

Help for Tenants & Landlords

Santa Clara County

TENANTS

- **Self-Help Center, Superior Court**
Will help you respond to Court papers and ask for more time if there's a judgment against you. First-come, first-served help beginning at 8:15 am, M-Th, forms only provided on Fri. Long line forms so it is recommended that you arrive well before 8 am.
408-882-2926
www.sccselfservice.org
www.sccsuperiorcourt.org
- **Santa Clara County Legal Aid Society** - daily Clinic
408-998-5200
www.legalaidsociety.org
- **Bay Area Legal Aid (BALA)**
Workshops and one-on-one help for income-qualified clients
408-283-3700
www.baylegal.org
- **Pro Bono Project**
(408) 998-5298
www.probonoproject.org
- **Asian Law Alliance**
408-287-9710
www.asianlawalliance-ala.org
- **Law Foundation -**
 - **Mental Health Advocacy Project**
 - **Fair Housing Law Project** - Housing discrimination
 - **AIDS Legal Services**408-293-4790
www.lawfoundation.org
- **Santa Clara County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service**
408-971-6822
www.sccba.org/legalconsumer
- **Law Library**
408-299-3567
www.sccll.org
- **Books** available at Libraries and major booksellers

LANDLORDS

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Watch Unlawful Detainer court hearings in dept. 3 (191 N. First St., San Jose – corner of Market & W. St. James) from 9 am to 12:30 on W, Th and F mornings.

Self-Help Center, 99 Notre Dame Avenue, San Jose, CA 95113
408-882-2900 x-2926

www.sccselfservice.org
Santa Clara County
Self-Help website

www.sccsuperiorcourt.org
Santa Clara County
General website

www.legalselfhelp.ca.gov
State of California
Self-Help website

Other Websites and General Information

- **Free forms (this program helps you fill them out!)** www.scselfservice.org/home/ezform.htm
- **Civil Court Clerk's & Calendar Offices** 408-882-2100
- **Santa Clara County Sheriff – Civil Division** 408-299-2003
- **The Housing Authority** 408-275-8770
www.hacsc.org
- **California Rules of Court** www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/
- **Free State (Judicial Council) Legal Forms** www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms
- **Free (Local) Legal Forms** www.sccsuperiorcourt.org
- **California Code ("The Law")** www.leginfo.ca.gov
 1. Click "California Law",
 2. Select the code you are interested in (ex. "Civil Procedure")
 3. click "search" (You will get a Table of Contents for that section of the Code)

Books about Court Process & Laws

- California Practice Guides, published by The Rutter Group
- California Procedure (Witkin), Bancroft-Whitney
- Sample Forms – Forms of Pleading and Practice, Matthew Bender
- Some sample forms – California Civil Practice, Bancroft-Whitney
- Sample legal citations - California Points and Authorities, Matthew Bender
- Summary of California Law (Witkin), Bancroft-Whitney
- California Eviction Defense Manual, Myron Moskowitz
- California Landlord-Tenant Practice, Myron Moskowitz
- California Tenant's Handbook, Myron Moskowitz
- Preparing for Trial - Civil Trials and Evidence, The Rutter Group
- Evidence - The Evidence Benchbook; Evidence, Witkin

FREE Mediation Services

- Santa Clara County Office of Human Relations 408-792-2321

408 area code unless otherwise noted...

CITY	AGENCY	PHONE #
Campbell	Campbell Rent Mediation	243-8565
Cupertino	Project Sentinel	720-9888
Gilroy	Project Sentinel	842-7740
Los Altos & Los Altos Hills	Los Altos Mediation	650-949-5267
Los Gatos	Project Sentinel	402-0307
Milpitas	Project Sentinel	946-6582
Monte Sereno	Consumer Protection Unit	792-2880
Morgan Hill	Project Sentinel	842-7740
Mountain View	Mountain View Mediation Services	650-960-0495
Palo Alto	Palo Alto Mediation Program	650-856-4062
San Jose	Legal Aid/Housing Project	283-1540
Santa Clara	Project Sentinel	720-9888
Saratoga	Consumer Protection Unit	792-2880
Sunnyvale	Project Sentinel	720-9888
Unincorporated Santa Clara County	Project Sentinel Consumer Protection Unit	720-9888 792-2880