ABOUT KGACLC

FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE EAST SAN JOSÉ COMMUNITY LAW CENTER, the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center began in 1994 as a volunteer effort of the La Raza Law Students Association at Santa Clara University to help day laborers collect their unpaid wages.

In 2004, George Alexander, a former professor and dean of the Santa Clara School of Law, and his wife Katharine, made a generous donation to the East San José Community Law Center’s endowment. In recognition of their gesture, the ESJCLC was officially renamed the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center, KGACLC.

Today, KGACLC offers legal advice and services in consumer, immigration and employment law, serving about 1,000 clients on-site per year. It also reaches out to hundreds of individuals through its mobile workshops on Consumer Rights, Workers’ Rights and Tenants’ Rights, given throughout the community.

DIRECTIONS

From Santa Clara University:
Take The Alameda towards downtown San José.

From the Peninsula:
Via 280  Take 280 South to 880 North
Exit from 880 on The Alameda and drive towards downtown San José.
Via 101  Take 101 South to 880 South
Exit from 880 on The Alameda and drive towards downtown San José.

From South:
Take 101 North
Exit from 101 on Alum Rock/Santa Clara St. and drive towards downtown San José.
(Santa Clara St. turns into The Alameda.)

Bus routes with nearby stops: 22, 63
OUR SERVICES

LEGAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH OUR ADVICE CLINICS

If you qualify based on your household income, make an appointment to attend one of our advice clinics. We may assist with any of the issues listed below.

CONSUMER LAW
- Fraud while purchasing a new or a used car
- Car repossession or towing issues
- Debt collection harassment
- Notario or paralegal fraud
- Telemarketing or door-to-door sales fraud
- Credit card fraud
- Credit reporting problems
- Other consumer-related issues

IMMIGRATION LAW
- T-Visas (for victims of human trafficking)
- U-Visas (for victims of other crimes, including domestic violence)
- DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)
- Political asylum for minors and families with children

WORKERS’ RIGHTS
- Unemployment issues
- Wrongful termination
- Unpaid wages and penalties
- Employer retaliation
- Harassment and discrimination in the workplace
- Other employment-related issues

ABOUT OUR CLINICS

HOW THEY WORK

The Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center is a program of the Santa Clara University School of Law. We offer learning opportunities to our law students who work under the supervision of experienced attorneys to assist the individuals we serve through our clinics.

During a clinic, you will be interviewed by a law student, who will then consult with one of our attorneys based on the information you provide. The law student will then relay the attorney’s advice to you.

COST, CONFIDENTIALITY

KGACLC is a private, non-profit organization without direct links to governmental organizations or law enforcement agencies. Our services are free of charge and confidential.

APPOINTMENTS

Call or visit us to schedule an appointment. We will ask some questions about your particular issue and your household income to determine eligibility for services.

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

We provide preventive education and bilingual workshops to low-income groups in workers’ centers, ESL classes, adult education centers, and other locations throughout our community. Presented by an attorney, a law student and an interpreter (if needed), these workshops cover general information in these areas:

- Consumer Rights
- Workers’ Rights
- Tenants’ Rights

Contact us for workshop locations or to schedule a workshop in your community organization.