

**About Community Legal
Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.
(CLSMF)**

The mission of CLSMF is to provide access to justice through high quality legal assistance to low-income persons.

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. provides free legal assistance to eligible low-income persons in civil matters (we do not provide legal assistance in criminal or traffic matters).

CLSMF provides community education seminars and detailed informational brochures on the major areas of law we practice. Please see the back of this brochure for a complete listing of offices.



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**Community Legal Services of
Mid-Florida Offices:**

***BREVARD: 1-866-469-7444**

CITRUS & SUMTER
106 N. Osceola Ave., Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 726-6592 — CITRUS
1-800-984-2918— SUMTER

FLAGLER: 1-800-405-1417

HERNANDO: 1-866-801-5566

LAKE— (352) 343-6351
226 West Main St., Tavares, FL 32778

MARION— (352) 629-6257
2300 SE 17th St. Suite 201
Ocala, FL 34471

***ORANGE — (407) 841-7777**
122 E. Colonial Drive, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

OSCEOLA — (407) 933-1791
800 North Main St., Kissimmee, FL 34744

PUTNAM: (386) 385-0928
216 S. 6th Street, Palatka, FL 32177

***SEMINOLE: (407) 322-6673**

VOLUSIA — (386) 258-5600
128 Orange Ave., Suite 100,
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Client toll-free number: 1-800-363-2357

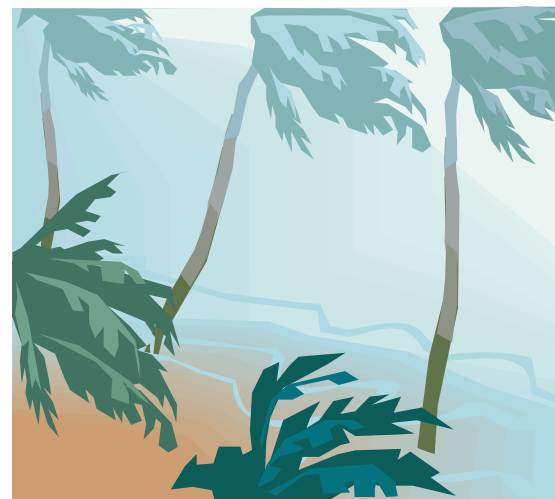
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: (386)506-5396

info@clsmf.org
http://www.clsmf.org

***Offices currently not offering Family Law services**



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**HOME REPAIR
DO'S & DON'TS**

**AFTER THE
STORM**

SOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING DO'S AND DON'TS

- DO** ask to see the contractor's license and make sure it matches the person showing it;
- DO** determine how long the contractor has been in business;
- DO** contact the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (1-850-487-2252) or www.myflorida.com to verify the current status of the license;
- DO** ask for references and check them out;
- DO** choose several contractors and get estimates from each; and
- DO** get the agreement in writing – read the contract, fill in all the blank spaces, make sure it contains the contractor's name, address, telephone number, license number, description of the work, completion date, and any warranty agreements.
- DON'T** hire a contractor who requires advance payment – arrange to pay upon completion or in installments;
- DON'T** sign the work completion certificate until all the work is satisfactorily completed;
- DON'T** pay cash; and
- DON'T** pull the construction permits.



WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS!

Victims of Natural Disasters should take care not to be victimized a second time—by unscrupulous adjusters, contractors or retailers.

Verify that an adjuster is licensed by calling **1-800-227-8676**.

Consumers should verify that a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) or SBA (Small Business Administration) representative has a laminated photo ID card. A FEMA or SBA jacket or shirt is not proof of an affiliation.

“The price-gouging statute does not forbid making a profit but it does forbid profiteering.”

Consumers can check if a contractor is licensed at www.myfloridalicense.com.

Any suspected fraud or price gouging can be reported to the State Attorney General's office at **1-866-966-7226**

