

Santa Cruz Superior Court Self Help Center

Santa Cruz County Legal and Community Resources

Lawyer Referral Service: 831-425-4755, <http://lawyerreferralsantacruz.org/>, LRS: 30 minute consultation for about \$40 with an attorney (fee subject to change). Information regarding local lawyers, mediators, and legal document prepares (LDA – often referred to as a paralegal) can also be found in the yellow pages and by doing an internet search.

Legal Research: Santa Cruz Law Library at 701 Ocean Street, Rm 70, Santa Cruz, CA (basement of county building). Hours are Monday-Thursday from 8 am – 4 pm and Friday 8am to 12 pm, phone number 831-420-2205, www.lawlibrary.org. Please note: library staff will not do research for you or provide advice. They will direct you to appropriate legal resources to help you understand your legal situation.

Department of Child Support Services, Santa Cruz County: 420 May Ave., Santa Cruz, Phone: 1-866-901-3212, www.dcss.co.santa-cruz.ca.us.

Process Server: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department, 831-454-2170, located at 701 Ocean Street, third floor, Santa Cruz, CA. You may also hire a private process server; look in the yellow pages of the phone book under process server.

Community Resources: A list of community resources can be found on the Santa Cruz Public Libraries Community Information Database: www.santacruzpl.org/cid/public. You can also find community resources by calling 211 or going to <http://211bayarea.org/>.

- **Adult Protective Services** 454-4101
- **Affordable Divorce Mediation, Conflict Resolution Center Program** 345-2891
- **California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA):** Eligibility requirements: 724-2253
 Tenant/Housing, fair housing, labor law, public benefits
- **Catholic Charities:** Immigration services 422-0602
- **Child Protective Services** 454-4222
- **City of Watsonville, Neighborhood Mediation Program:** 763-5678
- **Community Bridges:** Community resources centers and food programs 688-8840
- **Conflict Resolution Center:** Community and small claims mediation 475-6117
- **Deaf Counseling, Advocacy and Referral Agency** (408) 899-5088
- **District Attorney:** Consumer line and Landlord/Tenant, Tuesday 8:30-10:30 454-2050
- **District Attorney:** Criminal/Child Abduction 454-2400
- **Homeless Services Center:** Shelter for individuals and families 458-6020
- **La Manzana Community Resources:** Help with filling out certain court forms. 724-2997
- **Santa Cruz Immigration Project** 724-5667
- **Senior Citizens Legal Services:** Legal issues effecting seniors, eligibility requirements: 426-8824
 Health, elder abuse, guardianships, conservatorships, consumer, tenant rights, benefits 728-4711
- **Small Claims Court Advisor** 786-7370
- **Victim Advocate, Santa Cruz Police Department:** Domestic Violence 420-5827
- **Victim Witness, District Attorney:** Domestic Violence 454-2010
- **Walnut Ave. Women's Center:** Restraining orders 426-3062
- **Watsonville Law Center:** Eligibility requirements: 722-2845
 Consumer, credit theft, wage claims, worker's compensation.
- **Women's Crisis Support/Defensa de Mujeres:** Restraining orders 722-4532

The Superior Court, Santa Cruz County is not endorsing any of the above service providers. The court does not evaluate the services listed; therefore the court is not responsible for the quality of the services provided. This list provides information for non-profit, county, and court services.

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