

About Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF)

The mission of CLSMF is to provide access to justice through high quality legal assistance to low-income persons.

CLSMF is a nonprofit legal aid organization which provides free legal assistance to low-income people with civil legal problems in twelve counties across Central Florida. Since 1966, dedicated CLSMF lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants and advocates have worked diligently to solve civil legal problems for people facing life-changing situations, such as domestic violence, unlawful eviction, or the loss of veterans' health or public benefits. We are committed to delivering the highest quality legal aid, with dignity and respect, for those who are seeking access to justice.

**We do not provide legal assistance in criminal or*



The Florida Bar Foundation, with *Interest on Trust Accounts* program funding, provides support for this service.

CONTACT US

Helpline: 1-800-405-1417

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Florida Relay TTY calls Dial 711

www.clsmf.org

OFFICE LOCATIONS

DAYTONA BEACH OFFICE

128 Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Administrative Office Phone: (386) 255-6573

INVERNESS OFFICE

106 N. Osceola Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

KISSIMMEE OFFICE

800 North Main Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744

OCALA OFFICE

1610 SE 36th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

ORLANDO OFFICE

122 E. Colonial Dr., Ste 200, Orlando, FL 32801

PALATKA OFFICE

216 S. 6th Street, Palatka, FL 32177

SANFORD OFFICE

315 Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771

TAVARES OFFICE

226 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778



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HOME REPAIR DO'S & DON'TS

AFTER THE STORM

SOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING DO'S AND DON'TS

- DO** ask to see the contractor's license and make sure it matches the person showing it;
- DO** determine how long the contractor has been in business;
- DO** contact the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (1-850-487-2252) or www.myflorida.com to verify the current status of the license;
- DO** ask for references and check them out;
- DO** choose several contractors and get estimates from each; and
- DO** get the agreement in writing – read the contract, fill in all the blank spaces, make sure it contains the contractor's name, address, telephone number, license number, description of the work, completion date, and any warranty agreements.
- DON'T** hire a contractor who requires advance payment – arrange to pay upon completion or in installments;
- DON'T** sign the work completion certificate until all the work is satisfactorily completed;
- DON'T** pay cash; and
- DON'T** pull the construction permits.



WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS!

Victims of Natural Disasters should take care not to be victimized a second time – by unscrupulous adjusters, contractors or retailers.

Verify that an adjuster is licensed by calling **1-800-227-8676**.

Consumers should verify that a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) or SBA (Small Business Administration) representative has a laminated photo ID card. A FEMA or SBA jacket or shirt is not proof of an affiliation.

“The price-gouging statute does not forbid making a profit but it does forbid profiteering.”

Consumers can check if a contractor is licensed at www.myfloridalicense.com.

Any suspected fraud or price gouging can be reported to the State Attorney General's office at **1-866-966-7226**

