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**THE LEGAL AID
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**OFFICE HOURS AT
SUITE 300
538 WEST BROAD
STREET
ELYRIA, OHIO 44035**

**MONDAY
THROUGH
FRIDAY**

9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

**440-323-8240
TOLL FREE: 1-800-444-7348**

***HOW WE
CAN HELP YOU
AT LEGAL AID***



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WEB SITE: www.lasclev.org

WHO WE ARE

The Legal Aid Society of Lorain County is a non-profit agency which provides free legal assistance to low-income residents of Lorain County. We are part of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland which was established in 1905.

WHAT WE DO

CONSUMER LAW: We help people who have problems with things they bought, loans, contracts, warranties, installment purchase agreements, debt collection, garnishments, repossessions, unfair sales practices and utility shutoffs. We also handle bankruptcies.

SOCIAL SECURITY: We handle SSI claims. We also help with problems about overpayment, reduction and termination of SSI and Social Security disability benefits, as well as claims involving Medicare.

PUBLIC BENEFITS: We assist in appealing the denial, reduction, termination and overpayment of welfare benefits, such as OWF, Disability Assistance, Medicaid, PRC and Food Stamps.

HOUSING: We handle landlord-tenant matters involving evictions, foreclosures, mobile homes and rent deposits and cases about substandard, subsidized and public housing and land contracts.

EDUCATION: We help with student loan, discipline, special education, enrollment and expulsion problems.

EMPLOYMENT LAW: We handle appeals from the denial of unemployment compensation. We also help remove barriers to employment by such things as assisting with expungement of criminal records and reinstatement of drivers' licenses.

FAMILY LAW: We help victims of domestic violence and handle divorces, child custody/visitation cases and some child support matters. **Due to limited funding, we cannot handle all cases. Call first to find out if we can help you with your family law problem.**

PROBATE: We handle some matters in probate court and we prepare wills.

ELDER LAW: We prepare powers of attorney, living wills, health care directives and handle other elder law issues for persons 60 years of age or older.

IMMIGRATION: We help people with immigration problems.

OTHER MATTERS: We will represent you in most civil lawsuits in which you are the defendant, including auto accidents.

If you have a legal problem not mentioned, call 440-323-8240 or 1-800-444-7348 to find out if we can help you. Your relationship with us is totally confidential, just as it would be with a private attorney.

WHAT WE DO NOT DO

We do NOT accept any criminal or traffic cases, small claims complaints, workers compensation appeals or cases seeking an award of damages.

We do NOT handle Juvenile Court cases in which court-appointed attorneys are available. We can prepare pleadings for you to file yourself in order to get the case started.

WHAT HAPPENS AT LEGAL AID

CALL US at 440-323-8240 in Elyria
OR toll free at 1-800-444-7348

FIRST, we find out if you are financially eligible for our services.

NEXT, we find out if your problem is one we can accept.

If you qualify for our services and we can help you, we will either:

GIVE you advice; or

SCHEDULE an appointment.

If you are asked to come into the office, **be sure to bring with you all the papers you have about your legal problem.**