



LUMMI NATION PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE
Civil Legal Services Application

To Applicant:

The Lummi Civil Legal Services Program may provide legal consultation for matters in the Lummi Tribal Court. Appointment of an attorney will only be allowed for Lummi Nation tribal members that have a qualified civil legal proceeding in the Lummi Tribal Court in the following categories: Natural Resource Violation; Exclusion proceedings; and Lummi Housing Evictions.

For all civil matters, completion of an application is required for each civil legal proceeding. A qualified Court Advocate may assist you in discussing what forms are required, the procedure to access the court and requesting a hearing. The Court Advocate may only provide you with procedural information. Other legal questions will be forwarded to an attorney by the Court Advocate.

Please give Lummi Public Defense Office one week to process your request. If you do not hear from our office, the Court Advocate, or an Attorney by the end of the following week, please contact our office at 360-312-2228 or 360-312-2229.

If you are not eligible for appointment of an attorney, you may consult with an attorney and discuss procedural issues in your case. If you would like to consult with an attorney please sign the Consultation Notice which is attached.

Please complete the attached application and Consultation Notice and return it to the Lummi Public Defense Office. Any incomplete applications will not be processed.

Lummi Nation Public Defenders Office: Civil Legal Services Application

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HM. PHONE _____ CELL PH. _____
MESS# _____ EMAIL: _____
MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

ARE YOU A LUMMI TRIBAL MEMBER? _____ ENROLLMENT # _____

MARK/CHECK THE TYPE OF CASE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?

<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD SUPPORT	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATION	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> LUMMI HOUSING EVICTION		
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER - _____		

IS THERE A PENDING CASE? _____
IS THERE A COURT HEARING SCHEDULED? _____
IF SO DATE AND TIME OF NEXT HEARING? _____
HAVE YOU WORKED WITH ANOTHER ATTORNEY IN THE PAST? _____ IF SO,
WHO? _____

OPPOSING PARTY INFORMATION(Please provide as much information as you can.)

PLEASE LIST ALL PARTIES, CHILDREN, OR OTHER INVOLVED PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MATTER:

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
IS THIS PERSON ENROLLED IN A FEDERALLY RECONIZED TRIBE? _____
IF SO WHAT TRIBE? _____ ENROLLMENT # _____

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF LEGAL MATTER YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH:

Applicant Signature

Date

Please give Lummi Nation Public Defenders Office one week to process your request. We will contact you by phone or a letter regarding your application. If you do not hear from our office or an Attorney by the end of the following week, please contact our office at 360-312-2228 or 360-312-2229

**NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO PERSON/PARTY SEEKING ASSISTANCE
FROM LUMMI PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE IN CIVIL CASES**

The Lummi Public Defender attorneys and Court Advocate cannot be appointed to represent individuals in civil cases in the Lummi Tribal Court except as authorized by the Lummi Code, ordered by the court, when otherwise lawfully directed or authorized, or retained otherwise.

The Lummi Public Defender attorneys and Court Advocate are authorized to assist members of the community in civil procedural matters; explaining and assisting in completing forms, the process of filing of complaints, petitions, motions, and other pleadings; explaining and assisting as to what the court may require or expect under the applicable Lummi Codes; and explaining and assisting as to what court procedure should be expected.

Please be aware that all persons with general questions regarding legal procedural matters, including the opposing party, may seek the Lummi Public Defender Office's assistance as stated above. If you require more than procedural assistance you must consult with or hire private counsel. The Lummi Public Defender Office cannot take sides in the matter and your decision to speak with the Lummi Public Defender acknowledges and accepts these conditions.

The Lummi Public Defenders would always recommend that every person prosecuting a court matter or defending against a suit acquire representation by a Spokesperson/Advocate in the community or hire legal counsel if possible.

Agreed and acknowledged,

Signature of Person Seeking Assistance

Date