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- **Evictions**

  An eviction is a legal process that a landlord uses to remove a tenant from a rental property. Tenants have rights and may be able to challenge an eviction under certain circumstances. This guide will cover what you need to know about eviction laws, tenant protections, and what to do if faced with an eviction.
  Evictions & Ejections

- **Foreclosures**

  Foreclosure is the legal process for a lender to take possession of a home when the owner does not make mortgage payments. Homeowners have rights and may have options to prevent or delay foreclosure. This guide will cover what you need to know about foreclosure laws, available assistance programs, and how to protect your home.
  Foreclosures

- **Lending Discrimination**

  Lending discrimination occurs when lenders unfairly deny or impose bad terms on loans based on things like race, gender, or disability. Laws protect consumers from discriminatory lending practices and ensure equal access to credit. This guide will cover what you need to know about identifying lending discrimination and your rights in these situations.
  Lending Discrimination

- **Reverse Mortgage**

  A reverse mortgage is a loan that allows homeowners aged 62 and older to convert home equity into cash while remaining in their home. It can provide financial relief but comes with important risks and requirements. This guide will cover what you need to know about reverse mortgages, eligibility, and potential benefits and drawbacks.

Reverse Mortgage

- **Custody & Parenting**

  A parenting plan outlines the responsibilities and decision-making authority of each parent regarding their child's upbringing after a separation or divorce. The state prioritizes the best interests of the child and encourages shared parental responsibility whenever possible.
  Custody & Parenting

- **Child Support**

  Child support is money paid by one parent to the other parent to help support the parties' children and is intended to cover essential expenses to ensure the well-being of the children. To determine the amount of support needed the court considers the parents' income, the number of children, the needs of the children, and the time the children spend with each parent.
  Child Support

- **Divorce, Separation, & Annulment**

  In Florida, divorce is legally referred to as a "dissolution of marriage." As a "no-fault" divorce state, neither spouse needs to prove wrongdoing by the other (such as adultery or abuse) to obtain a divorce. The only requirement is to state that the marriage is "irretrievably broken," meaning it cannot be repaired. The process is aim to ensure that both spouses, and any children from the marriage, are treated fairly during the separation and afterward.
  Divorce, Separation, & Annulment

- **Domestic Violence & Abuse**

  Domestic violence involves physical, emotional, and/or psychological harm inflicted by one partner on another in an intimate relationship. Recognizing abuse and seeking help is crucial for the safety and well-being of the victim.

Getting help is important because domestic violence often escalates over time, and without intervention, the risk of serious harm increases. For immediate assistance, contact the Florida Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119.
Domestic Violence & Abuse

- **Guardianships**

  Guardianship of a minor is a legal process in which a court appoints a responsible adult to care for a child when the child's parents are unable or unwilling to do so. The guardian takes over parental responsibilities and makes decisions about the child’s health, education, and welfare.
  Guardianships

- **Name Change**

  A name change can be an important step for a person to move on from a bad situation, adopt a name that inspires them, or choose a name that is more strongly associated with a person’s gender identity.
  Name Change

- **Food & Cash Benefits**

  Food stamps and cash assistance programs help families meet basic needs during times of financial hardship. Food stamps offers eligible households monthly benefits to purchase food, ensuring that families do not go hungry. Cash assistance offers direct financial assistance to cover essential expenses. These programs are vital in reducing poverty, promoting food security, and supporting families as they work toward self-sufficiency and financial stability.
  Food & Cash Benefits

- **Social Security Benefits**

  Social Security benefits provides income to retirees, disabled individuals, and the families of deceased workers. These benefits help ensure financial security

for people who can no longer work due to age, disability, or the loss of a family breadwinner. Understanding the Social Security application process and eligibility for benefits is important to get all the benefits you are eligible for.
Social Security Benefits

- **Benefits for Senior Citizens**

  As people get older, they often need extra help to live comfortably and stay healthy. Older adults, may not be able to work anymore, and they might have more medical needs which makes additional benefits important to ensuring they have dignity and comfort in their later years. Benefits, like Social Security, Medicare, and other programs, help older adults pay for things like housing, food, and doctor visits. Without these benefits, many seniors would struggle to afford the care and support they need.
  Benefits for Senior Citizens

- **Unemployment Benefits**

  Unemployment benefits (also known as Reemployment Assistance) provide temporary financial assistance to individuals who have lost their jobs. Reemployment Assistance (RA) helps unemployed workers cover basic living expenses while they search for new employment. Applicants must be aware of the specific requirements to qualify and maintain eligibility for RA benefits.
  Unemployment Benefits

- **Veterans Benefits**

  Veterans are people who served in the military to protect our country. Veterans often face challenges after leaving the military, and there are benefits that help them find a job, attend school, or get medical care. These benefits give them the support they need to live healthy, successful lives. Veteran’s benefits are provided by a part of the U.S. government called the Department of Veterans Affairs, also known as the VA.
  Veterans Benefits

- **Jobs & Working**

  Losing a job or not getting paid what you earned can create financial hardship. Understanding the law and connecting to available resources is critical to navigating these situations.
  Jobs & Working

- **Debt & Consumer Issues**

  Debt and unfair consumer practices can make life harder for low-income families. Understanding the laws regarding debt, loans, and scams can help consumer prepare for and respond to financial issues which leads to greater financial security.
  Debt & Consumer Issues

- **Wills & Estates**

  “Wills & Estates” refers to the estate planning process, where you decide what will happen to your money, property, and belongings after you die or if you can’t take care of things yourself. With estate planning, you can choose who will get your things, who will take care of your children, and who will make decisions for you if you can’t. Without a plan, these decisions might be made by a court, and it could be stressful and expensive for your loved ones. Estate planning gives you peace of mind, knowing that your family will be taken care of and your wishes will be followed.
  Wills & Estates

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