA's Web site by going to: www.iacra.org. Under "ICRA Committees," you will find the pro bono guidelines, as well as the VLP **contact persons Carol Burdette for Polk County only, at cburdette@pcbaonline.org, and Julie Hernandez for all other counties, at jhernandez@iowalaw.org. You may also contact Kara Johnson for all other counties, although it is not listed on our Web page, at kjohnson@iowalaw.org**. The Web page was recently updated in May with the modification in contact persons and areas they cover.

Phone contact information:

Ms. Burdette: 515-243-3904
Ms. Hernandez: 1-800-798-0311
Ms. Johnson: 1-800-532-1275, Extension 1676

The VLP continues to be our mechanism for screening those individuals with pro bono requests. E-mail is the most efficient mechanism to make a request. The e-mail can then be forwarded to all the volunteers, rather than making a number of costly phone calls.

(Comments by Ms. Hernandez reprinted with her permission)

“Dianne - Please extend to the ICRA membership our thanks for their willingness to contribute their time and talent to our shared commitment to making access to the judicial system a reality for Iowa's poor. Thank you.

“Julie Hernandez, Iowa Legal Aid Volunteer Lawyers Project”

The following list includes other pro bono work contributed by ICRA's 2009-2010 Pro Bono Committee:

Transcript for Indigent:	\$ 83.00
Pro Bono for Legal Aid	235.00
Donation to Legal Aid	250.00
Transcript for Mother in Juvenile Court	87.50
CART	317.70
CART	945.95
CART	909.71
Oral History Project	580.98
Total:	<u>\$3,409.84</u>

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"Pro bono" means "for the public good." Without volunteers, services would not be available to those in need. A little given by many amounts to a lot. Anyone who would like to become a volunteer, please e-mail ICRA's executive director at icra@assocserv.com, who will forward an updated list of volunteers to me.

A note about NCRA's Veterans History Project (VHP):

Please keep the VHP in mind as a way to volunteer. If interested in volunteering, please e-mail Beth Kilker, VHP coordinator with NCRA, at bkilker@ncrahq.org. This is an important program in which court reporters are using their skills and playing a vital role in preserving the veterans' stories.

Thank you to the members of this committee who participated by transcribing VHP interviews.

Also, thank you to the 24 Iowa reporters who participated in the AIB VHP. (See the recent articles in the *JCR* magazine and *In Verbis*).

I am grateful for the continued support and service of all ICRA members, the ICRA Board and our executive director. Please feel free to forward to me (dianne.head@cox.net) questions, comments, or suggestions.

Best wishes to the convention team for a successful annual convention/seminar. Thank you for all your "volunteer" hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne V. Head
ICRA 2009-2010 Pro Bono Committee Chair

(On Sunday, June 13, 2010, this report e-mailed to ICRA President Sheryl Culver; ICRA President-Elect Lou Ann Parker; ICRA Past-President Karen Teig; ICRA Executive Director Kristina Sickels; Board Liaison Stephanie Early; and to the volunteers listed herein)