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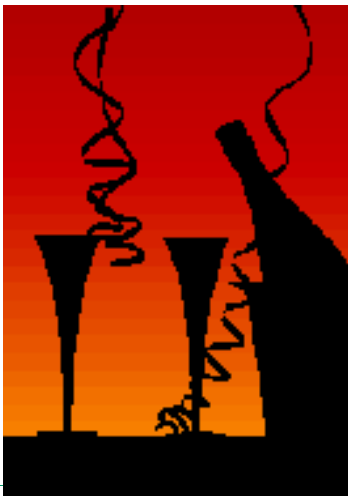
A legal information resource for Community Legal Resources' clients

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### Join us tonight for our 8th Anniversary Celebration

**5:30 - 7:30pm, Mexicantown Mercado, 2826 Bagley St., Detroit**



Community Legal Resources invites you to enjoy cocktails and appetizers at our [8th Annual Celebration and Recognition Event](#) from 5:30 - 7:30pm on Tuesday, December 5. We will present awards to our outstanding volunteer lawyers and law firms and hear from the nonprofit organizations that have benefited from their extraordinary service.

This year's event will also celebrate the much- anticipated opening of the [Mexicantown Mercado](#), a business incubator and public market developed by the nonprofit Mexicantown Community Development Corporation at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge in southwest Detroit.

## Wayne State Law Clinic seeking start-up nonprofits *Articles, Bylaws, 501(c)(3) assistance for SE Michigan groups*

Community Legal Resources is seeking a limited number of eligible, emerging nonprofit organizations for placement in the **Wayne State University Law School Small Business Enterprises and Nonprofit Corporations Clinic** during the winter 2007 semester. The Clinic will provide free legal assistance with drafting and/or revising Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, filing Articles of Incorporation, preparing Form 1023 (the "501(c)(3) application" for tax exemption from the IRS), and preparing additional start-up documentation such as the application for a Michigan charitable solicitations license. Nonprofit clients will be responsible for required filing fees. The Clinic will begin representing clients in January 2007 and the start-up documents will be completed by April 2007 provided the client provides all necessary supporting documentation.



**Nonprofits must meet [eligibility requirements for CLR service](#) and provide required documentation to CLR staff by 5:00pm on December 20, 2006.** Click [here](#) for more information or contact Heidi Mucherie [via email](#) or at (313) 964-4130 x226 to learn more.

## Proposal 2 – Implications for Nonprofits?

On November 28, the Labor and Employment section of [Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.](#) held a seminar in Detroit to address the legal implications of the passage of [Proposal 2](#). Proposal 2 is an amendment to the State of Michigan Constitution that bans public institutions from using affirmative action programs. This amendment affects state and local government, public education institutions and any entity that can be deemed a "state actor." It does not apply to entities that must have affirmative action programs in order to receive federal funding.

At this time, the seminar made clear that there are no answers regarding how this amendment will be interpreted and how/whether it will affect nonprofit organizations. Interpretation by the courts will only occur once the amendment is challenged legally. CLR will keep our nonprofit clients informed of any new information or developments. For now, nonprofit organizations should review their existing programs and policies for the possibility of being affected by the amendment, particularly those offering programs designed for or targeting females or minorities.

Governor Granholm, in her [Executive Directive No. 2006-7](#), has directed the Michigan Civil Rights Commission to investigate the impact of Proposal 2. This report is due February 23, 2007.

Additional [Miller Canfield seminars](#) will be held in the following locations:

- Ann Arbor, December 5
- Troy, December 6
- Lansing, December 7
- Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo, December 8

## Contact CLR with any questions or legal needs

### Request Assistance

Community Legal Resources (CLR) provides free legal assistance to community-based organizations.

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