

ASK-A-LAWYER PROGRAMS

In addition to providing pro bono representation on cases, Legal Aid Center also offers a variety of Ask-A-Lawyer programs where unrepresented individuals can receive brief one-on-one consultations with pro bono attorneys. The attorneys answer questions about the law and court process and review legal documents. Currently, Legal Aid Center offers the following programs:

Family Law Ask-A-Lawyer – in conjunction with the Family Court Self-Help Center

Landlord/Tenant Ask-A-Lawyer – in conjunction with the Civil Self-Help Center

Foreclosure Mediation Ask-A-Lawyer – in conjunction with the Civil Self-Help Center

Small-Business Project Ask-A-Lawyer Nights – in conjunction with the Nevada Microenterprise Initiative

Homeless Assistance Project Ask-A-Lawyer Nights – in conjunction with Friends in the Desert, Las Vegas Rescue Mission and UNLV's Public Interest Law Association (PILA)

For dates and times for each program as well as how to register, please visit www.lacsn.org.

PRO BONO PROJECT

Coordinating private attorneys who generously volunteer to provide free legal assistance to individuals who cannot afford an attorney.



Since 1958
LEGAL AID CENTER
of Southern Nevada

Providing civil legal advice and representation
to low-income Nevadans

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WHAT IS LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA?

Legal Aid Center is a private, nonprofit, public interest law firm dedicated to providing free legal advice, advocacy and representation to residents of Clark County. It is our mission to ensure that individual rights are protected regardless of a client's ability to pay for an attorney. Eligibility for our services depends on the type of legal assistance a client needs and their income level. This is determined during an initial intake session, at which time we also review the range of public and/or private services that may also be of assistance.

The Pro Bono Project matches private attorney volunteers with people in need of legal assistance in the following areas:

- Adoption
- Bankruptcy
- Child Abuse/Neglect (Representing Children)
- Child Custody
- Civil/Consumer Fraud
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Guardianship (Uncontested)
- Estate/Trust
- Immigration (Representing Victims of Domestic Violence and Other Crimes)
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Predatory Lending
- Real Estate Fraud
- Foreclosure Mediation

We *do not* provide assistance with criminal, employment discrimination, personal injury or traffic matters.

APPLYING FOR OUR SERVICES

Residents of Clark County who meet Legal Aid Center's financial guidelines are eligible for consideration for assistance through our program. Under certain circumstances, applicants will be required to attend one of our free legal information classes in order to begin our intake process.

If an applicant meets the initial requirements, the applicant will be scheduled for an interview with an intake advocate. The applicant will be required to provide proof of *household* income and documents related to the case.

Once all necessary intake information has been provided, the case will be considered by a review committee. The committee will determine whether or not we will assist the applicant based on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, merits of the case and availability of volunteers.

If the committee decides to accept the case, the applicant will then be placed on a waiting list while we begin the process of trying to match the case with an available volunteer attorney. This process typically takes between 30 and 90 days.

If we are unable to accept the case, we will advise the applicant of other available community resources.

Please note: Because of the necessary intake process and the fact that we typically have a very long waiting list, we are rarely able to provide assistance on an emergency basis.

CLIENT OBLIGATIONS ONCE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM

- Keep the project informed of any changes in contact information;
- Notify the project immediately of any changes in household income;
- While on the waiting list, inform the project of any developments in your case and provide us with copies of any documents received from the court or opposing party;
- Be prompt and prepared for all meetings with the volunteer attorney;
- Cooperate with your attorney in pursuing your case (i.e., promptly return all calls and provide requested information);
- Be prepared to pay any costs associated with your case. (You will not be charged attorneys' fees, but volunteer attorneys are not necessarily agreeing to pay out of their pockets for costs in your case).

Special thanks to all of the pro bono attorneys and law firms who give so generously of their time and talents to help others.

For more information please visit:
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