

# LEGAL AID CENTER

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# PROVIDING LEGAL AID FOR SOUTHERN NEVADANS SINCE 1958

You may be eligible to receive services from Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

#### WHAT IS LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA?

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada is a private, nonprofit, public interest law firm dedicated to providing free legal advice, advocacy and representation to low-income residents of Southern Nevada. 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 available.

We provide a wide variety of legal services through our projects, programs, and centers.

# CONSUMER RIGHTS PROJECT

There are many types of consumer issues, and Legal Aid Center is experienced in analyzing and advising on various solutions to consumer-related problems. Consumer rights advocates are available on a walk-in basis Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We help consumers with the following issues:

- Debt Collection Defense and Garnishment
- Auto Purchase and Repossession
- Bankruptcy
- Foreclosure
- Payday and Title Loans
- Real Estate Disputes
- Tenants' Rights
- Deceptive Sales and Business Practices
- Social Security Disability
- Criminal Record Sealing

Please contact us regarding any other consumer issues.

Legal Aid Center also represents clients who have been wrongfully denied disability benefits by the Social Security Administration.

## GUARDIANSHIP ADVOCACY PROJECT

Legal Aid Center's Guardianship Advocacy Project provides representation to seniors, adults with disabilities, and minors in the guardianship arena to ensure their legal rights are protected.

If you are seeking information about guardianship in general or seeking to become a guardian, Legal Aid Center offers a free Guardianship class.

Both the Family Law Self-Help Center and the Civil Law Self-Help Center can provide you with legal information and forms related to guardianship matters. Forms and information are available online at www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org.

#### LEGAL SERVICE FUND PROGRAM

For hotel, casino, and other eligible employees, Legal Aid Center operates the Culinary & Bartender Unions Legal Service Fund to help safeguard the legal wellbeing of workers and their families.

# FAMILY JUSTICE PROJECT

Legal Aid Center provides a wide range of representation in family court, primarily helping victims of violence, the elderly, people with disabilities and those with limited English speaking skills. Our attorneys appear at hearings to enforce protective orders and represent individuals with divorce and custody issues in family court. We also help children, victims of domestic violence, and victims of crime with immigration assistance so they may remain lawfully in the United States.

### CHILDREN'S ATTORNEYS PROJECT

Once a child has been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect, Legal Aid Center provides advice and representation to protect their rights while they are in Clark County's foster care system.

We provide a voice for children in court about where they will live and other issues affecting their lives.

We advocate on behalf of children who have special education needs that are not being met by the school district. We also recruit and train volunteer education advocates who advocate with the school district for children in foster care.

#### CIVIL LAW SELF-HELP CENTER

The Civil Law Self-Help Center provides self-help legal information to those who are representing themselves in civil matters in the Clark County court system. The mission of the Center is to increase informed access to the court by providing education, information, legal forms, community referrals and support services to self-represented civil litigants, regardless of their income. The Self-Help Center is located at 200 Lewis Avenue in Downtown Las Vegas at the Regional justice Center. The Self-Help Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except weekends and court holidays. For more information, visit www.civillawselfhelpcenter.org.

#### FAMILY LAW SELF-HELP CENTER

The Family Law Self-Help Center provides assistance with temporary protection orders and legal information and forms to those wishing to represent themselves in domestic matters in the Clark County court system. The mission of the Center is to increase informed access to the court by providing education, information, legal forms, community referrals and support services to self-represented civil litigants, regardless of their income. The Family Law Self-Help Center is located at 601 N. Pecos, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101 and is open from 8:00 am- 4:00 pm daily except weekends and court holidays. For more information, visit www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org.

#### **VEGAS STRONG RESILIENCY CENTER**

The Vegas Strong Resiliency Center helps victims of violent crime put their lives back together. We provide assistance:

- locating physical and mental health resources;
- applying for and navigating victims of crime compensation such as funding for relocation, uncovered medical expenses or lost wages;
- providing trustworthy legal advice.

The Resiliency Center model was created as a resource center for survivors of the Route 91 Harvest Festival and is still serving and supporting these survivors, while also using their expertise to serve all victims of violent crime.

If you or someone you love was affected by 1 October or are a victim of crime, we encourage you to contact us so we can help connect you with available services and resources. Our services are free and confidential. Call 702-455-2433 or visit www.vegasstrongrc.org.

# PRO BONO PROJECT

The Pro Bono Project utilizes private attorneys who volunteer their time to provide free legal representation to low-income residents of Clark County.

Representation is provided in the following areas.

- Family Law (custody, domestic violence, divorce)
- Abused and Neglected Children
- Real Estate Fraud
- Bankruptcy
- Estate Problems and Probate
- Consumer Fraud
- Foreclosure

The Pro Bono Project holds Ask-A-Lawyer programs where people receive a free one-on-one consultation with an attorney. Visit our website at www.lacsn.org and click on the link for Ask-A-Lawyer for more information.

#### CHRISTINE SMITH COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASS PROGRAM

Knowledge is power. Legal Aid Center offers FREE legal information classes, which are taught by law students supervised by attorneys. Please see our website, www.lacsn.org/classes, for information on free classes.

- Divorce
- Paternity/Custody
- Guardianship
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy
- Representing Yourself in Small Claims Court
- Collection Proof
- Litigation and Trial Preparation
- Criminal Record Sealing
- Tenants' Rights
- Eviction Sealing

We offer the following classes in Spanish.

- Family Law
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy

#### WE DO NOT HANDLE THE FOLLOWING CASES

- Traffic Citations
- Child Support
- Criminal Matters
- Personal Injury
- Employment Discrimination

#### HOW DO I APPLY FOR SERVICES?

To begin the process, contact our office at 702-386-1070. When you hear the directory of options, press the button that describes your legal problem. You will then be instructed on how to apply for services. Walk-in hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Providing civil legal advice and representation to low-income Nevadans

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