

**FAMILY LAW OFFICE UPDATE:**  
**VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS NEEDED TO STAFF A NEW PROGRAM**

The Circuit Court for Howard County has designed a Self Help Workshop for family law cases. The Workshop is modeled after a Baltimore County program and will be available at no cost to all parties.

The Self Help Workshop will provide self-represented litigants with basic information on how to make sure their case is ready to be heard by the court and how to prepare for a court hearing. The Workshop will also explain what happens at different court events, explain basic legal information and help determine whether an attorney is needed and, if so, options for low cost or pro bono representation.

The Workshop will be held at the **Miller Branch Library, 9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042**. We will offer the Workshop quarterly, but due to booking restrictions at the library, we will not be able to release the exact dates for the Spring Workshops. The first Workshop will be on **Monday, September 8, 2014** from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. The second Workshop will be on **Monday, November 10, 2014** from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. We will also offer the Workshop in March and May.

The Workshop will be staffed by the Family Law Office and a family law attorney. The Family Law Office will prepare the presentation material and offer assistance on court policy and procedure. The Circuit Court Law Librarian will also be available to briefly talk about the free legal resources that are available to self-represented litigants.

**We are enlisting the help of our family law bar to assist with the presentation, particularly with the question and answer period that will conclude the Workshop.** If you are interested in volunteering for this program please contact Lisa Mohink, Deputy Court Administrator at (410) 313-2293 or [lisa.mohink@mdcourts.gov](mailto:lisa.mohink@mdcourts.gov).