

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

*The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland operates two pro-bono programs—one for Cleveland Bar Association members (see right) and one for lawyers not affiliated with the Cleveland Bar Association (over). Both serve low-income persons in Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga Counties.*

VOLUNTEER  
FOR THE CASE  
PROGRAM

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## THE CASE PROGRAM

Cleveland Attorneys Seeking Equity (CASE) is the name of the pro bono referral program operated by The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland for the **Cleveland Bar Association**.

If you are a **Cleveland Bar Association** member, you may sign up to represent low-income clients who meet Federal poverty guidelines or persons 60 years old or older in civil matters.

You get to choose the area of law in which you are willing to represent clients without fee. That may include such areas as bankruptcy, consumer and family law, probate, wills, Medicare-Medicaid, immigration, landlord/tenant, domestic violence, real estate, unemployment compensation, employment, contracts, Social Security, taxes and uninsured tort defenses. Volunteers also may sign up to be on a panel to assist persons who are HIV Positive with legal problems.

If you volunteer for either panel, you may be asked to take two or three pro bono referrals each year. You will be protected by malpractice insurance. You will be reimbursed for certain litigation costs.

Before clients are referred, Legal Aid screens them to determine eligibility for its services. Legal Aid attorneys and some CASE attorneys are available for consultation. Many cases can be resolved with advice, counseling or some form of brief service.

# HELP PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD LEGAL ASSISTANCE

## TO VOLUNTEER

WRITE US AT:

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You can volunteer to do *pro bono* work in a field of your choice on The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Referral Panel. Panel members assist low-income persons and persons 60 or older with legal problems.

You may choose the field in which you are an expert. Or you may want to do something different. It's up to you.

The areas of law in which we need your help include bankruptcy, consumer and family law, Medicare-Medicaid, probate, wills, immigration, landlord/tenant, domestic violence, real estate, unemployment compensation, employment, contracts, Social Security, taxes and uninsured tort defenses.

A special referral panel is made up of volunteers who want to assist persons who are HIV Positive with legal problems.

The referral panels serve clients in Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga Counties.

The Legal Aid staff screens all potential clients to determine their eligibility for the Society's services and reviews their problems to insure that the assistance of a lawyer is needed. At times, cases can be resolved by *pro bono* attorneys with advice, counseling or other brief services. Volunteers are covered by malpractice insurance. They are reimbursed for certain litigation costs.