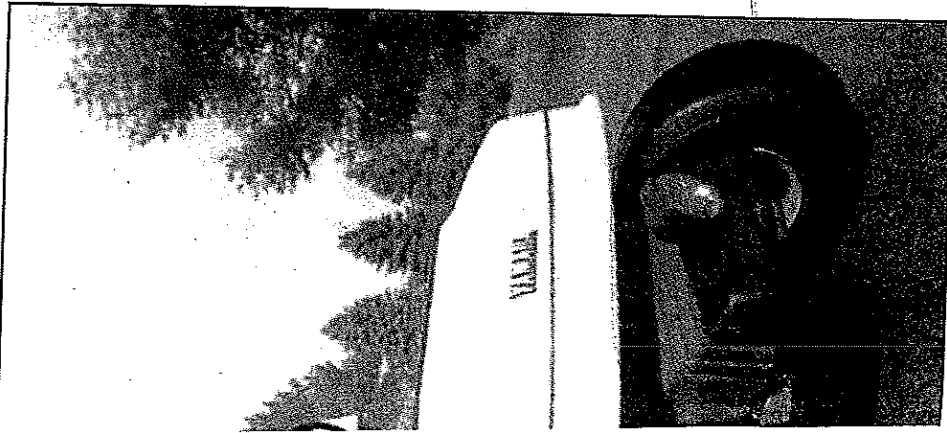


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Pro bono program exchanges work for education

By **MATT SUMAN**
Morning Journal Writer

ELYRIA — Local attorneys could get a free continuing legal education course next month in exchange for volunteering to take one Legal Aid Society of Cleveland case without pay in the next year.

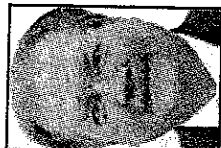
The seminar, held July 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center, will focus on unmet legal needs of the low income population. Attorneys who pledge to take a pro bono case could take the five-and-a-half hour course for free and the \$165 cost would be waived. Lawyers must complete 24 hours of continuing legal education every two years.

Legal Aid handles landlord/tenant disputes, domestic issues and other civil matters in court. In Lorain County, criminal defendants who cannot afford an attorney are provided with a court-appointed attorney. Legal Aid and the Lorain County

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PRO BONO

From the front page

Bar Association have been working since February to start up a pro bono program that has not been around for several years, said Kreig Brunshahan, who officially became president of the local bar yesterday, replacing attorney Gayle Reeves.

Cases involving people who ask for help from Legal Aid's Elyria office will be referred to a pro bono panel developed at the end of the seminar, he said.

"It's obviously a need that has to be addressed," Brunshahan said. "We owe a duty to the less fortunate."

Jessica Baggett, managing attorney for Legal Aid's Elyria office, said the partnership with the bar should help bridge the gap in providing legal services to the poor. Legal Aid is unable to meet all the needs of the low-income population, Brunshahan said.

"I think it's going to help fill a tremendous need," Baggett said of the pro bono program.

A committee of attorneys, local judges and magistrates worked with Legal Aid to develop the trade off over the past few months. Both the local Bar and Legal Aid said they plan for the effort to address the need for pro bono work will be ongoing.

"It's been a short period of time to get so much done," Reeves said.

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