

# Landlord problems top students' list

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What can students do when the landlord refuses to return their deposit? Or they're in an accident and don't have insurance? Or the doors fall off of the used car they bought last week? Try Student Legal Services, 335 Nebraska Union.

Shelley Stall, a 1978 NU College of Law graduate, has directed legal services and worked as the full-time attorney for 4 1/2 years. Webb Bancroft serves as a part-time attorney. An undergraduate student intern, usually a senior planning to attend law school, also works in the office, Stall said.

Between them, they handled 828 student contacts last year, 175 more than the year before, she said.

Totally supported by student fees, ASUN designed legal services 10 years ago to offer students free legal service and to provide legal education for the university community. Stall said the only cost to students are occasional filing fees if they go to court.

A litigation program initiated last year expanded the office's guidelines, so Stall and Bancroft now can represent students in court.

"I think the program was a big step for Student Legal Services because we really provide a bigger service, a more useful service," Stall said.

Because of the new program, the NU Board of Regents granted a 30 percent budget increase for legal services and Bancroft was hired as a part-time attorney, Stall said.

Before the litigation program began, the office published the Student Legal Services Handbook. Written by Stall and organized by several UNL students,

the handbook provides an overview of laws and rights that students most often need. Stall described the handbook as "preventative health care," so

students can be aware of their legal rights.

The handbook, available at the legal services office and from student assistants, is worth reading, she said, especially before renting an apartment.

Stall said about one-third of the cases the office handles are landlord-tenant problems. That's why the handbook contains extensive sections on renting and how to win in small claims court.

Problems arise between students and landlords because of "basic different interests," she said.

If the problem involves a damage deposit or another small sum of money (under \$1,500), Stall said she will help

students prepare for small claims court.

Although landlord-tenant problems are the most common problems, Stall said, legal services will advise students on any legal problem or refer them to an attorney who can help them.

"As soon as students find we're available, they're in here, at least to check it out," she said.

The remaining 70 percent of the cases are evenly divided between traffic, family, consumer and tort cases in which people feel they have been damaged, Stall said.

With a problem like traffic tickets, Stall said, she will explain the procedure for paying them. She said DWI cases are "too common." Stall works

with the University Health Center's alcohol programs on these cases.

Stall also works with the ombudsman's office and the International Student Office. Grade problems, for example, normally are handled through the university system. However, Stall said she explains the grade appeal system to students and gives them an overview of case law in that area.

"Generally speaking, I handle problems that students have with the outside community," Stall said. Problems within the university are handled by systems set up for that purpose, she said.

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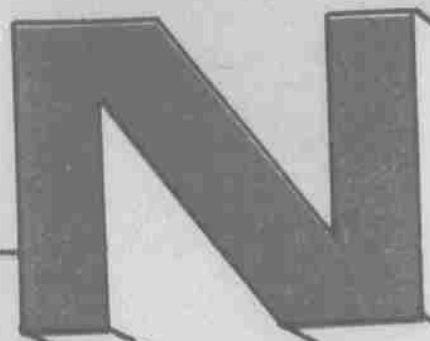
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