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Debt Relief Legal Advice Clinic for Qualified Consumers

KNOXVILLE – Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET), in partnership with the Knoxville Bar Association (KBA), will host a Debt Relief Legal Advice Clinic for pre-screened individuals Saturday, July 29 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The clinic will be held at Powell United Methodist Church, 323 W. Emory Road in Powell, and is the first of planned quarterly events to assist qualified debtors in the Knoxville area.

THIS IS **NOT** A WALK-IN CLINIC. INDIVIDUALS MUST BE **PRE-SCREENED**, AND MUST CONTACT LAET’S KNOXVILLE OFFICE TO GO THROUGH CLIENT INTAKE.

Clients accepted for the clinic should arrive no later than 9:35 a.m. United States Bankruptcy Judge Suzanne H. Bauknight will begin the clinic with an overview about debt issues, the bankruptcy system, and reasons why someone may not need to file bankruptcy. Clients will then be paired with volunteer attorneys to discuss debt relief options.

Those who qualify will receive a bankruptcy packet to be completed before the clinic. Clients will also need bring their tax returns and pay stubs to the clinic. To be pre-screened for the Debt Relief Legal Advice Clinic, call LAET’s Knoxville office at (865) 637-0484, or visit www.laet.org and click on “Begin Client Intake.”

Attorneys interested in volunteering for this clinic should email Kathryn Ellis, LAET Pro Bono Project Director, at kellis@laet.org or call (865) 251-4950.

Legal Aid of East Tennessee’s mission is to ensure justice for elderly, abused, and low-income people by providing a broad scope of civil legal assistance and advocacy. LAET serves eligible persons in 26 counties through offices in Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown.

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