



The
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Senior Issues Legal Clinic Announced

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland continues to give more low income families access to free legal services. Legal Aid's Brief Advice and Referral Clinics have operated monthly since January, and Legal Aid is proud to announce upcoming Clinics and new partnerships:

- **April 30, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **General Brief Advice and Referral Clinic**
St. Martin de Porres Family Center • 1264 East 123rd Street,
staffed by Jones Day attorneys

- **May 7, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Brief Advice and Referral Clinic for Seniors**
Cleveland City Hall Rotunda, 601 Lakeside Avenue
staffed by the City of Cleveland Law Department
**in cooperation with Mayor Jane Campbell, CityYear
and the Cleveland Bar Association.**

- **May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **General Brief Advice and Referral Clinic**
Spanish American Committee • 4407 Lorain Avenue
staffed by individual attorneys

The Volunteer Lawyers Program strives to mobilize the private bar to assist in making legal advice and representation more accessible to low income persons and families.

At the Clinics, volunteer lawyers assist individuals in a variety of civil legal matters. Prominent Cleveland law firms have signed-on to work at the upcoming clinics; the volunteer lawyers are mentored by Legal Aid attorneys, who are experts in poverty law.

Law firm and private attorney participation is made possible, in large part, due to the **Cleveland Bar Association's Our Commitment to Our Community** initiative. Through this initiative, more than 30 law firms, along with two publicly-held corporations, the City of Cleveland law department and many individual lawyers have pledged more than 70,000 hours of pro bono and public service to Legal Aid and other service providers.

Since 1905, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has provided high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Northeast Ohio. In 2004, over 8,500 cases were handled by 39 Legal Aid attorneys. More cases are handled with the assistance of volunteers.

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