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Re: Your Next Pro Bono Case is Online:
Florida Pro Bono Matters

Dear Fellow Florida Bar Member:

As co-chair of The Florida Bar's statewide standing committee on pro bono legal services, I enthusiastically support Judge Seitz's letter regarding online access to pro bono cases. While there will always be many groups and many sources for pro bono cases and volunteers, The Florida Bar Foundation has developed a way to enhance online access and the coordination of case assignments. Here in Miami-Dade County we have so many persons unable to afford private counsel in civil legal matters, but thankfully we also have professionals like you who "give back" and live out their Bar oath by providing assistance.

Thank you for demonstrating that an online system will work and make our legal community ever more efficient. Our award-winning non-profit legal aid, legal services, and voluntary bar organizations are working together to make www.floridaprobonomatters.org a success—but they need your participation. Settle a case or close a deal and suddenly have a few hours to help someone? That website will be there for you. Ready to work toward your Florida Bar aspirational and annual reporting requirement for pro bono? The website will be there for you. Need a mentor, a webinar, or forms for help with a type of pro bono case that interests you? The website and our non-profit organizations will be making that available for you as well.

I'm honored to join U.S. District Judge Seitz and Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Isicoff in this endeavor, and I know your participation will make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. E. Salter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vance" and last name "Salter" clearly distinguishable.

Vance E. Salter
Judge, Third District Court of Appeal