



Pro Bono Attorney of the Month
Kenneth Molloy, Esq.

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The Suffolk Pro Bono Project is pleased to honor Kenneth Molloy as its Pro Bono Attorney of the Month. Over the past decade, Mr. Molloy has never hesitated to represent many of the Project's matrimonial clients. It is his constant generosity and enthusiasm for the work of this Project that has earned him this distinction.

Mr. Molloy has long-standing ties to Long Island. He has lived on Long Island since he was ten years old. He and his wife raised their, now, two adult daughters on Long Island. He attended college at Hofstra University, where he graduated with BA and MBA degrees. Mr. Molloy earned his J.D. at Touro Law Center and was admitted to practice in 1989.

Over the past ten years, Mr. Molloy has accepted, on average, one matrimonial client referral every year, and sometimes more. But even more impressive is the degree of dedication he has displayed to these clients.

According to Mr. Molloy, it is not just the client that benefits from these referrals. He believes the attorney does as well, and not just in the intangible way that you feel from helping someone in need. Rather, Mr. Molloy believes the Project's referrals are a real benefit to the attorney's practice because of the exposure and experience that come with it. He explains, "The referrals are great training, especially if you're a new attorney looking for a way to get your feet wet."

Important to Mr. Molloy are the supports and resources the Project provides. He finds most significant the mentoring from experienced attorneys and retired judges who are available to speak by phone or even meet with the volunteer attorney at any point in the case. He notes, "It's the fact that there's always plenty of assistance available when you need it that makes the Project a particularly great way to do pro bono work and give back."

Mr. Molloy's legal career started as an associate in 1984 at an East Islip law firm that practiced personal injury, criminal, and bankruptcy law. By 1991, he was ready to go out on his own and opened his own solo practice, also in East Islip, focusing on matrimonial, family law and bankruptcy. He put that practice on hold for a time to do in-house work for a title company. Missing his prior work, Mr. Molloy left the title company in 2009 to resume his solo practice, but relocated it to Central Islip, where it remains today. Since that time, his practice has focused exclusively on matrimonial and family law.

The practice of law was not Mr. Molloy's first career. After graduating from Hofstra, he taught Social Studies at Massapequa High School for three years. His next career was in

data processing, which he continued to do while a night student at Touro Law.

While Mr. Molloy still runs a busy legal practice, he finds time every Saturday, weather allowing, to play golf with a group of eight other avid golfers. He and his wife also love to travel, and are often on the road to spend time with their two young grandchildren who live in Pennsylvania.

The Pro Bono Project is delighted that Mr. Molloy has come back to us year after year to accept new referrals. His presence on our panel has been invaluable. We are grateful for the services he has provided our clients. For this reason, it is with great pleasure that we honor him as the Pro Bono Attorney of the Month.

*The Suffolk Pro Bono Project is a joint effort of Nassau Suffolk Law Services, the Suffolk County Bar Association and the Suffolk County Pro Bono Foundation, who, for many years, have joined resources toward the goal of providing free legal assistance to Suffolk County residents who are dealing with economic hardship. Nassau Suffolk Law Services is a non-profit civil legal services agency, providing free legal assistance to Long Islanders, primarily in the areas of benefits advocacy, homelessness prevention (foreclosure and eviction defense), access to health care, and services to special populations such as domestic violence victims, disabled, and adult home resident. The provision of free services is prioritized based on financial need and funding is often inadequate in these areas. Furthermore, there is no funding for the general provision of matrimonial or bankruptcy representation, therefore the demand for pro bono assistance is the greatest in these areas. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ellen Krakow, Esq. 631 232-2400 x 3323.***