

## **VOLUNTEER LAWYERS NETWORK (VLN) - FAMILY LAW PHONE ADVICE**

**What:** An opportunity for financially eligible clients to speak over the phone with an experienced family law attorney for a 20 minute legal consultation. Attorneys are available to assist qualifying individuals residing or having a case in Hennepin, Scott or Carver counties.

**Topics Covered:** All issues related to Minnesota family court including divorces, custody, property division, spousal maintenance, post-judgment issues, orders for protection, child support and paternity. Attorneys are not available to answer questions relating to juvenile court including adoptions and child protection cases or advise clients on matters outside of Minnesota.

**When:** Phone advice is by appointment only. Attorneys usually make phone calls on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 12 – 2 p.m., but the day and time may vary. We do not have evening or weekend appointments.

**How it Works:** When an applicant calls in they are signed up to receive a phone call in a 2 hour window on a specific day. The volunteer attorney calls the clients directly from the attorney's office. We do our best to accommodate individual schedules, but clients are asked to be available for a phone call during those 2 hours.

**Financial Eligibility:** Applicant's household income must be below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**How to Sign-up:** Applicants must call the VLN client intake line at (612) 752-6677. Intake hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & Wednesday from 3 – 6 p.m.