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Dear Counselor:

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

As Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, I thank all of you for the financial support you provide to legal aid programs as a component of our annual attorney registration fee.

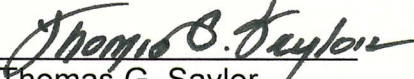
As I have done in the past, I join with the president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Anne John, in calling upon each of Pennsylvania's nearly 70,000 attorneys to provide pro bono service through direct representation of the poor and additional financial support of the Commonwealth's legal aid programs.

As you are aware, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court supports civil legal aid in a variety of ways, from funding a loan forgiveness program for legal services practitioners to celebrating the work of pro bono volunteers. In addition, the Court has made it easier for retired attorneys to provide pro bono service and it has approved the creation of a continuing legal education (CLE) pilot program aimed at increasing support for civil legal aid for low-income Pennsylvanians.

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, in partnership with our regional legal aid providers and a network of specialty legal aid programs, helps provide the framework and structure for legal assistance for the poor. Within that framework, as well as independently, pro bono attorneys provide their time and financial contributions to help fuel the important work of representing those clients who have critical needs but cannot afford to retain private counsel.

If you have not yet become involved, please consider adding your commitment to this meaningful endeavor. For those of you who already do so much, thank you.

Sincerely,


Thomas G. Saylor
Chief Justice of Pennsylvania