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LOCAL LAW STUDENT WINS NATIONAL EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOWSHIP

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is proud to announce that Tomar Brown, a third-year law student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, was selected as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. Ms. Brown will focus on education advocacy for juveniles in the delinquency system.

The Equal Justice Works Fellowships Program was launched in 1992 to address the shortage of attorneys working on behalf of traditionally under-served populations and causes in the United States. The program provides financial and technical support to lawyers working on much-needed legal projects. The two-year Fellowships offer salary and generous loan repayment assistance; a national training and leadership development program; and other forms of support.

The Equal Justice Fellowships Program is the nation's largest postgraduate legal fellowship program. This is the first time a Case law student has been awarded an Equal Justice Works fellowship.

"We are delighted to learn that Tomar has been selected as an Equal Justice Works Fellow," said Gerald Korngold, dean and McCurdy Professor of Law. "Her commitment to public interest law exemplifies the engagement of our student body. Her selection is an honor for our entire school."

Ms. Brown was a summer associate with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in 2004 and 2005. She is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a graduate of the Ellis School (Pittsburgh) and received her bachelor's degree from Denison University (Granville). Ms. Brown will earn her law degree from Case in 2006, and will sit for the Ohio bar. She was a legislative assistant for Rep. Shirley A. Smith, and clerked for the Cuyahoga County Public Defender. She is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC, and lives in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood with her partner of five years.

"Legal Aid is proud to sponsor this Equal Justice Works Fellowship, and help cultivate a new generation of public interest attorneys," said Colleen Cotter, Legal Aid's executive director.

Since 1905, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has provided high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Northeast Ohio. More than 8,500 cases are handled annually by 39 Legal Aid attorneys.

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