

## **Pro Se Mediation Program Announcement**

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio at Cincinnati is expanding opportunities for attorneys to provide pro bono service. The Court is seeking additional volunteer attorneys to participate in a program it has implemented whereby volunteer attorneys assist pro se litigants **for the limited purpose of mediation** before the Magistrate Judge.

The services of the volunteer attorney are limited to preparation for the mediation and the mediation itself. The attorney would not be obligated to conduct any discovery, prepare or respond to any motions, or bear any responsibility 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 follow-up thereto as determined by the Court.

If you would like to be added 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](mailto:litkovitz_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov)) or Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman ([bowman\\_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:bowman_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov)).