# Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center





## **Free Legal Information for Civil Cases**

The Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center is a project of the Franklin County Municipal Court. The Resource Center is for civil matters only, and not for any criminal, protection order, or traffic matters. Staff can provide individuals representing themselves in court with information only and will not provide legal advice or representation.

- The Resource Center is a walk-in service, and cannot make appointments for visitors or provide information over the phone.
- Information resources and handouts will be free to anyone who comes into the Center.
- Additional services and aid from staff is available to those who pass a financial screening process.\*

The FCMC Self Help Resource Center is a place where you can find helpful information and services about your civil legal problems if you are not represented by an attorney. Legal information includes court forms and tools to help you complete court forms, and answers to general questions about court processes or procedures.

#### **More Information**

What Civil Legal Issues Are Covered?

Legal information is available for the following topics:

- Sealing of Records
- Certificates of Qualifications for Employment
- Small Claims
- Landlord/Tenant Matters including Evictions and Rent Escrow
- General Municipal Court Information and Procedure
- Pro Se Aid and Guidance

#### REMEMBER

- Information from the Self Help Resource Center is NOT legal advice and cannot replace the advice of a licensed attorney.
- It is up to YOU to make decisions about your legal issues.
- It is up to YOU to prepare and file the correct papers.
- It is up to YOU to follow up on anything the court requires you to do.

#### **Current Hours**

Monday-Friday

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

(Last visitors accepted at 2:30 P.M.)

**Arrive Early**. We help people on a first-come, first served basis. The Center will stop accepting visitors 30 minutes before closing.

The Resource Center will be closed whenever the Municipal Court is closed.

(There may be times the Center is closed during these times due to staff responsibilities. As it is a walk in only service, there is no way to contact the staff when the center is closed.)

### **Contact Information**

369 S. High Street, 10th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215\*

\*Across from the Franklin County Law Library