

RE: Request for legal assistance
Establishment of custody

Dear:

You recently contacted our office for possible assistance in a custody matter. Unfortunately, West Virginia Legal Services Plan will be unable to represent you in this matter. This office serves a six-county area with a very small staff and limited resources, and we are unable to represent all persons who financially qualify for our assistance. We try to be fair in selecting the cases we will handle.

Although we will not be able to represent you in this case, we have recently prepared forms which can be used to bring cases concerning custody, visitation and child support, without a lawyer. It is always better to have a lawyer in custody and visitation cases, if that is possible. We recognize, however, that it is not always possible for people to obtain a lawyer in these cases.

I hope that the enclosed forms and instructions will be helpful to you, and I am sorry we will not be able to represent you in this matter. For general legal information, you may want to contact the Young Lawyers Hotline on Tuesday evenings between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. The number for this free service is 1-800-642-3617. You may also want to contact a private attorney concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney at Law

Enclosures