



The
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Legal Aid to Welcome Summer Associates

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has hired 14 summer associates. The applicant pool was competitive; over 100 students from 20 law schools applied for the 14 positions.

Legal Aid has developed a structured 10-week program to include training on substantive law, public interest work, and legal practice orientation. Students will learn how to interview clients, draft court pleadings, research relevant legal issues and observe court hearings and trials. Legal Aid attorneys – experts in poverty law – will be assigned as mentors to the 2005 class of associates.

Many summer associates are funded through their law school’s public interest law program, or through national foundations such as Equal Justice Works Summer Corp Program and Equal Justice America. Legal Aid secured generous funding from individual donors to support the supervision and activities for the 10-week summer program.

The students, law schools represented and placements include:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Law School</u>	<u>Summer Placement</u>
Constance Beverly	Hofstra University	Health, Education, Work & Income Unit <i>Family Advocacy Program w/MetroHealth</i>
Tomar Brown	Case Western Reserve University	general practice
Anthony Capolino	Case Western Reserve University	Health, Education, Work & Income Unit <i>Low Income Taxpayer Clinic</i>
Teri Daniel	Cleveland-Marshall College of Law	Ashtabula County Office
Maureen Foley	Cleveland-Marshall College of Law	Family Law Unit
Aaron Haas	Harvard University	Immigration Unit

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Erik Kenerson	Georgetown	Consumer Unit
Crystal Klein	University of Akron	Volunteer Lawyers Program
Rebekah Kusar	University of Akron	Lake and Geauga County Office
Margaret Pearce	University of Toledo	Health, Education, Work & Income Unit <i>partnership with Vocational Guidance Services</i>
Sarah Radcliffe	City University of New York	Housing Unit
Adam Ramos	Roger Williams University	Health, Education, Work & Income Unit <i>unemployment compensation project</i>
Aporajita Saha	Case Western Reserve University	Health, Education Work & Income Unit <i>special education project</i>
John Vang	Cleveland-Marshall College of Law	Community Development Unit

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland provides high-quality free legal assistance to low income clients in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain and Geauga counties. Founded in 1905, it is the fifth oldest organization of its kind in the United States.

For more information about Legal Aid, visit www.lasclev.org, or contact Melanie Shakarian, director of development, at 216-861-5217.

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