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Wilson Law Offices Reduce Fees for Legal Services to Area Economic Victims

The economic recovery news for the Ohio Valley seems to receive a daily dose of more bad news – additional layoffs, plant closures, and other businesses shutting their doors. One local attorney, Richard Wilson, of Wilson Law Offices, in Moundsville, is responding with an effort to lessen the already disturbing impact and effects of those layoffs, by reducing fees commonly associated with the handling of legal matters for clients. These aren't reduced services, but rather reduced fees for those services.

Injured victims of accidents often face a significant struggle when they're hurt and unable to work. Victims of the economy suffering from the many layoffs in the valley and who are receiving unemployment or similar benefits are required to demonstrate an ability and willingness to work and are actively seeking employment. Already being a victim of the economic downturn, the laid off worker's problems are then compounded because if they become unable to work due to an accident, they may lose their eligibility for benefits.

“Many people talk about working together and ‘everybody doing their part’ to help our friends, families and neighbors, but too often is the case, that real efforts are not made in a real world way in order to offer such help.” Wilson adds, “I feel it is important to demonstrate in a real way, in a manner that people can obviously benefit from, that their physical as well as economic recovery is important to not only themselves personally but to the overall recovery of the valley from these difficult times.” As a

lifelong resident of the valley, Wilson says it is important to give something back to the area that has been very good to him over the last several years of practicing law in both Ohio and West Virginia.

Wilson is not limiting the reduction in fees to injury and accident cases, but is extending these reductions to preparation of wills, deeds and other important documents such as powers-of-attorney papers, medical powers-of-attorney and living wills. “People might think that costs associated with these important papers cannot be justified, but yet are no less important to have. These matters can still be tended to despite the tightened budgets.” Wilson says it is important as well that people not feel like access to courts and attorneys is simply out of reach due to the economy.

In some types of cases, fees are set by laws or regulations establishing caps amounts that may be charged. In most of Wilson’s cases, contingency fees, where no fee is paid unless there is a recovery, are established largely by custom and practice. Basically, as long as there are no ethical problems with the charged fee, attorneys may charge fees similar to how prices are set based on amounts that consumers in the market are willing to pay. Contingency fees, those most commonly involved with injury, death and accident cases, are likewise being reduced by Wilson for those who have been laid off or lost jobs due the economic downturn.

“I truly want to help,” Wilson concludes.