

# APPENDIX

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## **Small Firm Lawyers and Solo Practitioners**

- The LSC-funded Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Volunteer Lawyers' Program, staffs foreclosure matters with small firms and solo practitioners. Recruitment for the project was led by the local Chief Justice, who sent letters to all 12,000 lawyers in the area – 300 of whom volunteered to assist.
- Legal Services of Northwest New Jersey (LSNWJ), an LSC-funded program in a suburban setting, recruits solo practitioners and lawyers from boutique firms in the courthouse halls. Staff from LSNWJ ask attorneys on recess in the courthouse to provide advice to clients with matters on the calendar for that day, or to provide same-day representation. This informal technique reaches attorneys that formal recruitment might not.
- Maryland's Legal Aid Bureau, an LSC grantee, works with the Homeless Persons Representation Project, which sends the majority of its veterans' benefit cases to small or solo practices that can accommodate the long periods of representation required.
- In San Francisco, almost all family law cases of the Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP) are referred to solo practitioners or small firms that have an expertise in family law. VLSP's relationship with these volunteer attorneys often is formed early in their careers when they are completing mandatory CLE courses administered by VLSP.