

CUSTODY- HOW TO OBTAIN A LAWYER

First Contact - CALL MidPenn Legal Services (MPLS) **717-232-0581**
www.midpenn.org 213-A N. Front St. Hbg.

Applicant screened for financial eligibility by MPLS

Not financially eligible

Financially eligible
<125% Fed. Poverty Guidelines*

Case "conflict" for MPLS?

YWCA Legal Clinic
 Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault victim
 <230% Fed. Pov
 Merit screening*
238-7273

Area Agency on Aging
 > 59 free
255-2790

D. Co Bar Lawyer Referral 232-7536 #2
 Referred to:
 1. Area Agency on Aging if > 59 free 255-2790
 2. Modest Means (\$500 initial retainer) Attorney
 3. Neighborhood Dispute free Mediation **233-8255**
 4. Attorney to hire

No Yes

D. Co. Bar Pro Bono Program
 (Free Volunteer Atty.)

If Domestic Violence present

Client interview
 Merit screening*

MPLS Staff Attorney

MPLS priority case*

MPLS non-priority case*

Widener Law School Legal Clinic

D. Co. Bar/MPLS Custody Clinics

***Merit screening**- Applicant interviewed to determine the legal issues, factual background and parties' positions to assess the level of service required and appropriate referral
 ***MPLS "priority" case** - Involves issues and/or facts which fall within MPLS's policies governing cases to be accepted by the program. Non-priority cases are referred to other legal service providers.
 ***Modest Means Atty.** -Applicant < 200% Fed. Pod. Guideline Income. Pay Atty. \$500 retainer towards reduced \$50 /hr. rate for 1st 10 hours.