

# LEGAL AID CENTER of Southern Nevada

FAMILY LAW
SELF-HELP CENTER

#### WHAT IS THE FAMILY LAW SELF-HELP CENTER?

The Family Law Self-Help Center provides legal information and forms to those who 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. Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada operates and staffs the Center under a contract with the Eighth Judicial District Court. Please visit the Family Law Self-Help Center website for updates about current operations during COVID-19.

#### IN WHAT AREAS DOES THE FAMILY LAW SELF-HELP CENTER PROVIDE ASSISTANCE?

The Center provides assistance in "domestic" matters, which generally means cases involving divorce, custody, child support, and most family matters.

The Center can help in such areas as:

- Divorce
- Legal Separation
- Annulment
- Paternity, Custody, and Visitation
- Child Support
- Adoptions
- Guardianship
- Foreign Judgments (Divorce/Custody Decrees from other states)
- Name Changes
- Termination of Parental Rights
- Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Temporary Protection Orders

#### WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN THE FAMILY LAW SELF-HELP CENTER STAFF PROVIDE?

The staff at the Center can provide you with:

- Court forms and instructions
- Review completed forms
- Information about court rules, procedures and practices
- Information on how to represent yourself in court
- Referrals for lawyer referral services, legal aid programs and other community resources where you might obtain legal assistance or services
- Information on free legal classes and educational materials on various legal topics
- Referrals to free Ask-a-Lawyer sessions for domestic matters

#### The staff at the Center cannot:

- File your court papers for you
- Evaluate your case or advise whether or not your case should be brought before a judge
- Provide legal advice about how the law applies to your facts
- Change an order signed by a Judge
- Give an opinion or predict how a Judge might rule in your case
- Talk to the Judge or pass a message to a judge

If you have been sued and served with papers, bring those papers to the Center for assistance. The staff will help you in understanding who is suing you, what they are requesting, and what next steps might be available to you. You can also download legal forms and instructions from the website and some forms are available via the Tyler Guide & File interview format which can be accessed at <a href="https://nevada.tylerhost.net">https://nevada.tylerhost.net</a>.

# WHAT OTHER SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FAMILY LAW SELF-HELP CENTER?

The Family Law Self-Help Center's website, <u>www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org</u> provides information on such topics as divorce, annulment, custody, child support, and guardianship, among others. You can also download most of the legal forms and instructions available at the Center.

Free telephonic family law Ask-A-Lawyer sessions are offered weekly. Volunteer attorneys provide free 15 minute telephone consultations to unrepresented individuals. Volunteer attorneys can answer specific questions about family law matters such as divorce, custody, and guardianship. To register and for information about other Ask-A-Lawyer programs, visit <a href="https://www.ask-a-lawyer">www.ask-a-lawyer</a>.

A Child Support Ask-A-Lawyer program is also offered in conjunction with the District Attorney Family Support office. This session allows participants to get answers to their questions about child support. This program is offered twice a month. To find out the class dates and to register, either visit the Family Law Self-Help Center or call 702-455-1505.

Free community legal education classes are available on such topics as divorce, paternity/custody, guardianship, small claims, bankruptcy, immigration, collection proof, and litigation & trial preparation. The classes are offered by Legal Aid Center and the William S. Boyd School of Law. For more information on how to attend these classes, visit www.FreeClasses.

#### **LEGAL RESOURCES**

Legal information and assistance may also be available through the following organizations:

# Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

725 E. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104 702-386-1070 | <u>www.lacsn.org</u>

# Clark County Law Library

309 S. 3rd Street, Ste. 400 P.O. Box 557340, Las Vegas, NV 89155 702-455-4696 | www.clarkcountynv.gov/LawLibrary

## Civil Law Self-Help Center

200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89155 702-671-3976 | www.civillawselfhelpcenter.org

### District Attorney, Family Support Division

1900 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119 702-671-9200 www.clarkcountynv.gov/FamilySupport

State Bar Lawyer Referral Service 702-382-0504 www.nvbar.org/lawyerreferral

State of Nevada Self-Help Website

www.selfhelp.nvcourts.gov

Although the Center is prohibited from referring you to a particular attorney or law firm, you may be able to find a lawyer who practices in the area in which you need help by contacting the State Bar of Nevada's Lawyer Referral Service at 702-382-0504. www.nvbar.org/lawyerreferral

The Family Law Self-Help Center is a partnership between the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, and Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

The staff of the Center is prohibited from providing legal advice, and the information on the Family Law Self-Help Center website is not intended to substitute for legal advice delivered by an attorney. The staff of the Center is obligated to remain neutral, and there is no attorney-client privilege or confidentiality of any information shared by a visitor and the Family Law Self-Help Center. Because legal disputes can often have a long-lasting impact, it may be advisable to speak to an attorney before taking any measures that cannot be undone.



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Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and
Court Holidays



