



Thousands of New Orleans residents face property issues that seem insurmountable, from successions and blight judgments, to co-owner disputes, property liens and tax sales. **On Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, Dillard University's Community Development Corporation will host a community-wide title-clearing event to assist homeowners with these legal matters.**

The event will be held in Dillard's Professional Schools Building, rooms 131-135, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lawyers will be on-hand to educate homeowners about protecting their property and to offer free legal services.

The workshop's nonprofit partners include Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, the Pro Bono Project, Louisiana Appleseed, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. These organizations recently partnered to form a title-clearing group called Save New Orleans Homes. Over the next two years, they will collaborate to help 400 low-income homeowners in Orleans Parish clear title to their property, enabling residents to rebuild, make productive use of their land, and build wealth and assets.

Homeowners who wish to learn more about protecting their property and the importance of clear title, as well as those seeking legal assistance for property issues, are encouraged to attend the workshop at Dillard. Louisiana Appleseed volunteer attorneys will be on-hand to educate the public about the importance of clear title, as well as changes in succession laws. Lawyers from the Pro Bono Project and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services will also be there to answer property questions and perform case intake to determine whether individuals qualify for free legal services.

Since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and the Pro Bono Project have helped homeowners obtain clear title, while Louisiana Appleseed has advocated for simplification of Louisiana laws to make it easier for people to clear title. The Lawyers' Committee has addressed title clearing in several states. To learn more about their title-clearing collaborative, visit www.savenolahomes.org, or call (504) 529-1000 to determine eligibility for free legal assistance.

For more information about the title-clearing workshop, contact: Jessica Haynes of Louisiana

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Save New Orleans Homes

Do you need help with:
Clearing title · Successions · Property liens
Blight judgments · Co-owner disputes · Tax sales
Getting Road Home or other funds?

Come learn about our FREE legal services!

When: Saturday, October 8, 2011
10:00am-12:00pm



Where: Dillard University
Professional Schools Building,
Room 131-135

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