



WASHOE LEGAL SERVICES
CASES AWAITING PLACEMENT
Cases Available as of January 11, 2022

Family Law Cases

1. Divorce – 21-0140722

Client is seeking full representation for a divorce case. Client has been kicked out of her home along with 16-year-old daughter and is residing in a domestic violence shelter. Client is an immigrant from Peru, who moved in with her now husband and brought her 16yo daughter with her. They have no possessions outside of the home. Client has immigration concerns and though she speaks English, it is not her native language and things get lost in translation. She has no knowledge of our court system and needs representation as soon as possible. Client has not filed for a TPO base don fear of how her husband would react. Client's husband has retained attorney, Marylin York. Client is very afraid this puts her at a severe disadvantage that she will not be able to overcome.

2. Child Support/ Custody Modification – 21-0139735

Client is seeking an attorney to modify custody and child support agreement. Client also wants to be able to claim children for tax purposes. Client has previously tried to file for this on her own and has not been able to navigate the system or the process. Client may just need a consultation instead of full representation in this matter.

3. Divorce, Child Custody, Child/ Spousal Support – 21-0136739

Client is seeking attorney for full representation of divorce and child custody case. Client's spouse has indicated that he will obtain an attorney. Client's spouse is refusing to split assets or pay any type of child or spousal support. Client's spouse has voiced that he intends to seek full custody of children because he does not want to pay child support. Client has recently obtained part time employment, as she has been a stay-at-home mother for the duration of her marriage with her spouse being the primary financial provider. Client needs an attorney as soon as possible to help her fight for her children and support.

4. Custody/ Visitation Amendment/ CAP – 21-0139820

Client is seeking to change custody and visitation agreement with her child's father. The father was gone from the child's life for years and came back into her life in 2019 and was granted overnight visitation. Child alleges neglect and mental abuse. Child sees a therapist and deposition was written on the child's behalf by the therapist and dismissed as hearsay. Client is seeking full representation so that her child has a voice in the courtroom and can express to the court how she feels and what her wishes are regarding her father.

Client alleges non-payment of current child support order. Client has filed multiple CPS claims and police reports that have been dismissed. Client's goal is to obtain sole custody, supervised visitation, and a voice for her daughter in the court room.

5. **Elder Abuse, Fraud, Annulment – 21-0137405**

Client is an 82-year-old man whose daughter alleges that her father's ex-wife committed fraud when she re-married the client. Client would like marriage annulled and to have the original divorce decree honored. Client was to retain residence, vehicle, and other monetary assets, which opposing party is now coming after. Because of age and other health complications client's daughter believes he is being taken advantage of and does not recognize the legal ramifications of what is transpiring. There have been complaints filed with law enforcement for elder abuse, reports to the ATF about illegal firearms, a TPO that was denied by the courts. Client is in need of legal advice and full representation. This case is already in litigation and this elderly client needs an attorney as soon as possible.

6. **Uncontested Divorce, Unable to locate husband – 21-0138618**

Client is a senior citizen in poor health. Husband left in 2003 and has not been heard from or seen since. Unable to locate him to file for divorce. Client does not have the means for publication fees. The marriage is causing her to not qualify for much needed Medicaid benefits. If a pro bono attorney will file, WLS attorney will advise on how to publish without fees.

7. **Divorce – 21-0137404**

Client is seeking an attorney for her divorce case. There are no minor children. Client is indigent, disabled, suffers from PTSD and bi-polar disorder. Client is cut off from communication because of the situation. Client claims husband controls all finances, has deprived her of somewhere to live, and has sole possession of her vehicle. She is concerned that she will be held legally responsible for anything that happens with the vehicle while it is in her possession. Client alleges both physical and mental abuse as well.

8. **Family Law – Custody – 21-0136180**

Client is being sued by the father of her child for primary legal and physical custody. Prior to this there was never a formal custody order and they had been cooperating for 50/50 custody/ Client's ex has retained an attorney for this matter. Ex is claiming that client has unstable living situation and questions her mental state. Client has proof to show housing stability, mental stability, and proof of treatment. There is a case management hearing set for June 22, 2021, at 3pm. Client is seeking either full representation or assistance in filing her response to his petition if not able to fully represent in court.

9. **Family Law - Adoption – 21-0136208**

Client is seeking an attorney to help with adopting three of her grandchildren. Client has already previously adopted one grandchild from the same mother, child is special needs.

Three children in question have been in client's care since 2012 when they were removed from their biological parents due to domestic violence, gun violence, and drug use. Father was recently released from prison and has moved out of state. Client has been unable to have him served due to sheriffs being unable to locate him. He has not responded to her petition. Mother has been served and is opposing the petition. Client has previously fostered 2 other grandchildren who have since reunified with their biological father (not the same father of the three she is seeking to adopt at present). Client is seeking full representation in this matter. Client believes that mother is not able to care for the children as she has unstable housing, repeat drug use, and previously terminating her parental right for other children of hers.

10. Family Law – Divorce/ Custody – 21-0135630

Client is looking for consultation or full representation in a divorce and custody matter. Client is disabled and her ex is trying to use that to take full custody of their child. Client has already filed for divorce with proof of service through e-flex. Client's ex is trying to take their daughter from her during this time. He has been able to have visitation during this past year throughout the process, though now client does not want him to have daughter as he has threatened not to give her back. Client alleges ex-husband is not taking his medication and has mental health issues that could lead to an unstable environment.

11. Family Law/ Custody Issue – 21-0137153

Client has one child with ex-girlfriend. They have never been married and have never had a formal custody order in place. Client is seeking primary custody with no visitation restrictions on the mother. Client is seeking this as a result of the mother taking the 3-year-old daughter out of state to her mother's house in Merced County and refusing to bring her back for visitation that had previously been agreed upon. Client and child's mother had a verbal agreement that he would get daughter for 10 days a month, however that has yet to occur, and the mother is becoming more combative and refuses to communicate. Client has only seen his daughter 2 days out of the last 3 months. Video chats are his only means of communication with his daughter and those are being facilitated through the maternal grandmother who his ex and daughter are living with. Client is seeking full representation but is willing to accept any help that is offered. Case management conference is set for 7/22/21. This hearing has been expedited because of "kidnapping like circumstances".