

Pro Bono Attorney of the Month
William Timmons, Esq.

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The Suffolk Pro Bono Project is pleased to honor **William Timmons** as its Pro Bono Attorney of the Month. Mr. Timmons joined the Project in 2016. It is his exemplary performance on his most recent matrimonial referral, involving over 50 hours of work and ending with a substantial financial recovery for his client, a domestic violence survivor, that has earned him this distinction.

A native of Long Island, William Timmons attended college at SUNY Stony Brook. He graduated with a BA in Humanities. He attended law school in California and obtained his JD in 2006 from Western State University. While in California, Timmons interned for the Honorable Margaret R. Anderson, a civil and criminal court judge.

Several years ago, Mr. Timmons returned to the East Coast and opened his current law office in Sayville. His civil litigation practice includes matrimonial matters. He is admitted to the federal courts and is a member of the 18b panel here in Suffolk County. Timmons looks back on this decision to start a solo practice as an inevitable next step in his legal career. "I gravitate toward independent thinking and am generally self-taught," says Timmons. The aspect of his practice he most enjoys is "helping people navigate successfully through difficult situations and circumstances." The least enjoyable parts for Timmons are the billing and business end.

The Pro Bono Project was a natural fit for William Timmons. His decision to attend law school arose, in part, from a desire to work for social justice - - a concern he shares with his wife who is a registered nurse and native of the remote island, St Vincent & the Grenadines. He is grateful for the opportunities the Project provides to fight for accountability and justice for his severely disadvantaged clients. When asked why he will continue accepting the Project's referrals, Timmons explains, "If justice is just a moniker for those who can afford it, then the concept of justice is just a myth."

Timmons believes he has personally and professionally gained from accepting his pro bono referrals. He notes, "My pro bono cases placed me in opposition to high profile law firms in New York City and Long Island. Exposure to these polished and professionally elite attorneys sharpened and enhanced my own skills."

Mr. Timmons and his wife have four sons and live in Suffolk County. In addition to being an accomplished attorney, he describes himself as "patently obscure musician of the singer/songwriter variety."

In light of the great work he has done for our clients and his demonstrated concern for social justice, it is with great pleasure that we honor William Timmons as our Pro Bono Attorney of the Month. We look forward to our continued work together on behalf of those in need for many years ahead.

*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.***

