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**Legal Aid to Welcome Summer Associates**

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland welcomed 11 summer associates this summer. The applicant pool was competitive; more 110 students from 37 law schools applied for the various positions.

Legal Aid has developed a structured 10-week program to include training on substantive law, public interest work, and legal practice orientation. Students will learn how to interview clients, draft court pleadings, research relevant legal issues and observe court hearings and trials. Legal Aid attorneys – experts in poverty law – are mentors to the 2006 class of associates.

Many summer associates are funded through their law school’s public interest law program, or through national foundations such as Equal Justice Works Summer Corp Program and Equal Justice America. Legal Aid secured generous funding from individual donors to support the supervision and activities for the 10-week summer program.

The students, law schools represented, and placements include:

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Law School</b>	<b>Summer Placement</b>
Benjamin Bricker	University of Illinois (Champaign, IL)	Volunteer Lawyers Program <i>Immigration Clinics</i>
Angela Chang	University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)	Health, Education, Work & Income Law Unit <i>Family Advocacy Program w/MetroHealth</i>
Mackenzie Damon	Washington University (St. Louis, MO)	Community Development Unit
Lauren Gilbride	Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)	Volunteer Lawyers Program

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Sarah Morath	University of Montana (Missoula, MT)	Housing Law Unit
Tiffany Nevel	Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)	Health, Education, Work & Income Unit <i>Unemployment Compensation Project</i>
Daniel O'Malley	John Carroll University (Cleveland, OH)	Development Department <i>Cleveland Foundation Internship</i>
Amanda Parker	University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)	Lake and Geauga County Office
Laura Perme	Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (Cleveland, OH)	Health, Education, Work & Income Law Unit <i>Earned Income Tax Credit Project</i>
Graham Polando	Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)	Ashtabula County Office
Matthew Vincel	Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)	Consumer Law Unit

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland provides high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain and Geauga counties. Founded in 1905, it is the fifth oldest organization of its kind in the United States.

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