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Volunteer Lawyers Program
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Upcoming ACT 2 Events

Please RSVP at www.lasclev.org/registration

Complimentary ACT 2 &

Emeritus Rule and Bankruptcy Bypass Project CLE

Thursday, March 9 2017, 1:30-3:00pm • CMBA, 1375 East 9th St, Cleveland

1:30-2:00 Hear about ACT 2 volunteer opportunities and the Emeritus Rule

2:00-3:00 Learn about our project for judgement proof bankruptcy clients from

LASC Attorneys Michael Attali and Lauren Gilbride.

ACT 2-Staffed Brief Advice Clinic

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 1:30-3:00pm • Langston Hughes Center,
2390 E 79th St, Cleveland.

Meet with clients one-on-one to discuss their legal issues.

Volunteer Opportunities: How Can You Help?

Please email probono@lasclev.org for logistics, including training information

■ Upcoming Clinics (Limited time commitment)

General Brief Advice Clinics:

- Wednesday, March 8th, 2:00-3:30pm • Ashtabula County Catholic Charities
- Saturday, March 11th, 9:30-11:30am • Rice Branch of CPL
- Tuesday, March 14th, 2:00-3:30pm • Oberlin Community Services
- Saturday, March 25th, 9:30-11:00am • Fatima Family Center

Assisted Pro Se Clinics:

- Expungement: Thursday, March 2nd, 4:30-6:30pm • LASC Downtown

■ In-House Volunteering

These opportunities involve working directly with Legal Aid staff on Volunteer Lawyers Program projects or in substantive practice groups. The time commitment for these roles varies, but most require several days a month. Email probono@lasclev.org for details.

■ Extended Service to Individual Clients

Legal Aid is always looking for volunteers to help clients beyond brief advice. These matters are on a variety of civil legal issues with varying time commitments.

ACT 2 Stories: Kate Fenner



ACT 2 volunteer Kate Fenner has lived in the Cleveland area her entire life. She worked at KeyBank practicing employee benefits and employment law for twenty eight years before retiring in 2013.

For the past three years Kate has been a volunteer with Legal Aid, volunteering both at our clinics and in-house.

Kate participated in Brief Advice Clinics in Cuyahoga County and Community Outreach Clinics in Lorain County. She enjoys working with the clients and providing them with “common-sense” legal solutions to their problems; she says, “People are so genuinely grateful. You just want to help them.” She is exposed to areas of the law that she otherwise would never get to learn about. Kate says, “It forces you out of your niche. It’s fun!”

In August 2016, Kate became an in-house volunteer in Legal Aid’s Estate Planning Project. She comes to Legal Aid’s downtown office one day each week and prepares wills and advanced directives for our clients. Without Kate’s hard work, these “preventative, proactive” legal services would not be available. “It keeps me engaged and active. I walk away and feel I’ve done a good deed!”