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Free Legal Services Available for Students

Sam Houston State University students, who think they may need a lawyer, or who have legal questions look no further than the Lee Drain Annex.

Legal Services is located there, in room 101. James Gibson is the legal services adviser.

Legal Services recently circulated a report that included 117 agencies that can help students who need information in areas as alcohol, auto insurance, child support, debt, fraud, identity theft, and sexual

Gibson said that other legal concerns that students have are landlord/tenant, consumer protection, criminal, family law, traffic tickets, automobile wrecks, and employee rights.

"The legal services department is here to inform students about their legal rights with total confidence and responses," said Gibson. "Our goal is to provide reliable information that is up-to-date with the law in the state."

The legal services mission is to help students achieve academic success by allowing them to not worry about their legal problems and to help them save money. Also they are the students' advocate and they provide additional information to students to further their legal knowledge if they so choose.

In order to receive legal services a student must be currently enrolled and must present a Sam ID for consultation.

Gibson has held his position since 1991. He received his bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Texas in Austin; his Master of Science in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University; and his juris doctorate from the Southern Methodist University School of Law.

He is a board member and current secretary of the Texas Mediators Credentialing Association and the Mediation Trainers Roundtable; former president of the Greater Houston Chapter of Society of Professional Dispute Resolution (SPIDR), now known as the Association for Conflict Resolution; plus a former president of the Texas Association of Mediators and the College of Texas Mediators.

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