

**W**ho is eligible for services?  
Persons seeking legal services (legal aid) must qualify for services. Financial guidelines are established by the Legal Services Corporation and approved by the CLS Board of Directors. Standards are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines and number of persons in a family (household).

**W**hat are 'certain civil matters'?  
CLS accepts cases that are within the substantive areas of legal practice as determined by the Legal Services Corporation and the CLS Board of Directors and that fall within our 'areas of legal practice'. They are Family Law; Housing Law; Consumer Law; Health, Education, Benefits, Income Tax, Employment Law and the legal issues of farmworkers.

**W**hat if I qualify financially, but CLS doesn't handle my type of case, or if I am not eligible for services?  
CLS' staff will work to refer you to the agency or program best suited to your needs. CLS may provide you with printed materials. You may also call Community Information and Referral helpline at (602) 263-8856.

**W**hat is the CLS service area?  
CLS provides access to certain civil legal services to program eligible persons residing within Maricopa, Mohave, LaPaz, Yavapai, and Yuma counties. CLS provides services to Native Americans living off reservations in Maricopa County, and to migrant farmworkers and seasonal

Community Legal Services does not handle cases in which an attorney receives a fee. CLS does not handle traffic tickets, criminal cases or immigration cases. If you have a criminal case, you should contact the Public Defender's Office

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**COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES**  
**Maricopa County Central Office**  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85003  
(602) 258-3434 1-800-852-9075 TTY: (602) 254-9852

**Volunteer Lawyers Program**  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85003  
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**Eastside Office - Mesa**  
1220 S. Alma School Rd. #206  
Mesa, Arizona 85210  
(480) 833-1442 1-800-896-3631 TTY: (480) 644-0572

**Yavapai County Office - Prescott**  
401 N. Mount Vernon  
Prescott, Arizona 86301  
(928) 445-9240 1-800-233-5114 Arizona Relay - 711

**Mohave/LaPaz Counties Office - Kingman**  
1720 E. Beverly Avenue, Suite A  
Kingman, Arizona 86409  
(928) 681-1177 1-800-255-9031 TTY: (928) 681-7281

**Yuma County Office - Yuma**  
204 South 1st Avenue  
Yuma, Arizona 85364  
(928) 782-7511 1-800-424-7962 Arizona Relay - 711

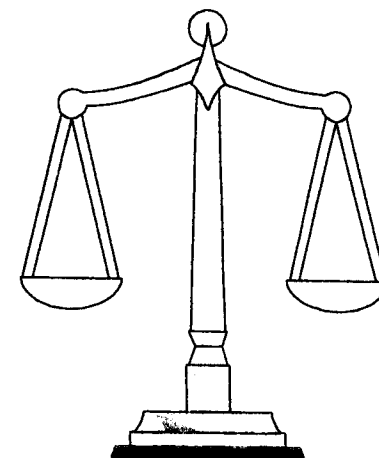
**Farmworker Program - Main Office**  
305 South Second Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003  
(602) 258-3434 1-800-356-7115 TTY: (602) 254-9852

**Farmworker Program - San Luis Office**  
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San Luis, Arizona 85349  
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## COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES (CLS)

Community Legal Services ("CLS") is a not-for-profit Arizona law firm incorporated in 1952. As a promoter of "*equal justice for all*", CLS provides high-quality legal advice, assistance and/or direct representation in certain civil matters to indigent and low-income individuals and families residing in CLS service areas. Through its public education and outreach programs, CLS promotes self-sufficiency. On behalf of our client community, who would otherwise have no recourse for the resolution of civil legal problems affecting their "*basic survival needs and rights*", CLS pursues aggressive advocacy in the following areas:

- **Family Law**

The focus of CLS' Family Law practice is to support the integrity, safety and well-being of the family. CLS is committed to providing protection against family abuse, violence and/or exploitation, particularly violence directed at the most vulnerable of family members: women, children and the elderly.

- **Housing Law**

CLS recognizes that adequate shelter is a fundamental need of all individuals. Our Housing Law staff provides legal assistance and representation in housing related issues and assists clients in maintaining affordable, healthy and safe living conditions, avoid homelessness, and avoid or correct situations which may threaten ones' home equity, ownership or rental status.

- **Health, Education, Benefits and Employment Law**

CLS works to promote self-sufficiency of our client community and to protect the physical, emotional and economic health of families and individuals. CLS' Health, Education, Benefits and Employment staff place a priority on cases in which access to health care, public school education, disability and other benefits are at risk, particularly for the working poor and those attempting to

avoid dependency and poverty. CLS' Health, Education and Benefits advocates work to maintain economic stability by ensuring access to sources of income designed to assist persons in need. In the employment area, staff make appropriate referrals and focus on unpaid wage claims.

- **Consumer Law**

The CLS Consumer Law staff work to protect clients from unscrupulous schemes, illegal loans, excessive interest charges and fraudulent sales and promises.

- **Farmworker Law Program**

This program addresses the unique legal issues associated with employment and wage issues, shelter, transportation, income tax and migrant status for the 150,000 farm workers, migrant farm workers and seasonal agricultural workers in Arizona.

Community Legal Services serves families, individuals, the disabled, and those suffering from mental illness. We offer special programs designed around children's legal issues, clients with HIV/AIDS, bankruptcy, and victims of domestic violence. Supplementing our civil legal services are self-help measures, including clinics, workshops and Community OutReach and Education programs (C.O.R.E.).

**Please have all information about your case and your household income ready when you visit or call CLS.**

Community Legal Services, Inc., does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, disability or national origin in its relations with service applicants or employees. This brochure can be made available in alternate formats. Call 602-258-3434 x2150.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**W**hat is Community Legal Services?

Community Legal Services is a non-profit Arizona law firm dedicated to providing equal access to our civil justice system for those who cannot afford it and reside within our service areas. CLS provides free legal advice, services, and when appropriate, direct representation to low-income, eligible persons in certain civil matters.

**W**ho will handle my case?

CLS hires attorneys from law schools all over the country. Most legal service attorneys choose this area of practice (public interest law) because their professional and personal goals are to provide important legal assistance and services for those in need. CLS' staff also include professional and experienced paralegals and legal secretaries. Trained and efficient intake workers help you through the intake (or eligibility) process. An attorney may handle your case, or it may be handled by a paralegal under the supervision of an attorney. Each unit is supervised by a managing attorney. As do all law firms, CLS' staff maintain client confidentiality. Occasionally, cases may be referred to the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP).

**W**hat is VLP?

The Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) is co-sponsored by CLS and the Maricopa County Bar Association. The VLP's mission is to increase access to justice for people with low incomes by increasing volunteer legal services by private attorneys. The VLP recruits and supports volunteer attorneys who provide representation, legal advice or brief assistance to clients who are financially eligible for CLS, but cannot be served by CLS due to limited resources.