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LATEST LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON CYBER HARASSMENT ISSUES AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS APPLICATIONS

EDISON— Details on what to do about cyber harassment instances in domestic violence situations, as well as advice for preparing unemployment benefits claims are offered in the latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ).

The bilingual publication, "Looking out for Your Legal Rights," is accessible at

www.lsnjlaw.org by clicking on the "publications" tab. The newsletter also will be available at all

Legal Services offices in New Jersey.

The newsletter, designed for low and moderate income New Jerseyans notes that people who believe they have been the victims of online harassment from someone with whom they previously had a relationship can apply for restraining orders as well as report the alleged criminal act to police.

In late 2016 cyber harassment was added to the list of domestic violence crimes in New Jersey.

The latest LSNJ newsletter also provides many tips on filing for unemployment benefits, especially emphasizing the need for applicants to prepare themselves with all pertinent information before they get a return call from the state or are scheduled for a hearing.

Additionally, it is noted that while attorneys may represent unemployment claimants, such legal representation may not be necessary when the claimants lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

Further advice can be obtained from LSNJ at <u>www.lsnjlawhotline.org</u> or by calling 1-888-LSNJ-LAW.

The newsletter also offers advice to senior citizens on how they may qualify for SNAP (food stamp) benefits. Also highlighted is a new law that went into effect in February allowing parental support for a child who has reached adulthood to be terminated without either parent seeking a court order.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of five independent non-profit corporations and is beginning its 50th year of providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation more than 2.4 million cases.

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