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What: Foreclosure Answer Clinic – a FREE walk-in legal clinic – Help available in English. **Ayuda disponible en español también.**

Who: For homeowners who have received a Foreclosure Summons and Complaint

When: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Thursday, August 4, 2011

Where: City-County Building, Room 354, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE WIDELY AND ADD TO ALL EVENT CALENDARS. THIS IS A RECURRING EVENT, 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Thank you for your help in disseminating this vital information.

Dane County homeowners facing foreclosure have access to a free legal clinic staffed by volunteer lawyers and law students. The Foreclosure Answer Clinic is held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Madison. The clinic operates on a walk-in basis, no appointments are necessary. **Homeowners should bring their Summons and Complaint as well as any other relevant paperwork.**

The purpose of the clinic is to provide homeowners in foreclosure with basic legal information. **Time is of the essence as homeowners generally have only 20 calendar days from the date they receive the initial lawsuit papers to file a formal response.** The goal of the program is to increase access to the legal system. A recent sampling of court filings shows that in 85% of cases in Dane County homeowners face foreclosure without the benefit of legal counsel. The clinic will help those who are unrepresented become more engaged in the process. Experience shows that homeowners who engage in the process early have better opportunities for a positive outcome.

The Foreclosure Answer Clinic is a collaborative effort of the Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Taskforce, the Dane County Bar Association and the UW Law School, with grant funding provided by the State Bar of Wisconsin and other support provided by Dane County.

Who We Are. *The Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Taskforce is a coalition of public agencies, non-profit service providers and other community partners working together to develop sustainable alternatives to foreclosure in Dane County. For more information, please visit daneforeclosurehelp.org.*

Our Mission. *To develop and implement a coordinated response to the current foreclosure problem in Dane County.*