

Pro Bono Events in Northeast Ohio for 2014 National Celebrate Pro Bono Week October 18 - 25, 2014

A special week honoring pro bono service — the National Pro Bono Celebration boasts thousands of special events nationwide. In Northeast Ohio, the celebration includes Legal Aid, numerous bar associations, the judiciary, community based organizations and volunteer attorneys.

Saturday, October 18

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Brief Advice and Referral Clinic

Cleveland Public Library - Lorain Branch 8216 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland 44102

(216) 623-7011

First come, first served

Staffed by volunteer attorneys from Jones Day Sponsored by Legal Aid

Monday, October 20

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Continuing Legal Education Seminar:

Consumer Law Boot Camp

3.75 hours of CLE credit, pending Stokes Auditorium at Cleveland Public Library -325 Superior Avenue, N.E., Cleveland 44114 (216) 623-2800

**This CLE is free to those willing to handle a pro bono case through Legal Aid

Register at www.lasclev.org/registration

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Tuesday, October 21

12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m.

Retired Attorneys Lunch and

Continuing Legal Education Seminar:

Access to Justice: The Importance of Pro Bono

(Including the requirements of the new CLE for Pro Bono Rule)

1.0 hour of CLE credit, pending Legal Aid - Cleveland Office

1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland 44113

(216) 861-5500

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Wednesday, October 22

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Pro Se Divorce Clinic - Lake County

By appointment only, call 888-817-3777

Sponsored by Legal Aid and

The Lake County Bar Association Family Law Committee

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. **Evening Law Firm Clinic**

By appointment only, call 888-817-3777

Legal Aid - Cleveland Office

1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland 44113

Staffed by volunteer attorneys from Calfee and Medical Mutual Sponsored by Legal Aid

Thursday, October 23

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Retired Attorneys Breakfast and

Continuing Legal Education Seminar:

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Friday, October 24

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Continuing Legal Education Seminar:

Judicial Forum and Practice Update

5.5 hours of CLE credit, pending

Willoughby Municipal Court

4000 Erie Street, Willoughby 44094

(440) 953-4150

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Sponsored by Judges of Ashtabula, Lake and Geauga Counties, the Ashtabula County, Lake County and Geauga County Bar Associations and Legal Aid

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Continuing Legal Education Seminar:

Professionalism and the CLE for Pro Bono Rule

1.0 hour of CLE credit, approved

Smith, Illner & Gemelas Co. LPA

424 Middle Avenue, Elyria 44035

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Pro Se Divorce and Pro Se Plus Clinic

By appointment only, call 888-817-3777

Staffed by volunteers from the Cleveland Metropolitan

Bar Association's Family Law Section

Sponsored by Legal Aid and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Saturday, October 25

7:30 a.m. (Registration)

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation's

13th Annual Run for Justice

Galleria at Erieview

1301 East Ninth Street

Register at www.clevemetrobar.org

Sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Brief Advice and Referral Clinic

Fatima Family Center

6600 Lexington Avenue, Cleveland 44103

(216) 391-0505

First come, first served

Staffed by attorneys from Walter Haverfield and Gilmour Academy Alumni Lawyers

Sponsored by Legal Aid

Get Involved!

1. Register for a *Pro Bono* Week Event (www.lasclev.org/2014probonoweek)

2. Learn How You Can Earn CLE Credit for Doing Pro Bono Work!

Six hours of pro bono service earns one hour of CLE credit. A maximum of 6 hours of CLE credit (for 36 hours of pro bono) can be earned during each biennial reporting period. (www.lasclev.org/CLEforProBono)

3. Sign-Up, or Renew, Your Volunteer Commitment

(www.lasclev.org/volunteer/register)

4. Learn About Various Ways You Can Help

Opportunities to volunteer with Legal Aid range from a two-hour commitment to extended representation. (www.lasclev.org/volunteer)

Brief Advice Clinics:

Volunteer attorneys can give brief advice at clinics held at neighborhood sites. Low-income individuals speak with an attorney on a one-to-one basis about a variety of civil legal issues. Attorneys provide general advice, guidance with next steps, help with completing a pro se document, or recommend to staff that a referral be made for further help. Brief Advice Clinics are a limited commitment of time —usually two to three hours—and a great introduction to *pro bono* work at Legal Aid.

Case Representation:

Volunteer attorneys accept an individual's case for representation. This representation helps serve clients whose civil problems need more extended service. Clients are prescreened for eligibility and type of legal issue such as landlord tenant, consumer, tort defense, contract, or family. Volunteer attorneys can say up-front what type of cases they would like VLP to refer. Then the volunteer attorney agrees to meet with the referred client, assess the case, and proceed with representation.

Specialty Projects:

Legal Aid develops specialty projects that focus on specific legal issues. Each project is organized to address the provision of legal assistance in a variety of ways: legal education, limited advice, pro se assistance or case representation. The projects change based on current legal needs—check out our website for descriptions of the current specialty projects.

Visit the Volunteer Lawyers Program www.lasclev.org

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