



Churubusco Public Library

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The Griebel Law Office and the Churubusco Public Library will jointly host a series of Free Legal Seminars and Clinics, beginning in May of 2011. Initially, these will be at the library at 116 N. Mulberry St. in Churubusco, Indiana.

The seminars will focus on a variety of topics from Elder Law (Wills, Powers of Attorney, Health Care Directives (including Living Wills), and Medicaid Planning) to Family Law (Adoption, Guardianship, Paternity, Dissolution, Custody, Support) to Small Claims (including Landlord/Tenant and consumer disputes) matters. The clinics will offer those who like to “do-it-yourself” the chance to complete the legal forms with guidance from the attorney; these clinics will include uncontested, simple dissolution and/or child support modification actions, small claims processes, etc. Both seminar topics and clinic matters are subject to change based on community feedback.

The Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 6.1, state that an attorney should render public interest legal service. The American Bar Association and the Indiana State Bar Association have adopted a goal of fifty (50) hours a year ... for each member of the bar (Comment to Rule 6.1). Griebel has committed 50 hours or more in pro bono service for years, primarily in Allen County (where he had been primarily practicing law). Now having established his office in Churubusco, his goal is offer these hours locally. The initiative also is to mark and celebrate the one-year anniversary of opening his law office at suites next to Farmers & Merchants Bank in the Churubusco South Business District.

The timing of this announcement further celebrates Law Day, which originated in 1957 when ABA President Charles Rhyne envisioned a special day for celebrating the US legal system. On February 3, 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower established Law Day by issuing a proclamation. Every president since then has issued an annual Law Day proclamation. In 1961, May 1 was designated by joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day.

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