

Polk County Bar Association

Volunteer Lawyers Project

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Carol L. Burdette

Yesterday your office requested that I submit a few paragraphs for your newsletter concerning a legal case that was won by Steve Marso, an attorney you provided for me through the Volunteer Lawyers Project.

I have been more than surprised by the many hours devoted by Mr. Marso and the serious attention to detail as well as his commitment to Justice. Steve Marso, an attorney with Whitfield and Eddy always went above and beyond anything I had expected. His staff was professional and also more than competent and friendly. I had nearly lost faith in Iowa and the legal community. That faith has been restored due to the uncompromising talent of Steve Marso.

Mr. Marso provided me with many timely documents that I was able to comment on and to feel I was at least a small part of the process even though some lawyers might think a 70 year old woman was not able to contribute anything. Mr. Marso never made me feel that this case was completely above my understanding. He was able to sort the many details into relevance and priorities that I believe is a gift. His strengths in front of a jury are exceptional as he can convey necessary legal concepts with ease and understanding. We had been advised that this case could not be won and instead was definitely won, completely, one hundred percent.

I predict a very positive future for Steve Marso. He will be a real contributor to Iowa's growth and hopefully a model of the law, as it can be, for our state and our country.

Sincerely,

Judith Harlan