



STUDENT LEGAL AID

Limitation of Services. Pursuant to the New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys, NMSU Student Legal Aid provides limited legal services to currently enrolled main campus NMSU students upon proof of eligibility and determination of no conflict of interest (Rule 16-102 C: *A lawyer may limit the scope of the representation if the limitation is reasonable under the circumstances and the client gives informed consent.*).

The Student Legal Aid Office provides consultation, advice, referral and other services regarding most but not all matters, including but not limited to: potential or pending legal actions (unless you already have an attorney), negotiations on behalf of a student, review of court papers, other documents and providing court-approved forms. Ordinarily, Mr. Rysted will not represent you in court, as this would limit his time in the office and his ability to help other students. Moreover, students can sometimes handle the legal matter themselves after they have been fully advised. For students needing intensive attorney representation in court or otherwise, Mr. Rysted will help the student understand the legal issues and prepare the student to best select and hire an outside attorney. Mr. Rysted does retain the discretion to provide court representation in rare instances, taking into account 1) the special needs of the particular student and 2) how broadly a successful outcome might positively impact the whole student body.

He does not provide legal services in certain highly specialized practice areas (for example, taxes, immigration, patent and trademark law). He will provide a referral to other appropriate legal counsel. He cannot provide advice in matters where your problem is with NMSU, ASNMSU or any official or representative thereof because under the New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct for lawyers, a lawyer employed by an organization represents the organization, so that would be a conflict of interest. He may provide general guidance relating to NMSU or ASNMSU policies and/or procedures.

(Please read carefully and fill out entire form completely)

The following information is required to allow the attorney to determine eligibility for services and to establish that there is no conflict of interest, as well as to better understand your current needs. This form and all information contained therein are subject to Rule 16-106, Confidentiality of Information, of the NM Rules of Professional Conduct: we will keep your information confidential to the extent provided in that Rule.

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Date: _____
(Print)

I am currently enrolled on NMSU main campus for: Fall (), Spring (), Sum I (), Sum II ()
Please circle your college: ACES, Business, A&S, Education, Engineering, H&SS, Graduate, Distance Ed/Undeclared

Current Aggie ID # _____ ****Must bring I.D with you to consultation****

Local Address: _____

Mailing Address (where confidential mail will reach you) _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Note** - I understand that email is not secure and there is a potential risk of breach of confidentiality and/or waiver of the attorney-client privilege. I do ___ do not ___ wish to receive attorney-client privileged communications via email; please check your selection and initial here: _____

Check any that apply:

- Veteran (or family member of veteran)
- Serve in the Reserves or Guard
- First-generation student
- Transfer student

Nature of Case (Please Circle) *Landlord/Tenant* (leases, deposits, itemization of damages), *Traffic Citation*, *Personal Injury*, *Domestic Relations* (child support, divorce, custody, parentage, adoption), *Sexual Assault*, *Harassment*, *Domestic Violence*, *DWI*, *Insurance Claim*, *Criminal*, *Wills*, *Power of Attorney*, *Debts*, *Consumer*, *Name Change*, *Other*

Describe in general terms the reason you seek a legal consultation, including date event occurred, if any.

Time Frame: When did your legal issue begin? _____

Is there a deadline that applies to your legal issue? If so, please provide details: _____

Who is your disagreement with? (Be specific)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Other Contact Info: _____

Is this person or entity another student or NMSU organization? Yes____ No____ Don't Know _____

I heard about Student Legal Aid: From a friend _____ KRUX _____ The Feed _____ Our web site, studentlegalaid.nmsu.edu
_____ Web search _____ Other, please specify: _____

Do you work while attending school?

- Yes – Hours per week: _____
- No

Are there any additional areas of your life that have been causing distress:

Notes: