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**Legal Aid Society**  
*of Cleveland*  
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**LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS EXPAND IN 2007**  
*Volunteer attorneys from Jones Day partner with Legal Aid*

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host its first brief legal advice clinic of the new year on January 27 from 10 am – 12 noon, at **St. Martin de Porres Family Center** (1274 E 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cleveland). Volunteer attorneys from the law firm of **Jones Day** will staff the civil legal clinic for low-income individuals. 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 that began in 2005.

The Volunteer Lawyers Program, organized in collaboration with both the Cleveland Bar Association and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, mobilizes private attorneys to assist in making legal advice and representation more accessible to low-income individuals. 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 initiatives are led by David Kutik, a partner at Jones Day, Legal Aid Board Member, and current chairperson of Legal Aid's pro bono committee. Goals for the Volunteer Lawyers Program in 2007 include expansion to 50 clinics and extending advice sessions into additional neighborhood locations.

Since 1905, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has provided high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Northeast Ohio. In 2006, more than 8500 cases were handled by Legal Aid's 45 full-time attorneys and an additional 1500 cases were resolved with volunteers.

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

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