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RESOLUTION NO. 95-M-102

COUNTY ATTORNEY PRO BONO
LEGAL SERVICES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, from time to time the lawyers in the Orange County Attorney's Office perform or are asked or needed to perform "pro bono" legal service (that is, providing free legal services to those who are in need and cannot afford an attorney), and the performance of such pro bono legal work serves an important public need and assists those less fortunate in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has strongly encouraged government lawyers to participate in pro bono projects; and

WHEREAS, although government attorneys and judges are exempt from pro bono requirements established by the Florida Supreme Court, such service by Assistant County Attorneys helps those less fortunate and enhances the reputation of the County Attorney's Office and Orange County Government; and

WHEREAS, the ability of government lawyers to provide such pro bono legal services is greatly impeded if they are not authorized to use the equipment and receive the assistance of support staff in their place of work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The lawyers in the Orange County Attorney's Office are authorized to provide pro bono legal services to individuals who cannot afford legal representation, as follows:

(a) a pro bono matter may be undertaken only (i) as a result of a referral from the Orange County Legal Aid Society or (ii) with the express approval of the County Attorney;

(b) a pro bono matter may be undertaken only if it is reasonably foreseeable that (i) the matter will not interfere materially with the performance of county work by either the

assistant county attorney involved or any support staff and (ii) the matter, together with all other *pro bono* matters undertaken by the particular attorney, will result in an expenditure of time by the attorney of no more than 10 hours in any calendar month; and

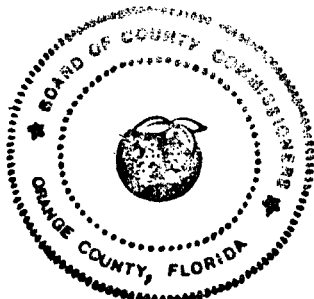
(c) the assistant county attorney may use reasonable amounts of county equipment, materials, and support staff in the course of performing *pro bono* services.

Section 2. Nothing herein prevents Assistant County Attorneys from performing *pro bono* services on their own time, using their own equipment and materials and providing their own clerical services.

Section 3. Assistant County Attorneys shall not engage in any *pro bono* matter that constitutes a conflict of interest with their work for Orange County.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF November, 1995.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]
FOR THE County Chairman Bob Freeman

DATE: NOV 7 1995

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BY: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

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