

# LIMITS TO ASSISTANCE

SLS can provide a consultation but not ongoing representation in these legal matters:

- Disputes involving the UW
- Contested family law matters
- Fee-generating personal injury cases
- Business formation
- Bankruptcy
- Intellectual property
- Immigration
- Tax

In some student versus student matters, SLS assistance is limited to a consultation.

Even if SLS cannot provide ongoing representation, SLS will suggest potential next steps. This may include referrals to law related organizations and other resources.



## STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

phone 206.543.6486  
fax 206.543.3808  
email [slsuw@uw.edu](mailto:slsuw@uw.edu)  
[depts.washington.edu/slsuw](http://depts.washington.edu/slsuw)

FOR YOUR PROTECTION, NO LEGAL  
ADVICE IS GIVEN OVER THE PHONE



## STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

*For over 40 years, providing low-cost legal  
advice and representation  
to UW-Seattle students*

HUB 306  
BOX 352236  
SEATTLE, WA 98195  
206.543.6486



*“Professional, efficient, clear  
communication—helped me to set  
expectations, understand the case, and  
pursue a logical course of action.”*

*— Client with landlord-tenant matter*

# WHAT IS SLS?

Founded in 1969, Student Legal Services (SLS) provides free legal consultations and low-cost ongoing representation to enrolled UW-Seattle students so they can make educated legal choices with minimal disruption to their academic life.

SLS is a unit within Student Life. Because SLS is subsidized by the Services & Activities Fee (SAF), students must pay the SAF as a part of their tuition to be eligible.

As a law office, SLS is subject to legal ethics rules, including confidentiality. Our on-site staff includes a director/staff attorney, licensed legal interns who are third year law students, and undergraduate legal assistants. SLS programs exist at dozens of universities across the country.

# ENHANCING JUSTICE

SLS promotes the legal health of students in many ways. We educate them about their rights and responsibilities, provide legal advice and resources, negotiate disputes, represent them in court, and prepare them for small claims matters.

Students often hire SLS for the following:

- Contracts
- Landlord/tenant disputes
- Consumer and credit issues
- Uncontested dissolutions (divorces), parenting, and child support
- Estate planning (wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives)
- Criminal and traffic matters
- Insurance coverage disputes
- Non-injury car or bike accidents

# HOW TO MEET WITH SLS

Call 206.543.6486 or stop by HUB 306 to make an appointment for a free 40 minute consultation.

Prepare for your consultation! Bring relevant documents, a timeline, and questions you want SLS to address.



# IS THERE A COST?

The initial 40 minute consultation is free. Students receive unlimited free consultations as long as the issues or parties are unrelated.

For ongoing representation, SLS bills most matters at \$15 per hour, plus a \$10 or \$15 administrative fee. Students with extreme financial hardship may apply for a fee waiver or reduction of the hourly rate.

## Top 10 Issues UW Students Have as Tenants

1. Security deposits
2. Repairs and maintenance
3. Unsatisfactory living conditions
4. Nonresponsive landlords
5. Rental housing at risk of foreclosure
6. Expectations about shared housing
7. Moving out early
8. Subletting
9. Evictions
10. Utilities

## Top 10 Financial Issues for UW Students

1. Identity theft
2. Misleading sales practices
3. Scams and fraud
4. Internet sales and purchases
5. Exploitation by family or friends
6. Lending money
7. Out-of-control debt
8. Credit and debit cards
9. Wage claims
10. Student loan debt