to send it, or what means they need to use," said Sanjay Jha, Motorola's co-chief executive of-

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auspicious time for Motorola and Android. Motorola's sales and

phones, a niche market segment in which Motorola is a minor player.

ward, Larson said, as tl omy starts to turn arou concerns return abo long overseas investo stomach massive levels debt.

"Over the longer there's going to be gen ward pressure on interacross the spectrum," "Mortgage rates will be up in that."

The average rat 15-year fixed-rate m fell to 4.5 percent, fro percent last week, acco Freddie Mac.

Rates on five-year, a le-rate mortgages at 4.51 percent, down fr percent a week earlie on one-year, adjusta mortgages rose to 4.64

from 4.62 percent.

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## **New lawyers delay** jobs, help community

Legal Aid advertised last spring to employ "attorneys in transition" - not only lawyers whose start dates were deferred, but also law graduates who hadn't yet found jobs or others laid off by firms. The agency said it was bombarded with hundreds of inquiries.

It received about 25 full appli-

cations, from which it selected eight people - all it could manage given office space and the more than half the requests, said need to pair new attorneys with senior staff.

attorneys and a network of 1,400 outside lawyers available to help on specific cases.

But it has been rare to have an in-house volunteer, and the few to come along have usually been attorneys entering retirement.

Legal Aid helps low-income residents on unpaid wage, eviction, domestic violence and other civil cases.

Calls for assistance are up

crisis. The agency turns away Executive Director Colleen Cotter. Still, it's on pace to handle Legal Aid locally has 55 staff 10,000 cases this year, up from 8.000 two years ago.

"It's through the roof. It's heartbreaking," Cotter said.

Simmons accepted Skadden's offer of a \$55,000 stipend plus help repaying law school loans in return for delaying her start at the firm for a year. Out of 201 incoming Skadden lawyers, 60 chose to defer.

sharply, driven by the foreclosure asked to work in the family law area because she sees it as the practice with the closest connection between legal work and its impact on people.

"If I can do something to help somebody find stability, find resolution in their family relationships, I feel I have done some-

thing meaningful," she said. Cleveland firms that have deferred new hires include Squire Sanders, where 10 associates had their start date pushed from October to January and are getting \$10,000 stipends; and Thompson The detour fits the civic- Hine, with nine attorneys startminded Simmons to a T. She ing in January instead of this

month. The firm said its stipends are confidential.

Lori Welker is one of three lawyers at Benesch in Cleveland also on hold with a stipend (undisclosed). Like Simmons, she's spending the months as a fulltime Legal Aid lawyer.

The former English teacher and assistant principal will focus on education cases such as disputes over access to services for mentally retarded students.

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