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FREE LEGAL ADVICE IN EAST CLEVELAND
Volunteer attorneys from Porter Wright partner with Legal Aid

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host a free legal advice clinic on **Saturday, October 28, 10 am – 12 noon**, at the Helen S. Brown Senior Center (16100 Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland). This event is part of an ongoing series of drop-in legal clinics sponsored by Legal Aid's **Volunteer Lawyers Program** in various Cleveland neighborhood locations. Attorneys from the law firm of **Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP** will staff the civil legal clinic for low-income individuals and families.

Hugh McKay, Partner-in-Charge of Porter Wright's Cleveland office and an East Cleveland native, remarks, "East Cleveland is a great community with many positive things happening. The commitment here by the Legal Aid Society and the lawyers of the Cleveland Bar Association is important and impactful. Too often in the past East Cleveland has been overlooked by the larger community but with this sort of focus and sweat equity, things are looking up." McKay is President of the Cleveland Bar Association.

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

Since 1905, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has provided high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Northeast Ohio. More than 8500 cases are handled annually by Legal Aid's 45 full-time attorneys and an additional 1500 cases are resolved with volunteers.

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

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