



The
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FREE LEGAL ADVICE ON THE WEST SIDE

Legal Aid partners with Baker Hostetler and The Tremco Group

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host a brief legal advice clinic on February 10, from 10 am – 12 noon, at the **Spanish American Committee** (4407 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland). Volunteer attorneys from the law firm of **Baker Hostetler** will be joined by counsel from **The Tremco Group** to 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.

"Baker Hostetler is pleased to continue its support of the Volunteer Lawyers Program by participating once again in a Brief Advice and Referral Clinic", says Baker Hostetler partner and current Legal Aid Board President, **Patricia Poole**, "Working in tandem with in-house attorneys from firm client Tremco, these clinics give our lawyers the opportunity to provide pro bono legal services to a community of individuals who would otherwise go without legal assistance." Ms. Poole has been instrumental in garnering support and volunteers for Legal Aid's pro bono initiatives.

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.

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.lasclev.org.

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