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Legal Aid Attorney Wins Award

Alexandria Ruden, an attorney with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, was honored this month by the Ohio chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). Ms. Ruden was presented with the "Hammer of Justice" award for her work as an attorney on issues of domestic violence.

Ms. Ruden has been with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland since 1984, and is recognized throughout Ohio for her expertise in domestic violence issues. She works with the community in providing services to victims, including training law enforcement officers, court personnel, lawyers and judges.

In addition, she serves on two state organizations: the Supreme Court of Ohio's Domestic Violence Advisory Committee and the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Services' Family Violence Prevention Center. With Judge Ronald B. Adrine, she is the coauthor of Ohio Domestic Violence Law published by West Group.

Ms. Ruden and her husband, Sam Amata (Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office), live in Cleveland Heights. They have two children.

Since 1905, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has provided high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Northeast Ohio. Legal Aid is the law firm for the poor of Northeast Ohio; 45 full-time attorneys and hundreds of volunteers serve the community.

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

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