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Free Legal Advice on Cleveland's East Side Volunteers from Northeast Ohio Association of Corporate Counsel partner with Legal Aid

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host a free legal advice clinic on Saturday, July 29, from 10:00 am – 12 noon at St. Martin de Porres Center (1274 E 123rd Street, East Cleveland).

Attorneys from the Northeast Ohio Association of Corporate Counsel will staff the civil legal clinic for low-income individuals and families, managed by Legal Aid's Volunteer Lawyers Program. The July 29th program is part of an ongoing series of drop-in legal clinics sponsored by Legal Aid in various neighborhoods.

During the clinics, volunteer lawyers offer general advice, information or referrals to individuals with civil legal issues, including divorce, contracts and bankruptcy, as well as problems with public benefit systems. The attorneys do not handle criminal cases. Interested persons should bring all relevant paperwork.

Legal Aid's Volunteer Lawyers Program, organized in collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, and the Cleveland Bar Association's *Our Commitment to Our Community*, mobilizes private attorneys to assist in making legal advice and representation more accessible to low income persons and families.

Since 1905, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has provided high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Northeast Ohio. In 2005, over 8,500 cases were handled by 38 Legal Aid attorneys. An additional 1,500 cases were handled with the assistance of volunteers.

For further information, please contact The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland at 216-687-1900 or visit: www.lasclev.org

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