

A typical attorney charges between \$150 and \$300 per hour, SLS represents students in similar matters for the \$9.00 participation fee each semester.

SLS has been assisting students on BGSU's campus since 1984. The attorneys in our office have over 50 years of combined experience.

Q: What if I don't know if my legal issue is covered?

A: Schedule an appointment anyway. SLS lawyers offer professional advice and consultation in a wide variety of areas and will be happy meet with you to make a coverage determination.

Q: What other services are available?

A: SLS looks for opportunities to collaborate on educating students about their legal rights and responsibilities. Attorneys are available for class lectures, workshops and/or seminars. Additionally, a variety of pamphlets, brochures and sample legal documents are available in the office.

Q: Are there limitations on SLS?

A: Yes, under Ohio law, SLS cannot generally advise or represent students:

- Against the University or its trustees, faculty or staff
- Against the State of Ohio
- Against a State Officer or Agency
- Against Law Enforcement for actions arising out of their duties
- Against another student
- Against the Board of Regents

SLS has contractual limitations that restrict the handling of certain types of cases.

Examples include:

- Personal injury and property damage claims
- Felonies
- Immigration
- Estate and probate matters and complex wills and trusts
- Taxes
- Business and real estate matters
- Bankruptcies
- Copyrights and patents
- Contested divorce and child custody
- Other matters which may unduly monopolize program resources to the disadvantage of other students



STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

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STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

Student Legal Services (SLS) is a non-profit law office that has served BGSU since 1984. SLS currently employs three full-time attorneys that advise and represent over 1,650 students each year. Additionally, SLS promotes educational opportunities for the entire student body that are related to legal issues facing college students. Students pay a \$9.00 participation fee at the beginning of each semester to utilize the service.

SLS assists students in responding to legal problems that may adversely affect their well-being or interfere with academic endeavors. The services offered are meant to assist students in resolving problems for which it would be otherwise difficult or impossible to obtain legal services at affordable prices. In this way, SLS helps BGSU to accomplish its goal of fostering a positive living and learning environment for student success and retention.

Q: What is Student Legal Services, Inc. ("SLS")?

A: SLS is a team of lawyers who have agreed to represent BGSU students on various legal issues.

Q: Do real attorneys work at SLS?

A: Yes, SLS employs lawyers licensed in Ohio, with offices on campus at BGSU to help students.

Q: Do students really need legal assistance?

A: Yes, once someone turns 18, they are legally considered to be an adult. Most students however, are relatively inexperienced and have few resources available to handle legal issues that could significantly impact their future lives. In many cases, timely legal advice and representation can minimize such long-term ramifications and reduce distractions from a student's course of study.

Q: How many students use SLS each year?

A: The number of consultations for the past 5 years has averaged over 1650 students per year.

Q: How does SLS help students?

A: SLS handles many issues that students may face while attending BGSU. Examples include:

Landlord-tenant disputes

- Security Deposit deductions
- Evictions
- Repairs
- Lease interpretation
- Zoning violations

Traffic cases

- Speeding
- OVI
- Driving Under Suspension
- Equipment violations

Criminal misdemeanors

- Underage Alcohol offenses
- Marijuana/Paraphernalia possession
- Petty theft
- Disorderly Conduct
- Nuisance Party
- Simple Assault
- Fictitious Identification

Student Legal Services averages over 1,365 court appearances each year.

Consumer disputes

- Internet purchases
- Credit card charges
- Debt collection activity
- Identity theft

Personal Family matters

- Wills
- Powers of attorney
- Simple dissolution of marriage
- Name changes

Review of contracts

- Employment agreements
- Entertainment releases

Notary services

Q: Can I have an attorney represent me in Court?

A: Generally YES – there are certain geographic and jurisdictional limitations of the program but most cases in the Bowling Green Municipal Court and some in the Wood County Common Pleas Court are covered.

Q: Who does SLS assist?

A: BGSU students who have paid the \$9.00 SLS participation fee at the start of each semester.

Q: How can I make an appointment?

A: Call (419) 372-2951 and schedule an appointment.