

## What specific brief legal services does the CEJ provide?

Some common brief legal services in our four main areas of practice are:

- In Family law we help draft an Answer to Complaint for Divorce, Answer to Petition for Paternity or Custody, or Affidavit.
- In Housing law we help complete court forms, like an Ex Parte Petition for Temporary Restraining Order and Injunction Against Lockout and/or Utility Cut-Off or Diminishment, Counterclaim, Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment and Stay of Execution of Writ of Possession. We also help draft letters to landlords requesting repairs, terminating rental agreements and asking for the return of a security deposit.
- In Public Benefits law we help appeal denials, terminations and reductions in benefits such as General Assistance, TANF/TAONF, Food Stamps, Social Security Retirement, Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance. We also help people apply for the benefits listed above, sign up for a Medicare Part D plan and communicate with the Department of Human Services, Social Security Administration, and other agencies.
- In Consumer law we help draft cease contact letters to collection agencies, letters disputing a debt and requests for credit reports.

## TO APPLY, CALL:

**1-800-499-4302**

**OAHU: 536-4302**

**MAUI: 242-0724**

**HILO: 934-0678**

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**KAUAI: 245-7580**

**MOLOKAI: 553-3251**

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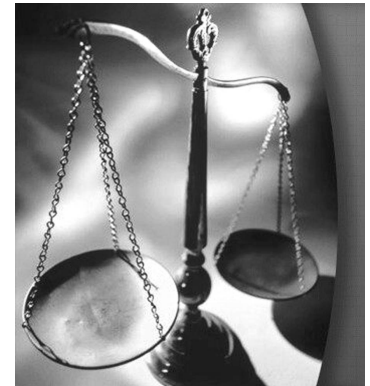
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## CENTER FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

A SELF-HELP LEGAL  
CENTER LOCATED AT

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HOURS  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
9:00-11:30AM  
1:00-4:00PM

# What services are provided at the Center for Equal Justice?

## What is the Center for Equal Justice?

Legal Aid's Center for Equal Justice (CEJ) is Hawaii's first self-help legal center. The CEJ has four main components:

- Provides brief legal services to eligible low- to moderate-income individuals and families in the areas of family, housing, public benefits and consumer law;
- Provides the use of our facilities to those not eligible for Legal Aid and the general public. These facilities include computers, printer, typewriters, legal library, copy machine, telephone and work area, to resolve their legal issues on their own;
- Publishes brochures and self-help packets on family, housing, public benefit, and consumer legal issues; and
- Offers 24 hour recorded scripts on legal issues.

## Brochures and Self-Help Packets

Legal Aid has created over 150 brochures and self-help packets that provide information on specific family, housing, public benefit and consumer issues. The brochures review basic laws and procedures. For instance, "Divorce Law in Hawaii" summarizes common issues in a divorce and the process. Our self-help packets not only review the law involved but also instruct one on how to resolve the issue. "Debt Collection: Cease Contact Letters Packet with Instructions" helps consumers understand debt collection and write cease contact letters to collection agencies.



## Telephone Recorded Legal Scripts

The Center for Equal Justice offers recorded legal scripts on the following topics: (1) Divorce, (2) Domestic Abuse, (3) Debt Collection, and (4) Housing. The recordings will provide general information on these topics and are not intended to replace an attorney or give specific advice about your particular legal situation. You can access the recorded scripts twenty-four hours a day. This service is free and open to the general public.

On Oahu, call **527-8000** to access the recorded scripts.

If calling from a neighbor island, call the phone number at the back of this brochure listed for your island. When the main menu begins, press option 1 to enter an extension number, and then enter extension "200" for the recorded scripts.

## How can I receive help from the CEJ with a brief legal service?

Call our Intake Hotline. Our legal staff will help you explore your legal options. When you call, we will first determine your eligibility, take a brief application, and then talk to you about your legal problem. If eligible, you may be referred to the CEJ or another unit for further assistance.

## What if I am ineligible for Legal Aid?

The general public is free to use our facilities at the CEJ to resolve their legal issues on their own. Although unable to provide legal advice or assistance, the legal advocates at the CEJ can help people access our brochures and self-help packets, access useful websites like the Hawaii Judiciary webpage, and find other legal service or social service providers that may be of assistance.

## What should I do if I am referred to the CEJ?

After you call our Intake Hotline, an Intake Specialist will let you know if you qualify for free legal assistance from the CEJ. The CEJ does not take appointments but operates on a first-come-first-served basis during our business hours. You must make the initial contact with the CEJ. Please check in with the receptionist when coming into the office.