

All students eligible

Legal program offers advice at low cost

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Legal Services, an on-campus program, offers affordable legal advice and assistance, says Program Director Charles Spinner.

"Many students are financially strapped," he says. "We can give such students the inexpensive legal aid they need."

All students paying incidental fees are eligible for the wide range of non-litigatory services at either a very low cost or no cost at all, Spinner says.

Some of the services include landlord/tenant disagreements, domestic relations problems, and problems associated with shoplifting and trespassing as well.

"We engage in a lot of domestic relations work," Spinner says. "We have to deal with divorce and property settlement quite a bit."

Legal Services began in 1971, and Spinner joined the program in 1977.

"We have modified the program since 1977," he says. "It did not have a great deal of accountability before then, and we now are reviewable by the ASUO."

Spinner earned his law degree at the University. He does some trial work although he "tries to maintain a low trial profile."

"My job is to educate and advise my clients as to the realities of the future," he says. "I'm their mouthpiece, and I try to take some of the pressure off of them."

Approximately 1,700 to 2,000 students use the program annually.

"Our services are there for everyone, but not everyone uses them," Spinner says. "At any rate, one in ten students is a substantial number."

The program receives about \$30,000 annually from the IFC, and they estimate that the services they offer provide over \$350,000 annually in legal services at the current prevailing rates.

Spinner explains that he and his staff, which includes a half-time secretary and two work-study people, have a heavy personal injury work load.

"I work on insurance claims, consumer complaints, and I do a lot of debt counseling," Spinner says.

"I do a lot of expectation aligning," he explains. "I try to take the weight of the problems off of the client's shoulders. This can be an incredible stress reducer."

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Spinner says he also tries to eliminate some surprises students may experience with costs, results, and time factors.

"The average intellect on campus is far above the average intellect in the community, but what does not go along with this intellect is experience," he says. "We try to fill in for this inexperience."

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