

Volunteer Attorneys Needed

In June 2008, Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers approved the Judicial Branch's first long-term Strategic Plan. Created by the Public Service and Trust Commission, the Strategic Plan proposes strategies and goals for the Judicial Branch for the next three to five years.

As part of the initial implementation phase of the Strategic Plan, the Committee on Self-represented Parties was one of twenty-seven committees created. Subsequently, a smaller six-member workgroup was formed and charged with implementing the recommendations of the larger Self-represented Parties Committee.

One of those recommendations is the creation of an "Advice Days" program to be piloted in the Hartford Judicial District at 90 Washington Street, Hartford. This pilot program utilizes the services of volunteer attorneys to provide legal advice and assistance to self-represented parties who have or may be commencing domestic and/or family support magistrate cases.

The Advice Days program will work in cooperation with the Court Service Centers and the Judicial Branch law libraries to provide additional assistance to self-represented parties who might otherwise be unable to benefit from the assistance of counsel.

The volunteer attorneys will meet with self-represented parties in designated courtroom space at 90 Washington Street on Wednesday mornings from 9:00am-11:00am. Two attorneys per advice session will be scheduled.

Parking in the lot behind 80 Washington Street will be provided for attorneys participating in the Advice Days pilot program on the days they are volunteering.

The Advice Days program is scheduled to begin February 3rd. If you wish to participate in this pilot program or would like additional information, please contact Krista Hess at Court Operations at 860-263-2734, x 3043 or by email at Krista.Hess@jud.ct.gov.