

# LEGAL AID CENTER of Southern Nevada

# CIVIL LAW SELF-HELP CENTER

at the Regional Justice Center

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

The Civil Law Self-Help Center provides legal information and forms to those wishing to represent themselves in civil matters in the Clark County court system. The mission of the Civil Law Self-Help 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 Civil Law Self-Help Center under a contract with the courts. The Civil Law Self-Help Center also houses a Neighborhood Justice Center mediator on site as an alternative to litigation. Please visit the Civil Law Self-Help Center website for updates about current operations during COVID-19.

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

The Civil Law Self-Help Center provides assistance in "civil" matters, which generally means lawsuits in which a party is seeking money or sometimes the possession or return of property. The Civil Law Self-Help Center can help in such areas as:

- Civil cases, wage garnishments and collections
- Landlord-tenant disputes and evictions
- Small Claims Court
- Applications for Temporary Orders of Protection (that don't involve a family member or domestic situation)
- Mediation and other alternatives to court
- Foreclosure
- Probate
- Adult Guardianship

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

The Civil Law Self-Help Center staff can provide you with:

- Court forms and instructions
- Information about court rules, procedures and practices
- Information on how to represent yourself in court
- Information on how to file your legal documents with the court
- Telephone numbers 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
- Instruction on how to navigate the Civil Law Self-Help Center website to find the information and forms you need

The Civil Law Self-Help Center staff cannot:

- File your court papers for you
- Evaluate your case or advise whether or not your case should be brought before a judge
- Provide assistance with wording on court forms
- 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 Civil Law Self-Help Center for assistance. The staff will help you understand who is suing you, what they are requesting in their lawsuit and what next steps might be available to you.

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

The Civil Law Self-Help Center website, <u>www.civillawselfhelpcenter.org</u>, provides information on such topics as civil actions and collection of judgments, landlord-tenant law and evictions, small claims and protection orders, among others. 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>.

The Civil Law Self-Help Center is operated in partnership with the Clark County Neighborhood Justice Center, which provides no-cost confidential mediation services as an alternative to court. The staff at the Civil Law Self-Help Center may refer you to a mediator to assist you with your matter.

Free telephonic Ask-A-Lawyer sessions are offered in the areas of family law, tenant rights, small claims, probate, and debt collection. For information on the Ask-A-Lawyer programs, visit www.Ask-A-Lawyer.

Free community legal education classes are also available on such topics as divorce, small claims, paternity/custody, guardianship, bankruptcy, criminal record sealing and payday & title loans. Some of these classes are available online. The classes are offered by Legal Aid Center and the William S. Boyd School of Law. 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 www.lacsn.org

Nevada Legal Services 530 S. 6th St. Las Vegas, NV 89101 702-386-0404 www.nlslaw.net

Family Law Self-Help Center 601 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89155 702-455-1500 - recorded information www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org

Clark County Neighborhood Justice Center (Mediation)
330 S. 3rd St., Ste. 600
Las Vegas, NV 89101
702-455-3898
www.neighborhood\_justice\_center

Clark County Law Library 309 S. 3rd St., Ste. 400 P.O. Box 557340 Las Vegas, NV 89155 702-455-4696 www.clarkcountynv.gov/LawLibrary

For more legal and community resources, visit www.civillawselfhelpcenter.org

Although the Self-Help 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 Self-Help Center is a partnership between the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County Justice Courts, Clark County, legal aid Center of Southern Nevada and the neighborhood Justice Center. The staff of the Self-Help Center is prohibited from providing legal advice, and the information on the Self-Help Center website is not intended to substitute for legal advice delivered by an attorney. The staff of the Self-Help Center is obligated to remain neutral, and there is no attorney-client privilege or confidentiality of any information shared by a visitor and the Self-Help Center. Because legal disputes can often have a long-lasting financial 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 Weekends and Court Holidays



