

I need an attorney, but can't afford one. What should I do?

The Volusia County Bar Association and the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF), has established a program to provide low-cost legal services for individuals not eligible for CLSMF's free legal assistance.



If you need an attorney in Volusia County and you do not qualify for CLSMF's free legal services, you may qualify for the Reduced Fee Program (RFP). RFP is available for civil (non-criminal or traffic) cases only.

How does RFP work?

You must first contact the CLSMF RFP Coordinator at (386) 255-6573 ext. 2445. You will be asked for information and documentation regarding your income and assets to evaluate your eligibility for the program. If you do qualify, you will need to bring in (or send) the required amount of money, including the attorney retainer fee and any applicable cost advances, such as a court filing fees and sheriff's fees.

After you have paid the required costs, you will be referred to an attorney in Volusia County who is experienced in your type of case and who has agreed to accept reduced fee cases. Your attorney-client relationship will be solely with that attorney.

What will it cost?

The Reduced Fee Program has established fees for the different types of cases handled through the program:

Type of Case	Minimum Fee
Uncontested Divorce	\$350
Uncontested Divorce (with children)	\$600
Contested Divorce	\$700
Uncontested Unrelated to Divorce: <i>Custody / Visitation / Support / Paternity</i>	\$600
Contested Unrelated to Divorce: <i>Custody / Visitation / Support / Paternity</i>	\$700
Injunction for Protection Hearing	\$350
Establishment of Child Support (Administrative)	\$350
Adoption (w/consent of other parent)	\$350
Name Change	\$350
Document Preparation (<i>Healthcare power of Attorney, Simple Wills, Durable Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Pre Need Guardian</i>)	\$65
Other Hourly Work (<i>Evictions, Foreclosure Defense, Demand Letters, Residential leases</i>)	\$150

Do I qualify?

Eligibility for the RFP is based upon individual or family annual income. If your income is below the levels listed below for the size of your family, you may qualify for assistance with your civil legal problem.



2009 Income Eligibility Requirements

Family Size	Yearly Income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580
6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$70,020

For each additional family member, allow \$7,480 per year.

Ordinarily, the Reduced Fee Program is available only in Volusia County, but there may be exceptions.

Contact us at (386) 255-6573 ext. 2445

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.

CLSMF provides free legal assistance to eligible low-income persons in civil matters. CLSMF's Reduced Fee Program provides legal services at a reduced fee to eligible persons in Volusia County who do not qualify for free services.

CLSMF also provides community education seminars and detailed informational brochures on the major areas of law we practice.

****We do not provide legal assistance in criminal or traffic matters. ****



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