## VT Free Legal Answers is Coming December 1!

The Vermont Bar Association and Law Line of Vermont are pleased to announce the launch of a new project that offers low-income Vermonters the opportunity to log on to vt.freelegalanswers.org, follow the prompts and ask up to three (non-criminal) legal questions. Volunteer lawyers who have registered to help log on to the site, select a question to answer, and answer it on-line. The person who asked the question then gets an e-mail to let him or her know that the question has been answered, and can then log on to read the answer.

We're hopeful that this will be a useful resource for court staff, especially when court users indicate that they need legal help but feel that they can't afford to hire an attorney. Attached is a flyer that has been approved for posting on your bulletin board. We will also provide business cards (sample attached) that include the vt.freelegalanswers.org information for low-income court users, the www.vtlawhelp.org website for persons who may not qualify for lowincome help, but may qualify for reduced hourly rates through the "Modest Means" program, and the 1-800 number for Vermont Lawyer Referral, where court users of any income level can receive a half hour of legal advice for no more than \$25.00.

Also attached are "Frequently Asked Questions" for Site Users, that provide additional details about the project. I would be happy to call in or appear at your December in-service to describe the project, if that would be helpful. Just let me know at <u>tcorsones@vtbar.org</u>. Please contact the VBA at infovtbar.org when you need more business cards. Thank you for all your great work!