

# Self-Help Center

& Family Law Facilitator's Office

## Do-It-Yourself Resources

... and helpful internet websites

- **Lawyer Referral and Modest Means Panel** through the **Santa Clara County Bar Association** at (408) 971-6822 ([www.sccba.com](http://www.sccba.com)) - For a low-cost, 30 minute consultation with an attorney and representation in Court for a fee based on your income
- **Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office** (Superior Court)  
Plan to arrive well before 8 am due to the number of people who come for help. See map on back.
  - 99 Notre Dame Avenue, San Jose, M, T & Th, 8:30am-3pm, (closed Wed and Fri), (408) 882-2926
  - **NEW!** For quicker help...**EMAIL US:** [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org), click "Self-Help" then click "Free & Low Cost Legal Help" then click "Self Help Question Form"
- **Restraining Order Help Center** (Superior Court), (408) 534-5709, map on back at:
  - 170 Park Avenue (CityView Plaza at Almaden), San Jose, M-F, 8:30am-3pm (closed 12:30-1:30pm)
  - 605 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, *Forms only*, pick up in Clerk's Office, M-F, 8:30am – 3pm
  - 301 Diana Avenue, Morgan Hill, *Forms only*, pick up in Clerk's Office, M-F, 8:30am – 3pm
- Visit **Santa Clara Superior Court's website:** [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)  
Forms, online services, self-help and general information (courthouse and contact information)
- Visit the **California Court's self-help website:** [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)
- **Free Self-Help computers** are available Mon-Fri in the Clerk's Office at the Notre Dame courthouse during regular business hours (see map on back)
- Purchase **Do-It-Yourself legal books** by Nolo Press and other publishers at all major booksellers or call (510) 549-1976 or enter their website ([www.nolo.com](http://www.nolo.com)).
- Do legal research at the **Santa Clara County Law Library** at 360 N. First St. (between Julian and Bassett streets); call for hours (408) 299-3567
- **Always keep the Court up-to-date when you move.** Fill out and file a Notice of Change of Address (form MC-040).

**VISIT US ONLINE:**

[www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)  
[www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)

**EMAIL US:**

[www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)  
 click "Self-Help" then click "Free &  
 Low Cost Legal Help" then click  
 "Self Help Question Form"

**CALL US:**

408-882-2926 (Self-Help)

**Note: Due to budget issues our services, and when they are offered, may change without notice.**

# Free Help

## General Help:

- Pro Bono Project (408) 998-5298
- Lawyers in the Library - San Jose (408) 808-2382
- Lawyers in the Library – Mountain View (408) 998-5298 x-311
- Santa Clara County Legal Aid Society (408) 998-5200
- Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) (408) 850-7066

## Bankruptcy:

- Pro Bono Project (408) 998-5298

## Children's issues:

- District Attorney - Child Abduction Unit (408) 792-2921
- Child Protective Services ("CPS") (408) 299-2071
- Department of Child Support Services ("DCSS") (866) 901-3212
- The Law Foundation - Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (L.A.C.Y.) (408) 293-4790

## Domestic Violence:

- Superior Court, Restraining Order Help Center (408) 534-5709
- Asian Americans for Community Involvement (408) 975-2739
- Community Solutions (877) 363-7238
- Support Network for Battered Women (800) 572-2782
- Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence (408) 501-7550
- Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) (408) 850-7066
- Pro Bono Project (408) 998-5298
- Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710
- Senior Adults Legal Assistance (S.A.L.A.) (408) 295-5991

## Elder Issues:

- Senior Adults Legal Assistance (S.A.L.A.) (408) 295-5991

## Guardianships:

- The Law Foundation - Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (L.A.C.Y.) (408) 293-4790
- Catholic Charities (408) 200-0980

## Housing:

- Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710
- Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) (408) 850-7066
- Eviction Clinic (408) 280-2424
- The Law Foundation - Mental Health Advocacy Project (408) 293-4790
- Fair Housing Law Project, Health Legal Services
- Community Legal Services (650) 326-6440
- Project Sentinel (408) 720-9888

## Consumer Law:

- Alexander Law Center (Santa Clara University) (408) 288-7030
- Community Legal Services (650) 326-6440
- The Law Foundation - Health Legal Services (408) 293-4790

## Employment:

- Alexander Law Center (Santa Clara University) (408) 288-7030
- Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710
- Employment Law Center (415) 864-8848
- The Law Foundation - Health Legal Services (408) 293-4790

## Immigration:

- Alexander Law Center (Santa Clara University) (408) 288-7030
- Asian Law Alliance Spanish: 453-3003 x-104 (408) 287-9710
- Catholic Charities (408) 325-5164
- Community Legal Services (650) 326-6440

## Mental Health Patient's Rights:

- The Law Foundation - Mental Health Advocacy Project (408) 293-4790

## Constitutional Rights:

- American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.) (415) 621-2488

# Helpful internet websites...

## Free internet access is available at:

- Santa Clara County Superior Court, Notre Dame Courthouse Clerk's Office, 99 Notre Dame Avenue, San Jose, and South County Courthouse (upstairs), 301 Diana Avenue, Morgan Hill, M – F, during regular business hours; the sites you have access to is very limited.
- County of Santa Clara public libraries. Contact the individual libraries. Numbers are in the phone book and online. Some have free how-to-use-the-internet classes!

## Government legal sites

- Free legal forms (they're fillable online) [www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm)
- Santa Clara Cnty Superior Court general & Self-Help site [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)
- Santa Clara County – look up your case [www.sccaseinfo.org](http://www.sccaseinfo.org)
- California Courts (State) Self-Help Center [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)
- California Code ("The Law") <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>
  - Once on this site, click the code you are interested in (ex. "Family Code - FAM")
- County of Santa Clara [www.sccgov.org](http://www.sccgov.org)
  - General legal information, District Attorney, Public Defender, Child Abduction, etc.; Click on "Law & Justice"
- Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) [www.childsup.cahwnet.gov](http://www.childsup.cahwnet.gov)
  - Online child support calculator; the DCSS helps collect child support

## Non-profit Legal Service Providers (Santa Clara County)

- Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) <http://baylegal.org/get-help/client-services/>
- Catholic Charities [www.ccsj.org](http://www.ccsj.org)
- Community Legal Services [www.clsepa.org](http://www.clsepa.org)
- Law Foundation of Silicon Valley [www.lawfoundation.org](http://www.lawfoundation.org)
  - LACY, Mental Health Advocacy Project, Health Legal Services, Fair Housing
- Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County [www.legalaidsociety.org](http://www.legalaidsociety.org)
- Pro Bono Project [www.probonoproject.org](http://www.probonoproject.org)

## Domestic Violence

**Important! Other people who use your computer can see what websites you have visited. For your safety you may want to use a computer in a safe place.**

- Support Network for Battered Women [www.supportnetwork.org](http://www.supportnetwork.org)
- Next Door [www.nextdoor.org](http://www.nextdoor.org)
- Community Solutions [www.communitysolutions.org](http://www.communitysolutions.org)
- Asian Americans for Community Involvement [www.aaci.org](http://www.aaci.org)
- MAITRI [www.maitri.org](http://www.maitri.org)
- California State website [www.ca.gov](http://www.ca.gov), then search on "domestic violence"

## State Referral and Self-Help Resources

[www.LawHelpCalifornia.org](http://www.LawHelpCalifornia.org)

### Information about Attorneys

- California State Bar [www.calbar.ca.gov](http://www.calbar.ca.gov)
- Santa Clara County Bar [www.sccbba.com](http://www.sccbba.com)
- Martindale-Hubbell attorney ratings [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com)

### Small Claims/Consumer Issues

- Department of Consumer Affairs [www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov)
- Small Claims Advisor [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)
  - Click on Self-Help, then Small Claims, then Small Claims Advisor **to email the Advisor**
  - Or call 408-882-2100, option 2, then 6
- Secretary of State (to look up agents for service of process) <http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/list.html>
- Office of Human Relations (Mediation) [www.sccdrps.org](http://www.sccdrps.org)
- District Attorney, Consumer Protection Unit <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/da/prosecution/DistrictAttorneyDepartments/Pages/Consumerprotectionunit.aspx>

*This is only a small sampling of the resources available to you on the internet. Except for its own sites, the Superior Court, County of Santa Clara does not maintain, endorse, nor take responsibility for the accuracy of any of the information on these websites.*

