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LEGAL RESOURCES

The best time to consult an attorney is before a situation turns into a difficult legal problem. It is also a good idea to consult an attorney before you sign legal papers. If you are unsure whether you need an attorney, contact an attorney for advice. Often an attorney can consult with you without charging an initial fee. If you are in need of legal advice or assistance, there are many resources that will provide you with affordable or free legal services.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND

1233 West 6th Street..... **216-687-1900**
3408 Lorain Avenue..... **216-961-3360**

OHIO LEGAL RIGHTS..... 800-282-9181 **SERVICE**

Protects and advocates, through legal advice and legal counsel, the rights of people who have, or are alleged to have, mental illness. Represents the views of the individuals with disabilities themselves.

US DEPARTMENT OF..... 216-522-4057 **HOUSING AND URBAN..... 800-669-9777** **DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

A place to turn if you have a Fair Housing legal issue. The Fair Housing Act, originally passed in 1968, prohibits discrimination in housing and related transactions on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability and familial status.

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY 216-696-2710 **OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM**

Works with residents of Cuyahoga County to find solutions to problems and/or complaints they may have with county governmental services.

HOUSING ADVOCATES, INC..... 216-391-5444

If you have a Fair Housing legal issue, the Housing Advocates, Inc. will be able to help.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SERVICES... 216-574-2593 **SERVICES**

Provides free legal counsel and low-cost legal services.

Mon-Fri 9AM to 5PM

HOMELESS LEGAL.....216.635-0779 **ASSISTANCE**

Provides free legal counseling and low-cost legal services.

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