

Community Legal Aid

A non-profit law firm serving the legal needs of low-income individuals and families in central northeast Ohio



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Management Team: Andrew Neuhauser

Andrew Neuhauser is the Managing Attorney for CLAS's Tenant Assistance Project, Homeownership Project, and Fair Housing Project. Those projects focus on providing safe and affordable rental and homeownership opportunities throughout CLAS's eight-county service area. Andrew was previously a supervising attorney for CLAS's Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law (HEAL) Team with a focus on special education and lead poisoning issues.

Before coming to Community Legal Aid for this role, Andrew was an attorney at Southeastern Ohio Legal Services for three years and at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality for nine years. Andrew has successfully represented clients in IEP meetings, school suspension hearings, Social Security hearings, unemployment hearings, eviction lawsuits, utility shut-off cases, consumer lawsuits, debt collection lawsuits, divorce cases, and civil protection order hearings. A majority of his work has focused on defending homeowners from foreclosure and bringing lawsuits related to mortgage servicing abuses. Andrew has written amicus briefs for cases in the Supreme Court of Ohio on mortgage-related and consumer law issues. He has also trained hundreds of attorneys on how to effectively represent homeowners in foreclosure.

Andrew is the recipient of the 2015 Champion of Justice Award from Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, the 2008 Award for Service in Northwest Ohio from PathStone, Inc., and two fellowships through Equal Justice Works.

Bar & Court Admissions

- State of Ohio
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United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Bar Activities

- Former member and secretary of Real Estate Committee, Toledo Bar Association

Significant Cases

- Embassy Healthcare v. Bell, 155 Ohio St.3d 430, 2018-Ohio-4912, 122 N.E.3d 117 (as co-author of amicus brief, successfully advocating for a widow who had been sued by her late husband's nursing home operator for his nursing services).
- Snyder v. Lawrence, Carroll County Common Pleas Court, Case No. 2018 CVC 29036 (obtaining an injunction against a water shut-off for a manufactured home park, which ultimately resulted in new, stable ownership for the park).
- United States of America ex rel. Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. v. U.S. Bank, N.A., N.D. Ohio Case No. 3:13 CV 704 (alleging that U.S. Bank violated the False Claims Act regarding its servicing of federally-insured mortgage loans when it certified compliance with HUD regulations).
- Bank of America v. Kuchta, 141 Ohio St.3d 75, 2014-Ohio-4275, 21 N.E.3d 1040 (as co-author of amicus brief, advocating that a court is without jurisdiction to hear a case when a foreclosing plaintiff does not have standing).
- Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp. v. Schwartzwald, 134 Ohio St.3d 13, 2012-Ohio-5017, 979 N.E.2d 1214 (as co-author of amicus brief, successfully advocating that a foreclosing plaintiff does not have standing when it does not have an interest in the promissory note or mortgage when it filed its lawsuit).
- U.S. Bank Natl. Assn. v. Duvall, 129 Ohio St.3d 1479, 2011-Ohio-4751, 953 N.E.2d 844 (as co-author of amicus brief, advocating that a foreclosing plaintiff does not have standing

when it does not have an interest in the promissory note or mortgage when it filed its lawsuit).

Publications

- Editor, Westlaw's Ohio Consumer Law Handbook, Holder-in-Due Course chapter
- Interviewed in "U.S.-Backed Mortgages Put to Test in an Innovative Lawsuit," New York Times, November 27, 2014.
- Interviewed in "The New Tax Man: Big Banks and Hedge Funds," The Huffington Post, October 18, 2011.
- Interviewed in "Even After Mortgage Modification, Shoddy Bank Practices Hurt Homeowners," ProPublica, June 2, 2011.

Education

- Purdue University (B.A. in social studies education, 2003)
- The University of Toledo College of Law (J.D., 2007)