

# Small Claims Resources

## Small Claims Advisor:

- **Email:** Go to [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org), click “Small Claims Help” then “Contact the Small Claims Advisor”
- **Phone:** Tuesdays 2:00-4:00pm (408) 882-2929 (no voicemail)

## California’s Statewide Self-Help Site

(Small claims information and free forms)

[www.courts.ca.gov](http://www.courts.ca.gov)

## Bureau of Automotive Repair

(408) 277-1860

[www.smogcheck.ca.gov](http://www.smogcheck.ca.gov)

## California Codes (“The Law”)

- *Click* California Law,
- Select the code you are interested in (ex. “Code of Civil Procedure”—Small Claims starts in section 116 or “Civil Code” for general civil)
- *Click* Search

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

## California Contractors State License Board

(Contractor disputes and complaints)

(800) 321-2752

[www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)

## Department of Consumer Affairs

- *Click* Publications,
- Small Claims Court,

(800) 952-5210

[www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov)

## ‘7 On Your Side’

The consumer information and advocate TV program  
On ABC channel 7.

Phone calls from 10-12, Monday through Friday.

<https://abc7news.com/michael-finney-7-on-your-side-abc7-news-consumer-reports/47207/>

(408) 952-5210

## District Attorney, Consumer Protection Unit

(Helps individuals resolve disputes with businesses)

(408) 792-2880

## Santa Clara County Recorder’s Office

To find the owner of a business using a fictitious  
business name in Santa Clara County

- *Click* Clerk Functions – Online Search
- *Click* Fictitious Business Names Online Search

[scccrosselfservice.org/web/](http://scccrosselfservice.org/web/)

## Secretary of State

To find the agent for service of process for a  
corporation, LLC, or LP:

- *Click* Free Business Search & Copies (under Business Programs)
- Enter the business name and click submit

[bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov](http://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov)

**Lawyers in the Library**

Free virtual twenty-minute consultation with an attorney.

[www.probonoproject.org/legal-clinics/](http://www.probonoproject.org/legal-clinics/)

**Project Sentinel**

Assists individuals with various housing problems

housing.org  
800-339-6043

**Santa Clara County Bar Association**

For a low-cost, 30-minute consultation with an attorney when you are trying to decide if you have a small claims case or a civil case.

(669) 302-7803  
[www.sccbba.com](http://www.sccbba.com)

**State Bar of California-Certified  
Lawyer Referral Service**

(866) 442-2529  
(415) 538-2250 (outside California)

**Santa Clara County Law Library**

To research California Codes and Laws

Note: There is no assistance with completing forms or legal advice.

360 N. First Street, San Jose (Between Julian and Basset streets) M-F 9am-5pm

(408) 299-3568

**Landlord/Tenant Help:**

<b>CITY</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Campbell	Campbell Rent Mediation	408-243-8565
Cupertino	Project Sentinel	408-720-9888
Gilroy	Project Sentinel	408-720-9888
Los Altos & Los Altos Hills	Los Altos Mediation	650-949-5267
Los Gatos	Project Sentinel	408-720-9888
Milpitas	Project Sentinel	408-720-9888
Monte Sereno	Consumer Protection Unit	408-792-2880
Morgan Hill	Project Sentinel	408-720-9888
Mountain View	Project Sentinel	408-720-9888
Palo Alto	Palo Alto Mediation Program	650-856-4062
San Jose	Law Foundation Housing Project	408-280-2424
Santa Clara	Project Sentinel	408-648-2945
Saratoga	Consumer Protection Unit	408-792-2880
Sunnyvale	Project Sentinel	408-470-3744
Unincorporated	Project Sentinel	408-842-7740
Santa Clara County	Consumer Protection Unit	408-792-2880