



LEGAL BRIEF

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES AND LEGAL RESOURCES

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When a legal problem arises it is important to know where to turn to solve your problem. In your effort to do this you need to answer the following questions:

- (1) *What is the problem and what do you want as a solution?*
- (2) *What are the facts surrounding the problem (who, what, when, where, why)?*
- (3) *How can you prove the facts (what evidence is there)?*
- (4) *Is there a law that will allow you to get what you want?*
- (5) *How do you want to resolve the problem (counseling, negotiation, hire attorney, small claims, civil court)?*
- (6) *Is it worth the fight? Sometimes the time, expense, impact on family, etc. just aren't worth the hassle even if everything else is in your favor.*

*This handout will assist you in finding the legal assistance you need in an attempt to answer these questions and, hopefully, resolve your problem. If you know that you need a lawyer and can afford one, use **Sections I and V**. If you are not sure or cannot afford one, use **Sections II-IV**.*

I. Section I – Lawyer Referral Services and Lawyer Listings

- **Friends, Neighbors, And Relatives** - One of the best ways to find a good lawyer is to talk to people you know about their lawyers, their experiences, and recommendations.
- **Lawyer Referral Service – State Bar of Nevada**
 - Website: www.nvbar.org
 - Address: 3100 W. Charleston Blvd Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
 - Phone: (702) 382-0504 or (800) 789-5747
- **Lawyer Referral Service – American Bar Association (ABA)**
 - Website: www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/flh-home/

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- **Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory** - Lists the name, address, and phone of law firms, gives resumes of lawyers doing business in any particular city, and tells what areas of law they practice. Also gives a summary of the laws of each state and country.
- **Yellow Page Listings** - Listings are under “Attorneys” or areas such as “Attorneys-Divorce.” Ads usually include areas of law practiced and often describe qualifications and special services available, such as foreign language or free initial consultations. Please note, yellow page listings are paid advertisements.

II. Section II – Legal Assistance Agencies

- **Nevada Attorney General's Office of Military Legal Assistance (OMLA):** Provides free (*pro bono*) civil legal assistance to active duty, reserve, and National Guard service members, their spouses, and veterans.
 - Website: www.nvagomla.nv.gov/help
 - Phone: 775-687-2140
 - Email: nvagomla@ag.nv.gov
- **Crech Legal Office** – While legal assistance attorneys cannot represent you off base, they can point you in the right direction and give you advice on a wide range of topics, to include: domestic relations, landlord/tenant issues, real estate, contracts, tax, personal injury, and wills. Additionally we take walk-ins for notaries and powers of attorney, Tuesday to Thursday between 1000 – 1200 and 1300 – 1600
 - Phone: 702-404-0881 for an appointment.
 - **Note: Inform them if you are deploying to be prioritized for an appointment.**
- **Nevada Legal Services (NLS)** – Nevada Legal Services offers free legal resources for low income families, women, minorities, disabled, and others in need throughout the state.
 - Website: <https://nevadalegalservices.org> (Visit to fill out an application)
 - Phone: 702-386-0404
 - Address: 530 South 6th St., Las Vegas, NV 89101
- **Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (LACSN)** – Their mission is to preserve the access to justice and the provision of quality legal counsel, advice and representation for individuals who are unable to protect their rights because they cannot afford an attorney.
 - Website: <https://lacs.org>
 - Phone: 702-386-1070
 - Address: 725 E. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104
- **State Bar of Nevada** – Their website has a plethora of information from finding and recommending lawyer, to brochures on many legal topics (bankruptcy, divorce, real estate, etc.).
 - Website: <https://www.nvbar.org>
 - Phone: 702-382-2200
 - Address: 3100 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV
- **Public Defender’s Office** – If you need a lawyer in a criminal matter, contact a Public Defender’s Office. Area Defense Counsel may only represent military members charged with a military crime.

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- Federal Cases:
 - Phone: 702-388-6577
 - Website: <https://fpdnevada.org/>
- Clark County Special Public Defender:
 - Phone: 702-455-6265
- Area Defense Counsel (Active Duty Members Only): 702-652-4034

- **Southern Nevada Senior Law Program (SLP)** – Available to Nevada residents who are 60 years of age or older. They provide the following legal services: Estate Planning and Probate, Healthcare Directives, Real Property and Housing, Consumer Assistance, Elder Law Rights, Government Benefits and Public Entitlements, Community Outreach. There are no charges for their services, however, donations are accepted.
 - Website: <https://snslp.org/>
 - Phone: 702-229-6596
 - Address: 7690 West Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89117

- **Neighborhood Justice Center** - Provides impartial mediation for minor disputes as an alternative to litigation.
 - Website: http://www.lasvegasjusticecourt.us/divisions/neighborhood_justice_center/index.php
 - Phone: 702-455-3898
 - Address: Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89155

- **Insurance Cases** – If you have insurance, such as for an auto accident, check with your insurance company; your policy or your company may provide you an attorney.

- **Consumer Protection** –
 - The Attorney General’s Office can help you with consumer issues such as consumer fraud and unfair business practices.
 - Phone: 702-486-3420
 - Address: 555 E Washington Ave #3900, Las Vegas Nevada 89101
 - The National Association of Consumer Advocates can also help you with consumer issues.
 - Website: <http://www.consumeradvocates.org>

III. Self Help

- **Public Libraries** - If you would like to research the law or represent yourself, you may find helpful information at public libraries. Copies of the United States Code and Nevada Revised Statutes are available at most major libraries. Many legal forms are available at most libraries in the [Official Handbook of Nevada Legal Forms](#).

- **Family Law Self Help Center** - The family law self-help center provides information on the Family Court System, Nevada family law, court procedures, filing documents, legal reference materials and community agencies.
 - Website: <http://www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org/>
 - Phone: 702-455-1500
 - Address: Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89155

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- **Civil Law Self Help Center** - The civil law self-help center works to increase informed access to the legal system by providing education, information, legal forms, community referrals, and other support services to self-represented parties with civil matters in Clark County, Nevada, regardless of income, assets or citizenship.
 - Website: <http://www.civillawselfhelpcenter.org/>
 - Address: Regional Justice Center, First Floor, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
- **Clark County Law Library** – Open to the public, with over 48,000 volumes of law books including federal and state statutes
 - Address: 309 South Third Street, Suite 400, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

IV. UNLV Clinics

The William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV offers several free legal clinics where student attorneys, supervised by faculty, represent clients in need. These clinics provide hands-on experience for students and vital services to the community. Below are some of the key clinics available. For a full list and to seek assistance, please use the main clinic contact information.

- **Main Contact Information:**
 - Phone: 702-895-2080
 - Website: <https://law.unlv.edu/clinics>
- **Key Clinics Offered:**
 - **Immigration Clinic:** The only non-profit in Nevada focused on pro bono deportation defense. It also assists with DACA renewals, represents unaccompanied children, and provides services to UNLV/CSN students and staff.
 - **Economic Justice & Small Business Clinic:** Provides free transactional legal services to low-wealth entrepreneurs, small businesses, and non-profit organizations.
 - **Survivor Representation & Advocacy Clinic:** Represents survivors of traumatic violence, primarily in civil protection order hearings and post-conviction matters.
 - **Tenants' Rights Legal Residency:** In partnership with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, this clinic represents residents in eviction cases.

V. Directory of Other Legal Assistance Agencies

Service	Phone Number
Better Business Bureau	(702) 320-4500
Child Protective Services (Hotline)	(702) 399-0081
Financial Guidance Center	(702) 364-0344
Contractor Board, State	(702) 486-1100
County Recorder (Deeds, Records)	(702) 455-4336
Domestic Violence/Crisis Shelter	(702) 646-4981
Family Mediation Center	(702) 455-4186
Immigration (Info Line)	(800) 375-5283
Immigration (Military Specific Help)	(877) 247-4645
Injured Workers, Nevada Attorney	(702) 486-2830
Protective Orders	(702) 455-3400

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Clark County Senior Advocate Program
Sexual Assault Center (Hotline)

(702) 455-7051 / (888) 729-0571
(702) 366-1640

VI. Questions to Ask Your Lawyer

Your relationship with your lawyer is important. You must trust your lawyer and you must be open and honest with your lawyer.

- Do I really need a lawyer?
- What is your experience with cases like mine?
- Will you personally work on my case?
- What information and evidence do you need from me?
- How will you keep me updated on the case's progress?
- How long might my case take to resolve?
- Can we settle, negotiate, or mediate?
- What are your fees (flat fee, hourly, contingency)?
- What other costs can I expect? Do you require a retainer?
- Can we have a written fee agreement?
- What is the rough total cost going to be?

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