

United States District Court
Southern District of Ohio

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Karen L. Litkovitz
United States Magistrate Judge

Stephanie K. Bowman
United States Magistrate Judge

Pro Bono Mediation Program

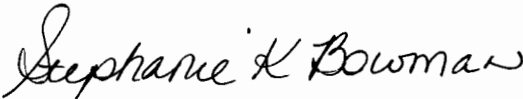
Dear Federal Practitioner:


The United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio at Cincinnati is pleased to announce a new opportunity for attorneys to provide pro bono service. A program has been initiated that allows a judge to enlist an attorney to assist a *pro se* litigant **for the limited purpose of mediation** of the case before a Magistrate Judge. This situation does not arise frequently, but the court would like to be prepared with a list of volunteer attorneys. The service of the volunteer attorney is limited to preparation for the mediation and the mediation itself. The attorney would not be obligated to conduct any discovery, or to prepare or respond to any motions. Nor would the attorney be responsible for the trial of the case.

The scope of the attorney's assistance is limited by a written agreement which the *pro se* litigant is required to sign. The agreement does not establish an ongoing attorney client relationship. The attorney's representation ends upon the completion of the mediation or any necessary followup thereto as determined by the court.

If you would like to add your name to the list of attorneys willing to assist pro se litigants at mediation in the Southern District of Ohio at Cincinnati, please e-mail Magistrate Judge Karen L. Litkovitz (litkovitz_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov) or Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman (bowman_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov).

Sincerely,


Stephanie K. Bowman
United States Magistrate Judge


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