

## PRO SE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### **Pro Se Assistance: Court Administration, Courts Information and Resource Center**

- This program provides procedural assistance to the public. Staff will assist self-represented litigants set family law cases for hearing and information regarding family law forms. Staff is prohibited from giving legal advice. Hours of operation - Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This office serves St. Petersburg and Clearwater sections. Referral telephone number: (727)582-7200. Approved family law related forms are available at [www.jud6.org](http://www.jud6.org) (representing yourself in court section) or from the clerk of court for a fee.

**Community Law Program - St. Petersburg Courthouse** - Description: This program provides free civil legal assistance for low income residents of South Pinellas County. Please contact the programs for information on locations. Call (727)582-7402 for an appointment. For further information go to [www.lawprogram.org](http://www.lawprogram.org). The offices are located at 501 First Avenue N, Room 512, St Petersburg, FL 33701

**Clearwater Legal Clinics** – Clinic offerings may change periodically. Clinics are limited to residents of North Pinellas County and are income limited. Please contact Gulfcoast Legal Services at 727-443-0657 for information on what clinics are available and when they are being held.

**Self-Help Center – Clerk of Court, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit & Community Law Program**- This program offers affordable consultations with an attorney, provides software for completing eviction, divorce and small claims forms, and provides forms and packets for Family, landlord/tenant and small claims actions. The Self-Help Centers are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are two locations: Old Clearwater Courthouse, phone (727) 464-5150, 324 S. Ft Harrison Ave, Clearwater, FL 33756 and St Petersburg Judicial Building, phone (727) 582-7941, 545 First Ave N, St Petersburg, FL 33701.

**Gulfcoast Legal Services - Clearwater & St. Petersburg Program** - Description: Representation of people meeting federal income guidelines by staff attorneys in limited civil matters. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday. Referral telephone numbers: Clearwater (727)443-0657; St. Petersburg (727)821-0726.

**Bay Area Legal Services- Legal Aid Line**- This program provides telephone legal assistance and will provide informational materials by mail. Call 1-(813)-232-1343 and 1-(800)-625-2257.

**Law Library - Clearwater** - Description: The law library may be used to do legal research. However the librarians cannot give legal advice. Referral number: (727)464-3411.

**St. Petersburg Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service** – This service provides assistance to callers by referring them to attorneys with experience in the appropriate area of law or to area agencies able to provide assistance. All attorneys are in good standing with The Florida Bar and are required to carry professional liability insurance. If you'd like to obtain a referral to an attorney, contact during business hours, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 727-821-5450.

**Clearwater Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service** - This service provides referrals to attorneys for legal consultation. Only attorneys who are in good standing with The Florida Bar and the Clearwater Bar Association can participate in the Clearwater Bar Lawyer Referral Service. In addition, the attorney must have professional liability insurance. The hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (727) 461-4880 for assistance.