

A PREPAID LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO BGSU STUDENTS

Student Legal Services at Bowling Green State University is a prepaid legal service plan that provides a variety of benefits to students. The program is similar to an insurance plan in that a student must pay a small fee in advance to be eligible for legal services should the need arise. Legal advice and representation will not be available for the semester once a student has waived the participation fee.

ADVICE

Full-time attorneys are available to consult with and advise students on specific legal problems. Many difficulties can be resolved before they get out of hand by simply knowing the legal rights you possess.

USE OF THE PROGRAM

The availability of the program encourages students to seek the advice of an attorney and to avoid legal complication before the student becomes involved with burdensome financial or other problems. Full time staff attorneys are available on a daily basis. A student need only make an appointment and bring all materials relevant to his/her case to receive assistance.

FUNDING

Because legal problems may arise without warning and through no fault of the student, all are encouraged to participate in the legal service program. Continued support by the majority of students will keep the costs per student to a minimum. The foregoing services are currently provided to each student at a cost of only seven dollars per semester (\$7.00).

REPRESENTATION

Student Legal Services attorneys will provide in-court representation to students on a variety of legal matters. Areas of representation are limited so please consult the Student Legal Services Office for complete details.

EDUCATION

Attorneys from Student Legal Services present a variety of lectures, workshops and seminars to the student body. Through these programs, students become acquainted with their rights and obligations as citizens.

ELIGIBILITY

Only those students attending BGSU's main campus are eligible to receive services. In addition, the participation fee of \$7 per semester must be paid with your tuition. Considering that many attorneys charge over \$100 per hour for these services, why wouldn't you pay the program fee? **REMEMBER, IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE FEE, YOU MAY NOT USE THE SERVICE FOR THE ENTIRE SEMESTER.** You may not pay later after a legal problem arises and you need assistance. Insure yourself against unforeseen problems by choosing to participate in the Student Legal Services program.

This program is not mandatory. The success of the program is based on student support and participation. We urge you to participate during this and all academic semesters.

TYPICAL SERVICES

- ✓ Landlord-tenant disputes such as repairs, evictions, security deposits, lease review, etc.
- ✓ Consumer problems including defective products, auto repairs, credit issues, etc.
- ✓ Misdemeanor criminal cases such as underage consumption/possession of alcohol, shoplifting, disorderly conduct, fake ID's, etc.
- ✓ Traffic cases, such as driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, speeding, red light violations, driving under suspension, etc.

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE, FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE BURSAR'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK OF CLASSES FOR EACH REGISTERED TERM.

NO, I DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPAID LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM. FURTHERMORE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I SHOULD DEDUCT \$7.00 FROM MY BILLING. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Student ID#: P00- _____

(SIGNATURE)
For additional information contact Legal Services
on the web at www.bgsu.edu/offices/sls

Date: _____

If you wish to opt out of this service, please print off this form, sign and date it and return it to:

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