Checklist/ Timeline for Community Legal Education Seminar [FAMILY LAW]

Six Weeks or More Before:

- Establish a committee and brainstorm possible host sites, topics, speakers.
- Contact potential host sites.
- Contact potential speakers.
- Set date and time for seminar.
- Send letter to confirm dates with host site and speakers.

Six to Four Weeks Before:

- Send out letters, volunteer forms to local VLP attorneys.
- Send confirmation letter to attorneys who volunteer.
- Create flyers and posters.
- Send letters and flyers out to host site and other agencies/clients.
- Visit host site, if possible, to work out logistics.
- Solicit food donations

Three weeks before:

- Follow up by phone, if needed, to get adequate number of volunteers.
- Send out press release.
- Send letter to speakers asking for any handouts to be copied and put into packets.
- Start copying pamphlets for information packets.

One week before:

- Follow up on press release with local media.
- Send out info packets and maps to VLP attorneys.
- Assemble client packets.
- Create/copy:

Volunteer nametags

Client assignment sheets

Room Assignment Sheets

Door Signs

Nameplates

Attorney Note Sheets

Staff Surveys

Volunteer Surveys

Client Surveys

Sign in sheets

Week of the Seminar:

- Follow up with volunteers.
- Call site, make sure everything is ready to go.
- Buy/gather supplies for seminar:

Client nametags

Pens

Paperclips

Legal Pads

• Assemble folders for attorneys:

Create Instruction Memo

Attorney Note Forms

Volunteer survey

Legal pads

• Assemble materials for non-attorney volunteers/staff:

Memo

VLP sheets

Intake forms

Citizenship/release forms

One Day Before:

- Call to check on any last minute details at site.
- Put everything into boxes, go over checklist. Make sure you have everything.

Day(s) after Seminar:

- Send thank you notes to VLP attorneys.
- Send thank you notes to speakers, site,
- Contact VLP to send any case referrals.
- Send intake sheets to the VLP.