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Centro Legal & Courthouse Partner for First Family Law Class

Milwaukee-based nonprofit law office partners with Milwaukee County Courthouse

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – July 31, 2008 – Centro Legal, a nonprofit organization that offers affordable legal services in family and criminal law, is pleased to introduce its first family law outreach class at the Milwaukee County Courthouse on August 8, 2008.

This free family law class will be taught by an experienced Centro Legal family law attorney. During the class, participants will learn about divorce proceedings, child custody issues, and options available for victims of domestic abuse. Upon completion of the class, participants will have the opportunity to visit the courthouse Family Law Self Help Clinic where they can complete the necessary paperwork to begin their case immediately. A list of legal resources will also be available for those interested in working with an attorney.

“The family law classes are important because, under the current status of legal services funding, it is impossible to provide an attorney for every person going to family court,” said Jason Mishelow, Centro Legal managing attorney. “Our classes present an opportunity for people to learn practical information about the legal system and to better understand the resources they need in order to go to court and be successful in their case.”

Through its partnership with the courthouse, Centro Legal hopes to positively impact the Milwaukee court system by better preparing individuals for their court cases. The organization plans to continue providing free family law classes at the courthouse in the future.

“These classes will help the court system run more efficiently because more litigants will have realistic expectations and frivolous claims will hopefully be avoided,” said Mishelow.

The August 8th class will be held at 10 a.m. in the Milwaukee County Courthouse’s Jury Management room, Room 106. For more information, please contact Lisette Khalil at 414-384-7900 or via email at lkhalil@centrolegalwisconsin.org.

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