

Senate Meeting Date: Aug. 27, 2024

Report Title: Summer 2024: Students Need Us

Introduction: Student Legal Services (SLS) is a program through ASUW that provides free, confidential, legal advice to all full-fee paying University of Wyoming students. The personnel for the FYS 2024-25 year are WY licensed attorney Samantha Daniels and UW College of Law Intern Lisa "L" Hoffman. We are to report to ASUW statistics on our program once every *6 months.

*Reporting intervals have varied wildly in the past with anything as frequent as once a month to as far apart as 6 months. The same can be said for styles with reports spanning 20 pages to 1 page summaries. This Reporting is not described in the Attorney contract with the University of Wyoming, but is instead mentioned in the SLS Intern description/application. Therefore I am under the impression that the Senate or the ASUW Advisor determines when this report should be done and in what fashion. Below is what I have as my first-attempt report. **Further details than what is provided below could threaten confidentiality and the attorney-client privilege.**

DATA: Between 4/28/2024 and 8/25/2024 Student Legal Services assisted 27 individuals.

Out of the total of 27 individuals, 85% needed assistance with a Civil Matter while the remaining 15% needed assistance with a *Criminal Matter.

*SLS does not advise students with Felony charges/convictions.

Of the total number of students that reached out to SLS over the summer months, 2 were ineligible (meaning they were not enrolled as full-fee paying students or they were seeking suit against the University or another University Student) and 3 stopped contact.

Therefore the following statistics are built off of those 22 students who utilized our services fully.

68% of students needed assistance with Landlord-Tenant Issues. This is our most important service to students who may face lease breaks, sudden evictions, etc. The remaining 32% of students needed advice on a variety of matters including but not limited to Court Procedure, Misdemeanors, etc.

Goals:

- Redesign SLS website
- Presentation with Cowboy Coaches set for Oct. 16

Accomplishments:

- Tabled during Saddle Up week
- Collaborate with ASUW / establish Social Media platform

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Date: 8/26/2024