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The People's Legal Center (the "Legal Center") is a nonprofit public legal center that provides public legal education, resources, and representation to community members, especially immigrants and youth, in the City and County of San Francisco. The Legal Center provides case management and referral services, legal educational workshops and classes, and affordable legal aid and representation to those that cannot afford it.

By nature, America is a fairly litigious society, and attorneys are generally required for someone to enforce and assert their rights. This is not a problem for people with financial capital and assets. Those without these resources, however, may find their rights compromised. The Legal Center strives to fight this inequity by offering case management and referral services, legal education and resources, and affordable legal aid and representation to those that might not otherwise afford it. Additionally, The Legal Center offers curriculums that teach community members how to dissect and understand legal terminologies and concepts so that they can use the knowledge to advocate for themselves.

The Legal Center strives to benefit the community by offering high quality legal workshops and representation that are staffed by well-qualified legal professionals and educators who possess an affinity for equal access to legal rights by all constituents regardless of ethnicity, gender, class, or creed.

Maria Lourdes S. Nocedal
Executive Director and Founder



**Empowering the
community by
providing access
and support to
legal education
and services.**

Mission

To empower under-represented individuals by providing legal services, and to encourage access to legal knowledge and active involvement in the judicial process for positive change



The People's Legal Center will provide four types of services

Care Management and Referral Services

The Legal Center provides case management services whereby a qualified Care Manager will interview the client and analyze his or her needs. The Care Manager will then conduct an assessment of the types of resources and services that may be appropriate for the client. If a client needs legal advice or representation then the Care Manager may refer the client to a staff or affiliate attorney. If the client's situation does not merit retaining the services of an attorney, he or she may continue to meet with the Care Manager or attend legal educational workshops and classes until the problem or situation is resolved.

The Legal Center provides an internal referral service that includes an overview of a client's needs and subsequent referral to a member attorney based on location, area of law, and special services offered. Additionally, the Legal Center provides external referral services that also involve an assessment of a client's needs. If the attorneys at the Legal Center cannot assist the client then the client will be referred to an outside network of legal nonprofit organizations based on location, area of law, and special services offered.

Legal Education

Attorneys or qualified facilitators/teachers will be teaching legal workshops and classes at the Legal Center. The workshops and classes can be used as school credit for the participants or facilitators and teachers.

- Each workshop will include:
 - 1-2 Facilitators
 - Lesson plans and Outlines
 - Materials and Supplies

- Each workshop/class will allow participants an opportunity to learn legal terms/concepts, such as those involving negligence, duties of professionals, and liability issues.

- Each workshop/class unit will focus on a specialized law topic such as Business Law, Criminal Law, Immigration law, Juvenile Law, or Real Estate Law.

The Legal Center will provide related books, CDs, and/or tapes to participants and community members to help them enhance or supplement their learning. Attorneys or facilitators and teachers will recommend the materials including reading lists.

Legal Advice and Representation and Legal Forms

Depending on the Care Manager's recommendation and assessment of the client's needs, the Legal Center attorneys may provide relevant legal forms and advice on how to complete and file the forms. Also, based on the client's case, the attorneys may offer legal advice or provide legal representation in court.

Services offered by the Legal Center with respect to legal forms and legal service fees will be determined by a sliding scale that based a person's income. Where possible, the Legal Center will offer these services at no charge to its clients.

Notary Public and Loan Signing Services

Legal Center staffs are members of the National Notary Association of Professional Notaries and Certified Signing Agents. Fees may apply for public notarization and loan signing services.



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S LEGAL CENTER?

The People's Legal Center is a non-profit, charitable organization supported by schools, legal agencies, and the community. Without these resources, The People's Legal Center would not be able to play a critical role in defending people's legal rights and creating a more just society. The People's Legal Center welcomes any institution or individual that will help us provide the community with access to case management, legal education and services, and leadership roles. Below are ways in which you can support The People's Legal Center:

VOLUNTEER

We rely not only on the generous financial contributions of concerned community members. Just as critical are the hundreds of volunteer interns and law clerks who have contributed thousands of hours to making sure that The People's Legal Center can continue advancing the legal rights of underrepresented communities. Please email volunteer@thepeopleslegalcenter.org.

CONTACT DATABASE

Join the PLC list to find out how you can help The People's Legal Center alert policy makers to your concerns.

Email info@thepeopleslegalcenter.org so that we can put your contact information in our database.

DONATION

THANK YOU to all of our many donors for their unprecedented support of this worthwhile cause. All donations are tax deductible (TAX EIN # 35-2337886). Please make all checks payable to **The People's Legal Center**.

If you have any questions or concerns please email donate@thepeopleslegalcenter.org

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