

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, the Pinellas Community Foundation, and tax-deductible donations and annual dues.

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***All clinics are held at the above address.**



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LAW STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT 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
empower the most vulnerable in our
community through pro bono legal
representation and assistance, education,
and outreach.***

Student Responsibilities

1. Law student volunteering with Community Law Program must first review a series of training videos that provide an overview of their role as a volunteer with our organization.
 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 or to clp@lawprogram.org.
- * Students may receive Legal Pro Bono credit for volunteering at 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.
- * Community Law Program also offers many opportunities to obtain non-legal pro bono credit. Inquiries about that should also be directed to Kimberly Rodgers at clp@lawprogram.org.



Law students may assist with the following:

William L. Penrose Family Law Clinic

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.

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.

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.

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 administration of a deceased person's estate and/or the guardianship of minors 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.

Telephone Intake

Mondays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.; 3rd & 4th Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon

Volunteer students call clients who have signed up to attend advice clinics and conduct pre-interviews over the telephone. After interviewing clients over the telephone, students will then prepare a written statement of facts.