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WISE & Healthy Aging and Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles to Provide Legal Workshops for Santa Monica Seniors

SANTA MONICA (Feb. 2, 2011) – A new series of Monday morning legal clinics sponsored by the Santa Monica Office of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) will be offered at WISE & Healthy Aging, according to a joint announcement by Grace Cheng Braun, CEO and President of WISE & Healthy Aging, and Karla Barrow, Managing Attorney of LAFLA's Santa Monica Office.

"To educate seniors about their legal needs, our attorneys will provide information on housing, eviction defense and landlord/tenant disputes, government benefits, consumer law, which involves home foreclosures, naturalizations, family law and domestic violence," said Barrow. "We will also help seniors take advantage of our Self Help Legal Access Center and Domestic Violence Clinic located at the Santa Monica Courthouse."

According to Cheng Braun, "Seniors in our community often have few resources. If they have problems, questions or issues about social security benefits, for example, or the conditions in their apartment, or problems with something they have purchased, they often don't know where to turn to for help."

All sessions will be held at 9 a.m. at WISE & Healthy Aging in the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 2nd Floor in Santa Monica.

The sessions will include a workshop from 9 to 10 a.m. on a specific area of the law, followed by time for individual consultation with the attorney from 10 a.m. to noon.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling WISE & Healthy Aging at (310) 394-9871. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

About WISE & Healthy Aging

WISE & Healthy Aging, a nonprofit social services organization, enhances the independence, dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and innovative services.

About the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles is the largest, frontline law firm for poor and low-income people in California. LAFLA has six neighborhood offices including Santa Monica, four Self Help Legal Access Centers and three Domestic Violence Clinics. The Santa Monica Office Hotline is (310) 899-6200.