

Washoe Legal Services

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About Washoe Legal Services

Washoe Legal Services (WLS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit legal aid organization founded in 1965.

- WLS offers free and low-cost services in civil cases to individuals and families who cannot afford to hire an attorney
- Since its inception, WLS has assisted thousands of northern Nevada residents in a variety of areas.
- In 2021, WLS assisted in over 8,820 legal matters in northern Nevada.
- WLS has two main office locations: 299 S. Arlington Ave in downtown Reno and a Senior Legal Center (SLC) at the Washoe County Senior Center.

About the Senior Legal Center

- The Senior Law Center (SLC) is a partnership between the Washoe County Human Services Agency, the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division, and Washoe Legal Services.
- At the SLC, we provide NO COST quality legal services to seniors aged 60 years and older in northwestern Nevada (Washoe, Lyon, Douglas, and Storey Counties, and Carson City).
- Assistance may include brief or limited services, as well as full legal representation, depending on the legal issues involved. The SLC also makes referrals to other resources, where appropriate.
- The SLC serves approximately 1,000 clients per year.

About the Senior Legal Center, cntd.

- ✓ SLC business hours are Monday through Friday
 - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- ✓ Located at 1155 East 9th Street, Reno, Nevada 89512 (in the Washoe County complex off Wells Ave and I-80)
- ✓ Phone number 775-332-0606 to schedule an appointment and for general information
- ✓ Website www.washoelegalservices.org
- ✓ Appointments are conducted via phone and in person
- ✓ Appointments generally booked within a week or two of intake

SLC Primary Areas of Law

- ▶ Housing Issues (eviction, habitability, accessibility, etc)
- ▶ Consumer issues (scams, fraud, debt collection, merchant disputes, illegal towing, etc)
- ▶ Income and public benefits (social security, unemployment, Medicaid, Medicare, etc)
- ▶ Simple estate planning (probate, power of attorney, information on holographic wills)
- ▶ Elder abuse & exploitation and age discrimination
- ▶ Immigration (out of the main office at 299 S. Arlington)

WLS Funding

WLS receives funding for its SLC from:

ADSD grants

Washoe County contract

Nevada State Bar Foundation/IOLTA funds

Portion of designated NRS court filing fees

Donations from grateful clients

WLS Board and Management actively seek financial support in order to expand our services

Other WLS Programs

- ❖ Self Help
- ❖ Adult Guardianship
- ❖ Child Advocacy
- ❖ Domestic Violence
- ❖ Medical Legal Partnership with Northern Nevada HOPES

For more information about WLS
or the SLC, please contact us at
775-332-0606 or 775-329-2727

Any Questions??