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Self-Help Centers offer legal advice

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Those who need help navigating the court system, but who want to represent themselves, can get some help at the new Pinellas County Clerk of the Court Self-Help Centers. The centers bring attorney advice at the rate of \$1 per minute for those whose income is too high to qualify for pro bono services, but who need to consult with an attorney to make certain paperwork they need to file on their behalf is correct. Although attorneys associated with the center will not represent people in court, their services include assistance with filling out civil-action legal forms, such as those associated with family law, landlord-tenant disputes or small-claims suits.

There is a 15-minute minimum and time is assessed in 15-minute increments beyond the first 15 minutes. There are no income eligibility requirements to use the centers' services. The program is offered at the Clearwater Law Library, 324 S. Fort Harrison Ave., 727-464-5150; and the St. Petersburg Law Library, 545 First Ave. N., 727-582-7941. A Spanish interpreter is available at the Clearwater location Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.