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BUT Can't afford regular rates?
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*Let us help you navigate your legal questions -
We'll point you in the right direction!*



MODERATE MEANS PROGRAM Now accepting applications for **Family Law and Immigration**

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Today, many of Contra Costa County's hardworking residents, living off moderate incomes, face the same legal dilemma. When a legal problem arises, they are caught between ineligibility for pro bono support and the inability to pay regular rates for private practicing attorneys. But quality and affordable legal support can now be a reality for moderate-income individuals—thanks to the Contra Costa County Bar Association's Moderate Means Program.

"After calling hundreds of attorneys, I finally found one that I can afford," says Moderate Means client, Adriana Arenas.

The Moderate Means Program refers qualified individuals to its panel of family law and immigration attorneys. The attorneys agree to charge reduced hourly rates and a reduced retainer fee. For hourly rates, the attorneys are permitted to charge \$50.00 - \$100.00 per hour. For the retainer fee, they are allowed to charge \$500.00 - \$750.00. The initial 30-minute consultation is free.

Moderate Means attorney Mark Zeller explains: "In protecting my client's interests I do not use the law as a cheap device to confuse. I never give up on protecting my client's interests. I want to be a champion."

Eligibility for the program is based on the individual's gross monthly income and the number of individuals in his/her household. Moderate Means is not a low-income or pro bono service. Interested clients must have a case in Contra Costa County. However, they do not have to reside in this county.

To sign-up for the program, individuals must fill out a simple application, submit six weeks of the most recent pay stubs and provide a \$40.00 processing fee.

For an application, please call Barbara Arsedo at (925) 677-0234 or email barsedo@cccba.org. You can also visit www.cccba.org for more information about the Moderate Means Program.