



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTIES OF BUTTE, GLENN AND TEHAMA

SELF HELP ASSISTANCE & REFERRAL PROGRAM

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ASK THE COURT

Question: Please help! I need to get custody and child support for my two children and would like to file for a legal separation. I cannot afford an attorney. Is there anywhere that I can go to get legal help? --Anonymous, Willows, CA.

Answer: Yes! Did you know that every county in California has a family law attorney- called a Family Law Facilitator- that works for the courts to assist court customers with their family law issues? While most Family Law Facilitators are limited in the scope of what they may help you with, they all are able to help with child support issues, including helping you to complete the proper legal court forms. Glenn County's Family Law Facilitator- Nancy McGie- also assists with legal separation and custody. While she will not represent you or be your attorney, you can definitely use her free services to understand the process and complete the necessary legal forms. To make an appointment with Nancy McGie in Willows or Orland, please contact (530) 934-6446, extension 6380. She is available on Mondays and Fridays in Willows, and two Tuesday evenings a month in Orland.

In addition to the Family Law Facilitator services, the Superior Court of California, Glenn, Butte, and Tehama Counties, operates a Self Help Assistance and Referral Program (SHARP), with four offices, including one in Willows. The SHARP office would be happy to help you with your family law issues, making sure you file and complete the correct paperwork. They will give you the proper information to walk you through the process on your own. The SHARP office has been open for four years and has assisted over 50,000 people in the three counties. They assist self-represented court customers with a variety of issues, including: custody, paternity, divorce/legal separation, name changes, small claims, evictions, expungements, restraining orders, guardianships, petitions to modify current family law orders, etc. They are available Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. The Willows office is located in the Glenn County Superior Court; court customers are assisted on a first-come, first-served basis. – Glenn County Superior Court Administration

Do you have questions that you want the Court to answer? Please email them to askthecourt@glenncourt.ca.gov or mail them to Glenn County Superior Court, Attn: Ask the Court, 526 W. Sycamore Street, Willows, CA 95988. Questions may be submitted anonymously. Donald Cole Byrd is the current Presiding Judge of the court.