

Washoe Legal Services

Senior Law Center

Who we are

- The Washoe Legal Services Center for Seniors and the Law (Senior Legal Center) is a partnership between the Washoe County Human Services Agency, the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division, and Washoe Legal Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit legal aid organization.
- The Senior Legal Center staff are Washoe Legal Services employees located in the Washoe County Senior Services building.
- Our office is open to walk-ins, though we generally schedule appointments with attorneys a week after the initial intake.

What we do

- We provide legal assistance to Washoe County residents age 60 and older, regardless of income.
- Assistance does not necessarily mean representation; instead, it includes levels of service like:
 - Brief services (advise and counsel)
 - Limited services (service that does not rise to representation)
 - Full service (representation at a hearing or in court)

Areas of assistance

- Generally, we assist clients with most civil issues; however, we prioritize public benefits and housing. Therefore, most of our focus concerns:
 - Housing issues
 - Government benefits
 - Consumer issues
 - Administration and probate of small estates
 - Elder abuse and exploitation
 - Immigration issues

Housing Issues

- Evictions (no-payment, no-cause, lease violation, nuisance, etc...)
 - Tenant assistance only
- Habitability issues
- Essential Service issues
- Fair Housing violations, including disability issues
- Loss of subsidized housing
- Foreclosure
- Illegal lockouts
- Security deposits

Government Benefits

- Medicare issues
- Medicaid issues
- Social Security issues including overpayments
- Social Security Disability Insurance issues
- Unemployment issues including overpayments
- Reno Housing Authority issues
- SNAP issues

Consumer Issues

- Debt collection
- Fraud
- Deceptive Trade Practices
- Car repossession
- Contract disputes
- Overcharging
- Mechanic disputes
- Small Claims Court (advise and counsel only)

Other areas of assistance

- Administration and probate of small estates
- Basic wills (no trusts)
- Health care directives
- Financial powers of attorney
- Elder abuse and exploitation
- Immigration issues

Pro Bono Referrals

- The Senior Law Center does not assist clients with family law, intellectual property law, or criminal law issues.
- However, Washoe Legal Services has an active pro bono program where local attorneys volunteer their time to assist clients on a no-cost basis. If the Senior Law Center attorney cannot assist you, it is possible a local pro bono attorney can.

Contact Information

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