

What is the Community Law Program?

The Community Law Program was formed by a small group of local attorney members of the St. Petersburg Bar Association in 1989 as a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation to expand access to the legal system for those financially unable to afford legal representation. Local volunteer attorneys offer their assistance at no charge to our clients at our legal advice clinics, self-help classes, and with individual contested representation. Funding is provided by federal, state, and local governmental sources, the Florida and St. Petersburg Bar Foundations, and tax-deductible donations and annual dues.

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*All clinics are held at the above address with the exception of the Sanderlin Clinic, the Evening Divorce Forms Class, and Childs Park YMCA.

The Sanderlin Clinic is at 2335 - 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

The Childs Park YMCA is at 691-43rd Street South, St. Petersburg.

The Evening Divorce Forms 101 Class is at Roberts Recreation Center, 1246 -50th Avenue North, St. Petersburg.



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LAW STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE COMMUNITY LAW PROGRAM

Free civil legal assistance provided by St.
Petersburg Attorneys

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It is the mission of the Community Law Program, a non-profit organization, to provide pro bono (free) legal assistance to low income individuals in South Pinellas County through the use of volunteer attorneys.

Student Responsibilities

1. Law student volunteers for the Community Law Program must first learn the financial criteria and geographic guidelines used to determine eligibility and the type of cases Community Law accepts for referral. Students then begin to determine new client eligibility.
2. Students are then allowed to assist with client interviews. Many of our clients have family law problems; therefore you must become familiar with the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. Students review and assist clients in preparing Family Law forms. Students may be asked to assist the interviewing attorney with a small research project.
3. Time sheets will be kept at our office for your Pro Bono Graduation Requirement Completion Form.
4. Students are asked to arrive on time, dress appropriately, provide advance notice if unable to attend, and treat clients and attorneys with respect.
5. Questions or concerns should be directed to Kimberly Rodgers, Executive Director at 727-582-7480.

* Students may receive Legal Pro Bono credit for volunteering at the Community Law Program.

* Students may be given the opportunity to fulfill part of the course requirement for Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation by observing client interviews.



Law students may assist with the following clinics:

Sanderlin Center

2nd & 4th Tuesday 12:45 -3:00 p.m.

Volunteer students meet with clients and assist in pre-interviewing our clients regarding the facts of their case. The legal issues include family and civil. This clinic is held at the James Sanderlin Family Service Center, 2335 – 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

Courthouse Legal Assistance Project

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Volunteer students meet with clients and assist in pre-interviewing our clients regarding the facts of their case. The legal issues include family and civil.

Divorce Forms 101 Class

3rd Thursday 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Volunteer students assist clients on disassembling their divorce packet and helping them complete the packet of Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms for Divorce.

Evening Divorce Forms 101 Class

1st Thursday 5: 15-7:30 p.m.

Volunteer students assist clients on disassembling their divorce packet and helping them complete the packet of Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms for Divorce. This clinic is held at Roberts Recreation Center located at 1246 -50th Avenue North, St. Petersburg..

Family Forms Review Clinic

2nd & 4th Thursday 11:45 -1:00 p.m.

Volunteer students meet with clients and review their completed packet of Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms.

Housing Clinic

1st and 3rd Friday 12:45- 3:00 p.m.

Volunteer students meet with clients and assist in pre-interviewing our clients regarding the facts of their case. The legal issues may include foreclosures and landlord/tenant.

Childs Park YMCA

4th Friday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer students meet with clients and assist in pre-interviewing our clients regarding the facts of their case. The legal issues include family and civil. This clinic is located at 691-43rd Street South, St. Petersburg.

Probate Clinic

3rd Tuesday 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Volunteer students meet with clients and assist in pre-interviewing our clients regarding the facts of their case. The legal issues include the probate of wills, trusts and administration of a deceased person's estate and/or the guardianship of minors and and/or the elderly.

Bankruptcy Clinic

2nd Friday of the month 9:30 a.m. - noon

Volunteer students meet with clients and assist them with completing their Bankruptcy Questionnaire prior to meeting with the volunteer attorney.