



The
Legal Aid Society
of Cleveland
Since 1905

Who We Are:

Founded in 1905, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is a non-profit organization which provides free legal assistance to low-income people with civil legal problems in five counties in Northeast Ohio. Our attorneys have experience in a wide variety of areas that affect low-income people.

Our Mission:

To secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions

*This brochure was prepared by
Legal Aid which serves low-income
residents of five counties.*

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How Legal Aid Can Help You



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Serving Low-Income People in Ashtabula,
Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain Counties

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What We Do

CONSUMER:

We help people who have consumer problems, such as:

- loans, contracts, warranties and installment purchase agreements;
- garnishments, debt collection, and repossessions;
- unfair sales practices and home improvement problems;
- utility problems; and
- bankruptcy.

EDUCATION:

We help with:

- school discipline and special education;
- school enrollment; and
- vocational school and student loans.

ELDER LAW:

We provide advice and legal assistance for persons who need help with legal matters such as wills and advanced directives.

FAMILY:

We help families in matters, such as:

- domestic violence;
- divorce and custody where children are at risk;
- juvenile court custody where children are at risk; and
- some child support matters.

HOUSING:

We handle matters involving:

- evictions;
- foreclosures;
- substandard housing conditions; and
- access to subsidized and public housing.

IMMIGRATION:

We help people with immigration matters, such as:

- family petitions;
- VAWA petitions;
- naturalization; and
- detention and deportation.

INCOME & PUBLIC BENEFITS:

We assist with public benefits and health benefits, such as:

- Ohio Works First (OWF);
- the Disability Assistance Program and Medicaid/Medicare;
- Prevention, Retention, Contingency (PRC);
- Healthy Start and Food Stamps; and
- SSI and Social Security disability benefits.

WORK & EMPLOYMENT:

We help people with:

- unemployment compensation claims;
- employment rights and wage claims;
- expungement of misdemeanor records and reinstatement of drivers licenses; and
- income tax controversies, including those involving the Earned Income Tax Credit.

OTHER PROBLEMS:

We can assist you with other important legal matters, as well. **If you have a legal problem not mentioned, please call us to find out if we are able to help you.** However, we do NOT handle criminal or traffic cases, cases seeking an award of damages, small claims complaints or workers' compensation claims.

How to Contact Legal Aid

To contact Legal Aid, phone the intake line at the office that serves your county between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have a communications limitation, contact us through the **Ohio Relay Service** at 1.800.750.0750. Interpretation services are available for non-English speakers.

Once you contact our office, here is what will happen:

- First, we find out if you are financially eligible for our services.
- Next, we find out if your problem is one we can handle.

We may ask you to send copies of your relevant paperwork.

If you qualify for our services and we have the resources to assist you, we will either:

- give you advice or educational information to help you with the next steps in the legal process;
- refer you to a volunteer attorney; or
- represent you in your legal matter.

You can also receive legal assistance through **community legal education and brief advice and referral clinics that Legal Aid hosts** throughout Northeast Ohio. Check our website – www.lasclev.org – for dates and locations.

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