

Self Help Center

& Family Law Facilitator's Office

Do-It-Yourself Resources and Websites

Lawyer Referral Services

You may select a Lawyer Referral Service through the State Bar of California's website. Some lawyer referral services offer a low-cost, 30 minute consultation with an attorney. Website: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public> click on "Lawyer referral services"

Visit the **California Court's Self-Help Website**: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp

Purchase **Do-It-Yourself legal books** by *Nolo Press* and other publishers at all major booksellers or Call (510) 549-1976 or Visit website (www.nolo.com). These books may also be available for free in print and as e-books through your local library.

Do legal research at the **Santa Clara County Law Library**

360 N. First St. (between Julian and Bassett streets); call for hours (408) 299-3567

RESOURCES IN THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER COURTHOUSE (FJCC)

Address: 201 N First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 | **Phone Numbers:** See Below
Free Internet Access to Legal Websites/Forms during regular business hours inside the Clerk's Office

FJCC Clerk's Office	Monday -Friday, 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
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Calendar - San Jose Family Court	(408) 534-5710
Clerk's Office - San Jose Family Court	(408) 792-4200
Court Specialist - San Jose Family Court	(408) 534-5708
Schedule Settlement Officer Conference	(408) 882-2988
Family Court Services	(408) 534-5760
Mediation / Assessments	(408) 534-5600
Records - San Jose Family Court	(408) 534-5600

Self Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office - Remote Assistance only

Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am to 1:30pm

EMAIL	https://www.scscourt.org/self_help/email.shtml
LIVE CHAT	www.scscourt.org (go to Self Help page)
CALL	(408) 882-2926

Restraining Order Help Center – In-person assistance limited to emergency issues: ***Restraining Orders, Emergency Custody/Visitation and Emergency Guardianships***

IN PERSON	Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Friday 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
REMOTE ASSISTANCE	For email, live chat and phone, see information above.

Note: Due to budget issues our services, and when they are offered, may change without notice.

VISIT US ONLINE:
www.scscourt.org
www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp

EMAIL US:
www.scscourt.org
 click "Self-Help" then click "Contact the Self-Help Center"

CALL US:
 408-882-2926

Free Help**General Help:**

Pro Bono Project (408) 998-5298
 Lawyers in the Library-San Jose (408) 808-2382
 Lawyers in the Library – Mountain View (408) 998-5298 x-311
 Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) (408) 850-7066

Bankruptcy:

Pro Bono Project (408) 998-5298

Children's issues:

District Attorney - Child Abduction Unit (408) 792-2921
 Child Protective Services ("CPS") (408) 299-2071
 Department of Child Support Services ("DCSS") (866) 901-3212
 The Law Foundation - Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (L.A.C.Y.) (408) 293-4790

Domestic Violence:

Superior Court, Restraining Order Help Center (408) 534-5709
 Asian Americans for Community Involvement (408) 975-2739
 Community Solutions (877) 363-7238
 YWCA Silicon Valley (800) 572-2782
 Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence (408) 501-7550
 Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) (408) 850-7066
 Pro Bono Project (408) 998-5298
 Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710
 Senior Adults Legal Assistance (S.A.L.A.) (408) 295-5991 (9:00 AM– 12:00 PM)

Elder Issues:

Senior Adults Legal Assistance (S.A.L.A.) (408) 295-5991 (9:00 AM– 12:00 PM)

Guardianships:

The Law Foundation - Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (L.A.C.Y.) (408) 293-4790
 Catholic Charities (408) 200-0980

Housing:

Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710
 Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) (408) 850-7066
 Eviction Clinic (408) 280-2424
 The Law Foundation - Mental Health Advocacy Project (408) 293-4790
 Fair Housing Law Project, Health Legal Services
 Community Legal Services (650) 326-6440
 Project Sentinel (408) 720-9888

Consumer Law:

Alexander Law Center (Santa Clara University) (408) 288-7030
 Community Legal Services (650) 326-6440
 The Law Foundation - Health Legal Services (408) 293-4790

Employment:

Alexander Law Center (Santa Clara University) (408) 288-7030
 Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710
 Employment Law Center (415) 864-8848
 The Law Foundation - Health Legal Services (408) 293-4790

Immigration:

Alexander Law Center (Santa Clara University) (408) 288-7030
 Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710 Spanish: 453-3003 x-104
 Catholic Charities (408) 325-5164
 Community Legal Services (650) 326-6440

Mental Health Patient's Rights:

The Law Foundation - Mental Health Advocacy Project (408) 293-4790

Constitutional Rights:

American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.) (415) 621-2488

Helpful internet websites...

Free internet access is available at:

- County of Santa Clara public libraries. Contact the individual libraries. Numbers are in the phone book and online. Some have free how-to-use-the-internet classes!

Government legal sites

- Free legal forms (they're fillable online) www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm
- Santa Clara Cnty Superior Court general & Self-Help site www.scscourt.org
- Santa Clara County – look up your case www.sccaseinfo.org
- California Courts (State) Self-Help Center www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp
- California Code ("The Law") <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>
 - Once on this site, click the code you are interested in (ex. "Family Code - FAM")
- County of Santa Clara www.sccgov.org
 - General legal information, District Attorney, Public Defender, Child Abduction, etc.; Click on "Law & Justice"
- Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) www.childsup.cahwnet.gov
 - Online child support calculator; the DCSS helps collect child support

Non-profit Legal Service Providers (Santa Clara County)

- Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) <http://baylegal.org/get-help/client-services/>
- Catholic Charities www.ccsj.org
- Community Legal Services www.clsepa.org
- Law Foundation of Silicon Valley www.lawfoundation.org
 - LACY, Mental Health Advocacy Project, Health Legal Services, Fair Housing
- Pro Bono Project www.probonoproject.org

Domestic Violence

Important! Other people who use your computer can see what websites you have visited. For your safety you may want to use a computer in a safe place.

- YWCA Silicon Valley www.ywca-sv.org
- Next Door www.nextdoor.org
- Community Solutions www.communitysolutions.org
- Asian Americans for Community Involvement www.aaci.org
- MAITRI www.maitri.org
- California State website www.ca.gov, then search on "domestic violence"

State Referral and Self-Help Resources Information about Attorneys

www.LawHelpCalifornia.org

- California State Bar www.calbar.ca.gov
- Santa Clara County Bar www.sccba.com
- Martindale-Hubbell attorney ratings www.martindale.com

Small Claims/Consumer Issues

- Department of Consumer Affairs www.dca.ca.gov
- Small Claims Advisor This service has been temporarily suspended.
- Secretary of State (to look up agents for service of process) <http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/list.html>
- Office of Human Relations (Mediation) www.sccdrps.org
- District Attorney, Consumer Protection Unit <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/da/prosecution/DistrictAttorneyDepartments/Pages/Consumerprotectionunit.aspx>

This is only a small sampling of the resources available to you on the internet. Except for its own sites, the Superior Court, County of Santa Clara does not maintain, endorse, nor take responsibility for the accuracy of any of the information on these websites.

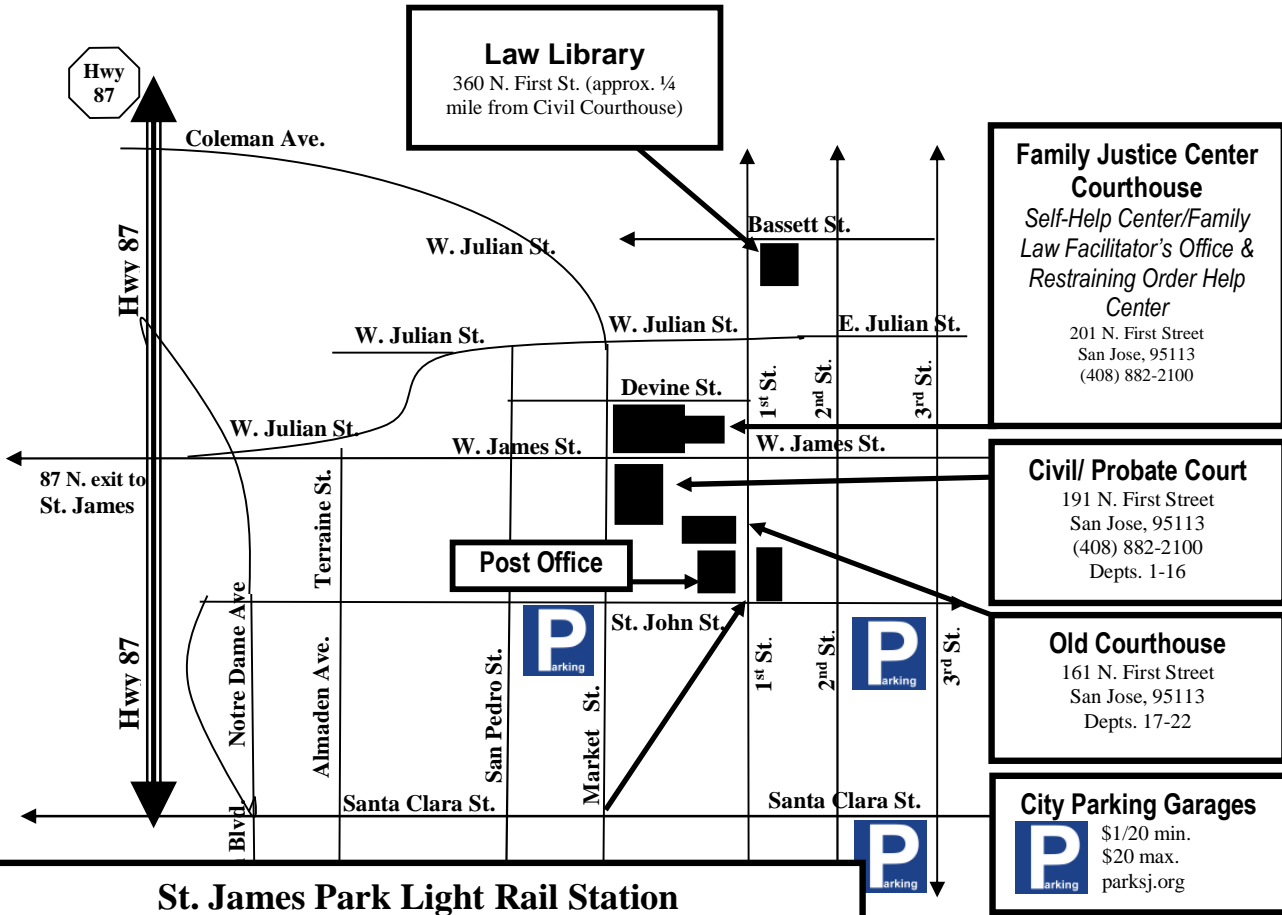
Helpful Books

- Summary of California Law (Witkin), Bancroft-Whitney
- California Practice Guides, published by Rutter Group, CEB and others on different legal subjects.
- Civil Procedure Before Trial, California Practice Guide, The Rutter Group

- California Procedure (Witkin), Bancroft-Whitney
- Sample Pleadings (“custom” legal forms)– Forms of Pleading and Practice, publisher: Matthew Bender

Map of Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator’s Office and Courthouse Locations

MAP NOT DRAWN TO SCALE



St. James Park Light Rail Station

Due to the lack of parking in Downtown San Jose, public transportation is highly recommended when coming to court. There is a light rail station located near the Downtown Superior Court and the new Family Justice Center Courthouse (as shown on the map above).

Light Rail:
 Saint James South Station: 101 N. 2nd St.
 Southbound platform is located on Second St., just north of Saint John St.
 Saint James North Station: 150 N. 1st St.
 Northbound platform is located on First St., just south of Saint James St.

Connecting Bus Routes: 66, 72, 73, 82, 181, 304

Visit www.vta.org for more information about public transportation.