

# Help for Tenants & Landlords Santa Clara County

## TENANTS *and* LANDLORDS

- [www.EZLegalFile.org](http://www.EZLegalFile.org) – FREE program that helps you fill out legal forms to **START** or **ANSWER** an Unlawful Detainer case.

Does not help with “Stays” or “Set Asides.”

Important note: This is not online filing. You must print out and file the forms with the Court.

- **Self-Help Center, Superior Court** 408-882-2926  
Helps you fill out legal forms to START, ANSWER, REQUEST DEFAULT and fill out JUDGMENT forms in an Unlawful Detainer case. Also helps you to ask for more time to move (a “Stay”) and/or to ask to set aside (“cancel”) the judgment. First-come, first-served help beginning at 8:30 am, M-Th; only forms provided on Fri. Long line forms so it is recommended that you arrive well before 8 am.  
[www.scsselfservice.org](http://www.scsselfservice.org)  
[www.sccsuperiorcourt.org](http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org)
- **Watch Unlawful Detainer court hearings** in dept. 9 at 191 N. First St., San Jose, corner of Market & West St. James, from 9 am to 12:30 pm on W, Th and F.
- **Santa Clara County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service** 408-971-6822  
[www.sccba.org/legalconsumer](http://www.sccba.org/legalconsumer)
- **Santa Clara County Law Library** 408-299-3567  
360 N. First St. (between Julian and Bassett streets), 408-299-3567  
[www.sccll.org](http://www.sccll.org)
- **Books** available at Libraries and major booksellers

## TENANTS only

- **Bay Area Legal Aid (BALA)** 408-283-3700 [www.baylegal.org](http://www.baylegal.org)  
Workshops and one-on-one help for income-qualified clients
- **Santa Clara County Legal Aid Society** - daily Clinic 408-998-5200 [www.legalaidsociety.org](http://www.legalaidsociety.org)
- **Pro Bono Project** 408-998-5298 [www.probonoproject.org](http://www.probonoproject.org)
- **Asian Law Alliance** 408-287-9710 [www.asianlawalliance-ala.org](http://www.asianlawalliance-ala.org)
- **Law Foundation** 408-293-4790 [www.lawfoundation.org](http://www.lawfoundation.org)
  - ▲ Mental Health Advocacy Project
  - ▲ Fair Housing Law Project
  - ▲ AIDS Legal Services

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

[www.scsselfservice.org](http://www.scsselfservice.org)  
Santa Clara County  
Self-Help website

[www.sccsuperiorcourt.org](http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org)  
Santa Clara County  
General website

[www.legalselfhelp.ca.gov](http://www.legalselfhelp.ca.gov)  
State of California  
Self-Help website

## Other Websites and General Information

- **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](http://www.hacsc.org)
- **California Rules of Court** [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/)
- **Free State (Judicial Council) Legal Forms** [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms)
- **Free (Local) Legal Forms** [www.sccsuperiorcourt.org](http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org)
- **California Code (“The Law”)** [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://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

You can find these books at the Law Library (address on other side):

- 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

| CITY                              | AGENCY                                       | PHONE #                      |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Campbell                          | Campbell Rent Mediation                      | 408-243-8565                 |
| Cupertino                         | Project Sentinel                             | 408-720-9888                 |
| Gilroy                            | Project Sentinel                             | 408-842-7740                 |
| Los Altos & Los Altos Hills       | Los Altos Mediation                          | 650-949-5267                 |
| Los Gatos                         | Project Sentinel                             | 408-402-0307                 |
| Milpitas                          | Project Sentinel                             | 408-946-6582                 |
| Monte Sereno                      | Consumer Protection Unit                     | 408-792-2880                 |
| Morgan Hill                       | Project Sentinel                             | 408-842-7740                 |
| Mountain View                     | Mountain View Mediation Services             | 650-960-0495                 |
| Palo Alto                         | Palo Alto Mediation Program                  | 650-856-4062                 |
| San Jose                          | Legal Aid/Housing Project                    | 408-283-1540                 |
| Santa Clara                       | Project Sentinel                             | 408-720-9888                 |
| Saratoga                          | Consumer Protection Unit                     | 408-792-2880                 |
| Sunnyvale                         | Project Sentinel                             | 408-720-9888                 |
| Unincorporated Santa Clara County | Project Sentinel<br>Consumer Protection Unit | 408-720-9888<br>408-792-2880 |