



Lorain County Bar Association

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Free Program Announced for Lorain County Attorneys

A free 5.5 hour continuing legal education (CLE) course will be held for Lorain County attorneys on July 13, 2007. The program is jointly sponsored by the Lorain County Bar Association and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Lorain County Office.

The seminar will focus on the unmet legal needs of the low income population. Topics include:

- Current Trends in Social Security
- Accessing Social Service agencies
- Recent Changes to the Ohio Consumer Practices Act
- Landlord/Tenant Law
- Avoiding Malpractice When the Military is Involved in Family Law Cases
- Providing Pro Bono Services

The event will be held on July 13, 2007 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at the Spitzer Conference Center, Lorain County Community College. Lunch will be provided.

The course is free only for those who pledge to accept at least one matter from Legal Aid on a pro bono basis within the next 12 months. The cost of the seminar is \$165 for others.

"We are excited to collaborate with the Lorain County Bar Association," comments Jessica Baggett, managing attorney of Legal Aid's Lorain County Office. "This CLE will train pro bono attorneys on current law which affects low-income individuals."

"Partnering with Legal Aid benefits both the community and our membership," states Kreig J. Brusnahan, President of the Lorain County Bar Association. "For far too long, the legal needs of the low income population in Lorain County have not been adequately addressed. The Legal Aid Society, who for many years has provided legal services to our low income population, is simply unable to meet all of these needs."

The Legal Aid Society's mission is to secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions. Legal Aid is the law firm for low-income individuals in Northeast Ohio. The nonprofit law firm has 45 full-time attorneys providing free legal assistance in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties. In addition to its staff, Legal Aid works with hundreds of volunteers.

For more information about the CLE, please call Jeannie Motylewski at 440-323-8416.

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Lorain County Bar Association

June 12, 2007

Dear Colleague:

In cooperation with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Lorain County office, we are pleased to announce the First Annual Poverty Law Seminar.

For far too long, the legal needs of the low income population in Lorain County have not been adequately addressed. The Legal Aid Society, who for many years has provided legal services to our low income population, is simply unable to meet all of these needs. Recognizing this predicament, a Pro Bono committee was formed and delegated with the task of partnering the private bar with Legal Aid to better serve the needs of Lorain County's most overlooked population.

Enclosed you will find the seminar program and registration materials. Our committee in conjunction with Legal Aid have developed a seminar that will provide training to assist you in undertaking the representation of low income clients in areas of the law where they most require legal assistance. We encourage you to attend this seminar and to volunteer a portion of your time and talent in this most worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

Kreig J. Brusnahan
President
On Behalf of the Pro Bono Committee

*The Lorain County Bar Association
and The Legal Aid Society of Lorain County
Invite You to Attend*

Meeting the Unmet Legal Needs of the Poor

A **FREE* 5.50 CLE** and Luncheon!

July 13, 2007

In the Grand Room at the Spitzer Conference Center
(8:15 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast)

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| 8:25 – 8:30 a.m. | Welcome and Opening Remarks
Attorney Kreig J. Brusnahan, President, LCBA, member Pro Bono Committee |
| 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. | Unmet Legal Needs
Colleen Cotter, Director, Cleveland Legal Aid Society |
| 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. | Current Trends in Social Security
Attorney Kirk Roose, Roose & Ressler |
| 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. | Accessing Social Service Agencies
Alan F. Zgonc, Executive Director, Lorain County Labor Agency |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. | Recent Changes to the Ohio Consumer Practices Act
Attorney Philip Althouse, Lorain County Legal Aid Society |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch |
| 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. | Domestic Violence
Magistrate Jody Barilla, Lorain County Domestic Relations Court |
| 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | Refresher Course in Landlord/Tenant Law
Attorney Ed Gregory, Cleveland Legal Aid Society |
| 1:30 p.m. | Break |
| 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. | Avoiding Malpractice When the Military is Involved in Family Law Cases
Attorney Sue Stauffer, Cleveland Legal Aid Society
Attorney Steve Lynch, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.), USCG Legal Services |
| 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. | Attorney's Personal Experience Providing Pro Bono Services
Attorney James Gemelas, Rothgery & Associates |
| 3:00 p.m. | Closing Remarks
Jessica Baggett, Managing Attorney, Lorain County Legal Aid Society |

*The Program is Free IF you sign a pledge to accept at least one matter from Legal Aid on a pro bono basis within the next 12 months. If you do not accept at least one matter from Legal Aid, you will be billed for the normal cost of the seminar (\$165)

Registration Form

Meeting the Unmet Legal Needs of the Low Income Population

Pre-registration is required

5.50 Free CLE Hours & Lunch

I understand that by attending the Trends in Legal Coverage for Low Income People Seminar, I will be required to sign a pledge to accept at least one matter from the Legal Aid Society within the next 12 months or I will be billed for the regular cost of the seminar (\$165).

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Location of Seminar: The Spitzer Conference Center
Grand Room
Lorain County Community College
1005 North Abbe Road
Elyria, Ohio 44035

Mail Completed Registration to: LCBA
By 7/3/07 401 Broad St., #205
Elyria, Ohio 44035
Or Call: 440-323-8416

You Must be a Current Member of the LCBA to Attend this Seminar (for membership information, please contact the LCBA)

Pledge to Legal Aid Society

I, _____, do hereby pledge to accept at least one matter referred to me by the Lorain County Office of the Cleveland Legal Aid Society or participate in two legal clinics sponsored by the Legal Aid Society in return for attending the "Trends in Legal Coverage for Low Income People" seminar and obtaining 5.50 General CLE credit hours at no cost to me.

My preferred area of practice is:

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| _____ Family Law | _____ Unemployment/Soc. Sec. Law |
| _____ Housing Law | _____ Foreclosure Law |
| _____ Tort Defense Law | _____ Consumer Law |
| _____ Bankruptcy Law | _____ Elder Law (Wills, POA, etc) |

Signature

Printed Name

Ohio Supreme Court Registration No.

Firm

Address

Address

Phone

Email

In order to obtain your CLE credits, you must sign this pledge and turn it in at the end of the program