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FREE LEGAL ADVICE THROUGHOUT CLEVELAND

Legal Aid partners with Porter Wright, Weston Hurd and
the Young Lawyers Section of the Cleveland Bar Association

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host two brief legal advice clinics on March 31, from 9:45 am – 12 noon. Volunteer attorneys will staff the civil legal clinics 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.

On the west side: Volunteer attorneys from Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP and Weston Hurd LLP will be at the Barton Center, 14312 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood.

On the east side: Volunteer attorneys from the Young Lawyers Section of the Cleveland Bar Association will be at the Euclid St. Clair Development Center, 813 E. 152nd Street in Cleveland.

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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