

# LEGAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply. Any information you provide on this form will be kept confidential and will be used only by Gulfcoast Legal Services to provide appropriate legal aid.**

## **YES**

1.  Are you 60 years of age or older?

### **Housing Problems**

2.  Are you struggling to make mortgage payments?
3.  Are you struggling to make condo or homeowner's association payments?
4.  Are you struggling to pay property taxes or insurance on your home?
5.  Would you like information regarding loan modification of your home mortgage or assistance with such payments?
6.  Do you need help with eviction, the threat of eviction, or a deposit or rent dispute?
7.  Do you rent and have problems with unsafe and unhealthy conditions? For example: code violations, no electricity, plumbing, mold issues, or other problems that your landlord has failed to fix?
8.  Do you have problems with rules and regulations violations with your condo, HOA, or mobile home?
9.  Do you feel that your landlord or a potential landlord has discriminated against you because of your race, gender, religion, familial status, national origin, or disability?
10.  Do you have someone living in your home that you need to remove?
11.  Do you have a problem with low income or public housing, or section 8 vouchers?
12.  Are you without permanent housing, i.e., do you live in your car, a shelter, or on the street?

### **Family Problems**

13.  Do you need help filing or responding to divorce proceedings?
14.  Do you need assistance with receiving or paying child support?
15.  Do you need help with spousal support (alimony)?
16.  Do you need help with child custody, visitation, adoption, or guardianship?
17.  Are you involved in a custody or divorce case with a domestic violence element?
18.  Are you having problems obtaining a birth certificate for yourself or a child?
19.  Do you have problems because you are a grandparent or non-parent relative caring for a child?

### **Domestic Abuse Problems**

20.  Are you a victim of domestic violence, or do you fear domestic violence, stalking, abuse, etc.?
21.  Do you need help obtaining an Injunction for Protection (a 'restraining order')?
22.  Do you need assistance because a child is being abused or neglected?
23.  Do you need assistance because domestic violence is threatening or disrupting your housing?

### **Immigration Problems**

- 24.  Do you have questions about becoming a legal permanent resident in the United States or the ability to work and reside legally in the United States?
- 25.  Are you interested in becoming a United States citizen?
- 26.  Do you have questions about filing an immigration petition for a family member?
- 27.  Do you have questions about deportation?
- 28.  Are you an immigrant who has suffered an abusive work situation where you were forced to work or controlled by your employer (or another person)?
- 29.  Are you an immigrant who has been forced to work in commercial sex activity/prostitution?
- 30.  Are you an immigrant who has not been paid properly, in other words has suffered wage theft?
- 31.  Are you an immigrant who has suffered abuse or domestic violence?
- 32.  Are you an immigrant who has been the victim of a crime in the United States?

### **Education Problems**

- 33.  Does your child have a disability but is not receiving specially designed instruction or support at school?
- 34.  Does your child have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) but is not progressing well socially or academically (in school)?
- 35.  Do you want your child to be evaluated to determine whether he or she is eligible for special education services?
- 36.  Does your child feel bullied or unsafe at school, but the school hasn't addressed the problem?

### **Consumer Problems**

- 37.  Are you behind in payments on credit cards or loans, being sued, or have a problem with credit card billing or fees?
- 38.  Are you subject to abusive, deceptive, or misleading tactics by a debt collector?
- 39.  Have you been the victim of a scam, consumer fraud, or identity theft?
- 40.  Has a home improvement or service company performed shoddy work or left a job unfinished?
- 41.  Do you have a problem with a payday loan?
- 42.  Are you paid with a debit card instead of through direct deposit or with a paper check?
- 43.  Did your vehicle turn out to be a lemon, or do you have a car loan or car repair problem?
- 44.  Do you have a problem concerning your utility bills – water, sewer, electric, gas, telephone?
- 45.  Do you have questions or need help with bankruptcy?
- 46.  Are your wages, bank account, or other property being garnished?
- 47.  Are you having problems paying a student loan, either as the student or as a co-signor?

### **Elder Law Problems (age 60+)**

- 48.  Are you or an elderly relative being physically abused or neglected?
- 49.  Are you or an elderly relative friend being financially exploited?

- 50.  Are you or an elderly relative unable to perform daily tasks of living and possibly need a guardian appointed?
- 51.  Do you or an elderly friend or relative need to create a Power of Attorney or an Advanced Healthcare Directive to designate someone to make important financial and healthcare decisions?
- 52.  Do you or an elderly friend or relative need help making a simple will or deciding what will happen to your property after death?
- 53.  Do you have problems or questions relating to Medicare?
- 54.  Do you have problems or questions of problems about long-term care?
- 55.  Do you have questions or problems with Social Security benefits?

**Public/Veterans Benefits Problems**

- 56.  Do you have a disability for which you believe you are entitled to public benefits?
- 57.  Do you need information about or have a problem with Social Security, Social Security Disability Income, or Supplemental Security Income?
- 58.  Do you need assistance regarding Veterans claims and/or benefits?
- 59.  Do you have questions or problems about reemployment assistance (unemployment compensation) benefits?
- 60.  Do you need help with Food Assistance or Temporary Cash Assistance from the Florida Dept. of Children and Families?
- 61.  Do you have questions or problems with Medicaid or Medicare?

**Tax Problems**

- 62.  Do you need help with tax disputes, tax collection, or a tax problem with the IRS?
- 63.  Have you received a letter, phone call, or any other correspondence from the IRS about a tax matter?

**Unlawful Discrimination Problems**

- 64.  Do you have a problem due to discrimination based on age, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, nationality, immigration status, disability, language, or family status?

**Work-Related Problems**

- 65.  Do you need help because you are not getting paid minimum wage or overtime pay?
- 66.  Do you have a problem because your workplace is unsafe or unhealthy?
- 67.  Are you concerned because you have to leave your job due to serious illness in your family or for the birth or adoption of a child?
- 68.  Do you have a housing, safety, wage, or other problem because you are a migrant or seasonal agricultural/farm worker?

**Criminal Issues**

- 69.  Do you want information on sealing or expunging criminal records?
- 70.  Do you need help getting a driver's license after it has been suspended?

**Any Other Legal Issue?** If you have any other legal issue(s), please specify below:

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If you identified any legal issues above, to the best of your knowledge, did the issue originate in Florida? If not, where did the problem or issue first arise? Please give as much information as possible

Please list any and all identifying information that you have about any individuals or companies involved with which the legal issues identified above.

**Thank you for helping us help you!**