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The JBA Ask-A-Lawyer Project Will Be at the Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation's HAND event (Health and Neighbor Day), Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation Offices 3416 Moncrief Road, Suite 200, 32209 Saturday, June 9th, 9:00-12:00.

The Jacksonville Bar Association, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Florida Coastal School of Law, and the Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation (NJCDC) are offering an "Ask-A-Lawyer" event on Saturday, June 9th, 9:00-12:00, at the NJCDC Corporate Offices, 3416 Moncrief Road, Suite 200. Ask-A-Lawyer is one of many free services that will be available to the public during the annual HAND event.

The Ask-A-Lawyer service is free-of-charge. Attorneys will conduct individual, 10-to-15-minute consultations. The attorneys have expertise in many areas of law and can provide guidance regarding family law matters, employment, landlord/tenant, wills and estates, criminal law, bankruptcy, and foreclosures to name a few. In addition, attorneys from the Hispanic Bar Association are present to provide legal advice to Spanish-speakers. Persons who participate in Ask-A-Lawyer must sign statements verifying that they understand that the interviewing attorney will not be opening a case, but is simply there to provide some legal guidance and information on additional community resources. For matters that may require full representation, persons may be referred to Jacksonville Area Legal Aid or to the Jacksonville Lawyer Referral Service.

The Jacksonville Bar Association (JBA) is aware that for many in our community, legal representation is cost prohibitive. Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and many pro bono attorneys assist with representing these residents in their civil legal matters, but the need far exceeds the legal resources. In some cases, legal representation may not be required and in some cases brief counsel and advice from a licensed attorney may be all the assistance a person needs. The Ask-A-Lawyer events bring legal assistance into neighborhoods free of charge. These events are offered four times a year in various locations.

If you need legal assistance, come to Ask-A-Lawyer on June 9th and get your legal questions answered.