

Federal Pro Bono Project
of the
United States District Court
Northern District of California
with
The Bar Association of San Francisco
Volunteer Legal Services Program

Instruction Sheet for Litigant

TO James La Vell Harris aka Smiley James Harris

FROM : Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers

DATE: July 11, 2012

RE: Referral to the Federal Pro Bono Project

You are being referred to the Federal Pro Bono Project of the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco ("VLSP"). This organization will attempt to locate a volunteer attorney willing to be appointed to represent you in your case. **There is no guarantee that the Project will be able to locate an attorney to represent you.** To remain eligible for this Project, it is important that you follow all of the instructions below:

1. During the time the Project is attempting to find an attorney for your case, you must notify the Project staff immediately if you change your address or telephone number. The contact number for the project is 415/782-9000 ext. 8657.
2. During this time, one or more attorneys may want to speak with you in person or over the telephone to help them decide whether they will be able to represent you. This may require that you meet with the attorney or attorneys in their offices. You should be prepared to attend such meetings. The attorney or attorneys may also want to speak with potential witnesses.
3. You will be contacted by the Project staff if a volunteer attorney agrees to represent you. This process may take as long as several months. If you are referred to a volunteer attorney, you will be expected to cooperate fully with that attorney.
4. If you are referred to a volunteer attorney, do not miss any appointments with the attorney, except in an emergency. If you miss an appointment or fail to cooperate with your attorney, you may no longer be entitled to receive free legal services through VLSP.