



Legal Aid Offers Free Assistance

The Legal Aid Society announces dates for free legal clinics offered during the month of June. All clinics will be held at the Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.). A reservation for each clinic is required. Please call (502) 584-1254 to make your reservation.

Foreclosure Clinic

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure.

Tuesday, June 8 - 11 a.m.
 Thursday, June 10 - 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 15 - 11 a.m.
 Thursday, June 17 - 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 22 - 11 a.m.
 Thursday, June 24 - 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 29 - 11 a.m.

Small Claims Clinic

Clients are provided with the forms necessary to file a claim, and an attorney will review completed claims.

Wednesday, June 9 - 2 p.m.

Bankruptcy Seminar

An attorney will be present to answer questions about bankruptcy.

Thursday, June 24 - 2 p.m.

Divorce Clinic

Clients will receive assistance from attorneys in filling out all of the necessary paperwork to file for a divorce.

Friday, June 25 - 10 a.m.

For more information, visit Legal Aid's website at www.laslou.org.

New Wyatt Fellow Named to Help at Legal Aid

Jeffrey A. Been

The Legal Aid Society is pleased to announce that Tracy Leo Darbro, a 2009 graduate of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, has been named as the next Wyatt Fellow. She is the third Wyatt Fellow named since the program started in 2005. The Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs Fellowship is a commitment by the law firm to underwrite the salary and benefits of a full-time attorney at the Legal Aid Society. This is the only commitment of its kind by a Louisville law firm and it significantly adds to the ability of Legal Aid to serve clients in need.

For the past six years, the Wyatt Fellowship has proven to be a successful collaboration between the Wyatt firm and Legal Aid. The Fellow practices in the area of family law, assisting victims of domestic violence. More than 400 domestic violence victims have been helped through this unique partnership.

William H. Hollander, managing partner at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, noted "The work of the Wyatt Fellow empowers victims of domestic violence to flee their abusers and puts them on a path toward economic stability. At some point in our lives we all need a helping hand, and those of us at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs could not be more pleased to be able to provide this critical assistance through the fellowship."

Lori Goodwin, who served as the 2008-2010 Wyatt Fellow, reflected on the insights and experience she gained through this unique fellowship. "It has been invaluable," Goodwin said. "I assisted clients who had nowhere else to turn. Helping them has been fulfilling on both a professional and personal level. To know that I made an impact on someone's life and helped them start anew is an amazing feeling. Each client that I have helped has pledged to break the cycle of abuse for the safety and future for their children and themselves. I am truly honored and humbled to have been given this opportunity."



Wyatt Fellow Tracy Leo Darbro (left) and Lori Goodwin (right) assisting a client.

Tracey Leo Darbro, who started her term as the Wyatt Fellow in May, graduated from Shawnee University with a degree in International Relations and Business Administration. Darbro has a deep passion for public service. She served as an AmeriCorps VISTA worker in New Orleans assisting Hurricane Katrina victims in 2005.

Following her AmeriCorps service, Darbro enrolled at the University of Louisville School of Law. She graduated in 2009 and is excited to be chosen as the next Wyatt Fellow.

"The Wyatt Fellowship allows me to serve in a position that empowers clients whose safety and stability have been threatened. My experience in public service has afforded me the insight into the importance of Legal Aid's work and how critical an advocate can be for a person in poverty," said Darbro.

Wyatt's commitment to this fellowship program is but one of its many levels of support for the mission of the Legal Aid Society. It financially supports the Justice for All Campaign and encourages its attorneys to provide pro bono assistance to clients referred through Legal Aid's Volunteer Lawyer Program.

The Legal Aid Society is grateful for this unique collaboration Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs has made possible throughout the years, showing its dedication and unprecedented commitment for the most disadvantaged in our community.

Jeffrey A. Been is the executive director of the Legal Aid Society. ■



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