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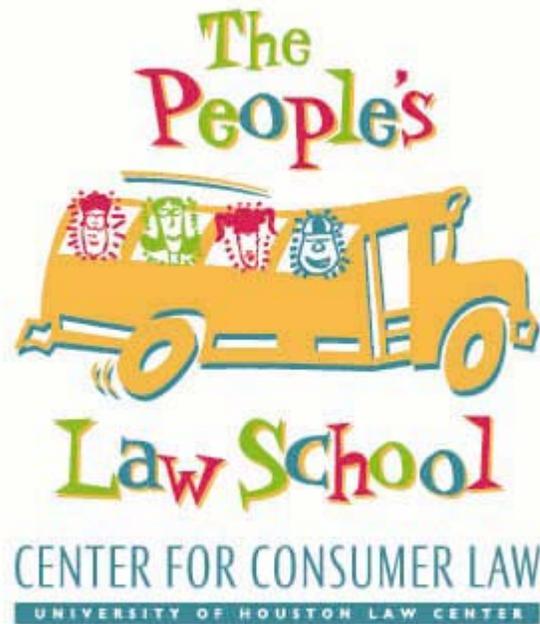
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The People's Law School - an amazing service

I was wildly impressed this weekend by the information available at [The People's Law School](#) at the [University of Houston Law Center](#).

This is free to the consumers who attend to learn some basics about the ways the law intersects with most of our lives. The class subjects include: wills, credit, debt collection, insurance law, employment law, bankruptcy, family law, immigration, business law, social security, small claims court and landlord/tenant law. The classes are taught by local judges, attorneys and professors. The ones I attended were chock full of usable information.



There was a great mix of folks there this sunny Saturday sipping coffee and chomping on Shipley donuts in the sunny courtyards at the law school before the morning classes started.

This semi-annual event for about 500 consumers was created by UH law professor Richard Alderman, who also goes by ["The People's Lawyer."](#)

The classes are taught by pros but there were also terrific handouts including Alderman's [Know Your Rights book](#) on Texas law and the [Houston Bar Association](#) booklets on consumer, family and elder law.

Sponsors for this remarkably helpful event include The University of Houston Law Center - Center for Consumer Law and [Tommy Fibich](#) of the Fibich Hampton and Leebron firm.

In a time when all of us are pinching pennies, to be able to get access to legal experts on the topics that intersect most with our lives is a fabulous gift.

Alderman said the next big session like Saturday's is scheduled for October, likely first Saturday. But he said they will also schedule some small programs around the city, probably on weekday nights.

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