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Law School Legal Clinics

by Elizabeth Harmon

For an individual or individuals looking for free legal advice or assistance with a legal matter, a number of university law schools and private law schools in Orange County provide a variety of clinics to address particular legal problems. The clinics range from tax law clinics to family violence clinics. Each university clinic has their own criteria for selecting applicants to assist. Below is a short description of some of the university legal clinics located in Orange County:

1. **Chapman University** has a cross section of clinics to choose from:

Alona Cortese Elder Law Center provides service to needy seniors in partnership with county legal aid groups and pro-bono attorneys in such areas as wills, elder abuse, advance health care directives, and consumer rights. (714) 628-2577.

Bette & Wylie Aitken Family Violence Clinic assists clients who have suffered domestic violence; victims of human trafficking; help with protection order problems and immigration. (714) 628-2612.

Constitutional Jurisprudence Clinic has participated in a number of cases that have gone before the United States Supreme Court, some of which have become landmark cases. (714) 628-2587 or (714) 628-2666.

Entertainment Contracts Law Clinic students work with independent, small-budget filmmakers to prepare production-based contracts and documents, while providing production-type legal advice for their feature-length film. (714) 628-2675.

Tax Law Clinic is the longest-running clinic at the School of Law and has helped thousands of taxpayers.

The students, supervised by attorney-professors, assist the clients in various ways, which can include meeting with the IRS to negotiate a settlement or appear in court if the settlement attempts fail. (714) 628-2535.

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Limiting Attorney Fees

by John Patrick Quigley

Using Our Library

We advise you to use our library before contacting the below resources. We may be able to refer you to appropriate printed and/or online materials. Nolo Press books are especially helpful. (1) If our materials don't answer all your questions, they will hopefully educate you enough so you can better communicate with an attorney. See our 2009 article for Self-Helpers,

www.ocpll.org/transcript/transcript_2009_08.pdf.

Lawyer Referral & Information Service

This is sponsored by the Orange County Bar, www.lrisoc.org, or call (949) 440-6747. A \$25 administrative fee is waived for Criminal Law, Family Law, Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury, Social Security and Workers' Compensation matters.

Users get up to three consecutive referrals for brief consultations to review issues and fees. For a Modest Means program of reduced fees for Bankruptcy, Consumer Law, Elder Law, Family Law, Housing, and Immigration, users may have to provide financial information.

Partial Attorney Help: Consultation & "Unbundling"

You can consult an attorney without retaining him to represent you. Or you could retain an attorney to represent you on only part of a case. This is called Limited Scope Representation, or "unbundling." Optimum use might be a divorce, where everything is agreed upon except child custody and support - best handled by an attorney.

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2. Trinity Law School has a variety of legal clinics that partner with three organizations.

Christian Legal Aid Office of Orange County offers free legal advice and representation to those who cannot afford legal services. Trinity law students work under the supervision of an attorney. (800) 922-4748.

Mobile Legal Clinic is a mobile law office that is operated in conjunction with the Orange County Rescue Mission. Trinity students provide pro-bono legal help to those who have no other avenue to legal services. (800) 922-4748.

Orange County Rescue Mission hosts a legal clinic operated by the law school. Trinity students offer legal help under the supervision of an attorney. (800) 922-4748.

Pacific Justice Institute is a legal aid organization that concentrates on the defense of religious freedom and is located on the Trinity campus. (800) 922-4748.

3. UC Irvine School of Law has a number of legal clinics.

Appellate Litigation Clinic offers law student representation in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. (800) 824-0066.

Community & Economic Development Clinic partners law students with community groups, non-profit groups, private citizens, and small businesses on transactional matters. (949) 824-9660.

Consumer Protection Clinic works with the California Monitor. Students respond to consumer complaints regarding bank conduct. (949) 824-6683.

Immigrants' Rights Clinic provides immigrants and immigrant organizations representation in an assortment of legal matters. (949) 824-9660.

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing Civil Rights Clinic joins a law student with a DFEH attorney who supervises the student's work with employment discrimination lawsuits, neutral investigations filed with the DFEH plus works on class and group action lawsuits. (949) 824-8907.

Family Violence Clinic helps clients who have suffered from domestic violence. Students offer advice regarding the law and assistance in court. (949) 824-7916.

4. Whittier Law School offers three legal clinics.

Children's Advocacy Clinic represents minor children and their caregivers. Students work closely with clients on cases filed in Orange County Family Law and Probate Courts. (714) 444-4141.

Special Education Clinic students assist minor children seeking special education services. (714) 444-4141.

Center for Intellectual Property Law. Please contact the school for details.

5. College Legal Clinic, Inc. – Cal State Fullerton

The *College Legal Clinic* has three offices that offer students and low-income community members reasonable costs when seeking quality legal help. Students and the general public can receive referrals to several practicing attorneys by calling

Limiting Attorney Fees*(Continued from page 1)***Pro Bono & Free Legal Help**

Legal Aid Society of Orange County at www.legal-aid.com/, or call (800) 834-5001 or (714) 571-5200. Indigent clients may be referred to the Public Law Center, 601 W. Civic Center Drive, which advertises everything from clinics and brief advice, to full representation. Clients' cases include family law, consumer fraud, student loans, bankruptcy, wills, and tort defense. www.publiclawcenter.org or call (714) 641-1010.


Legal Document Assistants and Unlawful Detainer Assistants

Business & Professions Code Section 6400 (g): "A legal document assistant may not provide any kind of advice, explanation, opinion, or recommendation to a consumer about possible rights, remedies, defenses, options, selection of forms or strategies...." For further information, see Section 6400 et seq. **(2)** For local Document Assistants, ask for our handout and see "Legal Documents & Forms Preparation" in the Yellow Pages.

Law School Legal Clinics


Legal clinics typically staffed by supervised students are listed in a separate article in this newsletter. It describes various clinics and the types of cases they handle.

Other Free and Low Cost Legal Help

Many of the above resources, and others, are included in the California Courts' Self-Help website at www.courts.ca.gov - more extensive, so more difficult to use. 

(1) The full text of some Nolo Press books are available on the EBSCO database, which can be accessed through our website at www.ocpll.org/databases.html

(2) The Business & Professions Code can be found, with the other California Codes, at www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html

or visiting one of the Legal Clinic offices. Twenty minute consultations with an attorney are free to students and faculty from Cal State Fullerton or other participating schools. Members of the public can purchase a \$25.00 College Legal Clinic, Inc. membership, which is good for one year of consultation services. (657) 278-5850 or (714) 870-5757. 

Coffee Break


by Kelsey Chrisley



Civics Quiz Time

Do you remember your civic lessons? How many questions can you answer correctly in ONE minute? Award yourself 1 point for each correct answer.

1. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
2. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
3. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government? (4 points if you name all 4 correctly)
4. What is one responsibility that is only for United States Citizens? (2 points if you name 2 correctly)
5. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
6. When was the Constitution written?
7. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
(Bonus point if you know the famous city in upstate New York in which she lived.)
8. Who was President during World War I?
9. Name one state that borders Canada (13 points if you name all)
10. What is the "rule of law"?
11. What is the name of the President of the United States now?
12. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
13. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
14. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
15. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

The civic quiz questions are from the newly received *Civic Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test* (KF4819.85.C58 2012) and the *Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons for the Naturalization Test* (KF4819.85.L43 2012) from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Both items are located on the 4th floor in the area for immigration practice materials and forms. Other nearby resources include *Immigration Procedures Handbook* (KF4819.I484), *Immigration Law Service 2d* (KF4815.I47 2004), *Asylum Case Law Sourcebook: Case Abstracts for U.S. Court Decisions* (KF4836.A53M37 2011) and *Kurzman's Immigration Law Sourcebook: A Comprehensive Outline and Reference Tool* (KF4819.3.K87). 

(Answers are located on page 4)



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I live in the city of Santa Ana. Can I have a Garage Sale?

A

Yes, see Santa Ana Municipal Code, Chapter 41 Zoning, Article II Use Districts, Section 41-193 Garage sale regulations. Santa Ana Municipal Code at <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=14452>

By Lu Nguyen

Looking at the Web

by Mora Prestinary



IMMIGRATION

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis

FREE LAW SCHOOL LEGAL CLINICS

Chapman University School of Law: www.chapman.edu/law/legal-clinics/index.aspx

Alona Cortese Elder Law Center
Constitutional Jurisprudence Clinic
Entertainment Contracts Law Clinic
Bette and Wylie Aitken Family Violence Clinic
Mediation Clinic
Tax Law Clinics

UCI School of Law: www.law.uci.edu/clinics/

Appellate Litigation Clinic
Community and Economic Development (CED) Clinic
Consumer Protection Clinic
Environmental Law Clinic
Immigrant Rights Clinic (IRC)
International Justice Clinic


Western State College of Law: www.wsulaw.edu/academics-and-programs/legal-clinic.aspx

Immigration Clinic

Whittier Law School: www.law.whittier.edu/index/centers-programs/legal-clinics/

Children's Advocacy Clinic
Family Violence Clinic
Special Education Clinic

Cal. State Fullerton Legal Clinic: <http://asi.fullerton.edu/services/collegeLegalClinic.asp>

"Our goal is to address all legal matters and to provide students and low-income members of the public with immediate legal assistance in a friendly, efficient and structured manner." 

Answers to Civics Quiz:

1. The Speaker of the House.
2. The President.
3. To print money, declare war, create an army, and to make treaties.
4. Serve on a jury and vote in a federal election.
5. Thomas Jefferson.
6. 1787.
7. Fought for women's rights and fought for civil rights.
Bonus point: Rochester, NY.
8. Woodrow Wilson.
9. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Alaska.
10. Everyone must follow the law, leaders must obey the law, government must obey the law and no one is above the law.
11. Barack Obama.
12. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
13. Democrat and Republican.
14. John Boehner.
15. At the age of 18 (and between 18 and 26 if you're new to the USA).



Wildlife at the Law Library



Summer Book Display: Coffee Table Books

The U.S. Government Printing Office is the federal government's primary resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing and preserving published information in all its forms. It provides publishing and dissemination services for the official and authentic government publications to Congress, Federal agencies, and Federal depository libraries. The GPO is the largest publisher in the world.

Our Summer Book Display features a selection of the many beautiful books published by the GPO, as well as books published by the Irvine Museum.



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WHAT'S GOING ON

New!**WestlawNext™****Training:
1 hour CLE**

Overview of WestlawNext by West Trainer Amy Dhal.

Participants will receive 1 hour CLE credit

Date: Wednesday September 18

Time: 11 am

Where: Library Conference Room B

Training is free and space is limited, Please reserve your spot by contacting Molly Solazzo, 714-834-3001, msolazzo@ocpll.org.

E-Filing station available at Law Library

The Library has set up a dedicated computer station in our Public Computer area for E-filing for cases in Orange County Superior Court. The station has direct links to the Court's website which lists (and provides links to) the mandated Electronic Filing Service Providers; it has Open Office software for you to compose pleadings, and a dedicated scanner for documents that you need to scan to submit to the Court.

The Library will be Closed:

Thursday July 4th
and
Labor Day Weekend:
August 31 (Saturday)
& September 2 (Monday)

Orange County Public Law Library

Monday-Thursday	8 am - 6 pm
Friday	8 am - 5 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm

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