

Information pamphlet on JURK

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What is JURK?

JURK is an independent legal aid initiative designed to contribute to that all women are aware of their legal rights and that gender equality is practised.

JURK is run by female law students at the University of Oslo and provides help to self-help for women who need legal assistance but have no access to this by providing information about the law, exerting influence on the legal system and assisting in concrete cases.

The particular needs of women for legal assistance are exposed through such concrete action to provide legal aid. The need for legal aid often arises as a result of the general oppression of women. It can also be the result of women's special needs and life situations. It has become increasingly apparent that the traditional legal aid apparatus has little understanding of the particular needs of women when it comes to legal aid. JURK has a vital function in this area.

Our services are available to women nationwide, and we have no income limitations. All help is free.

Do you need legal aid?

JURK provides general information about your rights as well as advice and guidance in concrete cases.

General information is available through amongst other sources our brochures, which provide a good overview of the rules of law

in a number of key areas. Our brochures are free, and are available from JURK by request.

Legal advice is provided through concrete case management and actual representation. This means that we can for example act as your representative towards an opposing party, or find out what your rights are in a particular case. We do not usually represent clients in court, but we can make exceptions to this rule in certain cases of principle. We can also represent you in conciliation and arbitration cases in Conciliation Courts or before Arbitration Panels etc, The Rent Disputes Committee, in negotiations with your employer, opposing parties and so forth. In order to get personal advice you must have a JURK case manager appointed to you. You can arrange for this by contacting JURK's reception services.

JURK provides legal advice in the majority of areas of law, with the exception of criminal law, tax law, corporate law, insurance law and leasehold/land-lease law. We do not participate in concrete divisions of estates, but can assist in such cases with general information relating to the law and due process.

All JURK's case managers are law students.

Reception services

We can receive cases by post, telephone or personal attendance at our offices.

Case management starts with conversations with you, the client, in order to clarify the legal position. Continuance depends on the nature of the case. We provide information on your rights in the case in hand, and, if and where applicable, we contact the opposing party to present or contest any claims or demands that may exist. Progress in the case will closely follow the same routines that are usual in law companies.

All personnel engaged in JURK are subject to strict confidentiality about everything they learn about their cases. Neither the opposite party nor other parties in the case will be contacted without your express permission.

All women can receive help from us and all advice is free. We are open for queries nationwide. All queries are replied to in writing, and our average case handling time is three weeks. A longer case handling period must be expected in large and more complicated cases.

Telephone reception: Client reception:

Tel: 22 84 29 50

Mon and Wed:

09.00-15.00

Tues: 17.00-20.00

Arbinsgate 7

Tues: 17.00-20.00

Wed: 12.00-15.00

Post reception:

Juridisk rådgivning

for kvinner

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0253 Oslo

Types of cases/areas of law

Family law, children's law and inheritance law

Perhaps you have a question about your rights in marriage, or perhaps you have a desire to break out of your marriage? If you are unmarried and living in a partnership perhaps you are wondering who owns what? Thinking about establishing a contract with your cohabitant? Is there something you would like to know about daily care, parental rights, visitation rights or questions in connection with child welfare? Who inherits, according to the law? How to write a will? What does undivided or undistributed estate mean?

Joint ownership

JURK can advise and guide you in joint ownership matters.

Work, social matters and social security

Do you have questions concerning your rights as an employee in case of dismissal or notice, in connection with pregnancy and childbirth, or perhaps about working conditions or wages? Have you been wrongly dealt with by NAV? We can provide answers and can often help by representing the employee in negotiations with employers. We also assist in matters concerning social assistance.

Violence, abuse and ill treatment

If you have been the victim of violence, mental or physical abuse or sexual harassment or assault, we can provide you with an overview of your rights. Amongst other things we can help you

to apply for compensation as a victim of violence or ex-gratia payments from the State.

Housing, rent and allodial matters

JURK can assist in cases relating to rent and fixed property. JURK can also assist in connection with questions relating to allodial law and privilege: We can for example inform you of your rights if you hold allodial rights or are in the succession. We can also inform you about how you can demand your rights if you are passed over in connection with a solution to allodial matters.

Immigration law and international civil law

JURK provides advice and assistance in connection with immigration law and international civil law, for example visitors visas, family reunification, permanent residence permits, work and residence permits on independent grounds and questions regarding which national legislation applies. JURK also arranges lectures on women's rights in Norway for Norwegian language classes consisting of women from minority groups.

Debts and monetary claims

JURK can assist in all types of cases relating to debt, both where you owe money and where others owe money to you. We can for example help you in preparing a proposal for voluntary debt settlement or a repayment schedule agreement.

Women in prison

JURK has permanent case reception services in a number of women's prisons in the east of Norway several times during the term. The prison group can assist you in preparing applications

and complaints to the prison. In addition to legislation concerning prisoners' rights and prison regulations we also accept other cases such as for example debt, questions concerning social matters, children's rights and inheritance law.

Brochures and other material

Own brochures published in Norwegian:

The legal status of employees

Inheritance

Children and parents

The legal status of spouses

Holidays and leave of absence

The Court of Conciliation

Debt while serving a term of imprisonment

Health rights in prison

"No one knows what goes on in my home, only I know my pain"

The legal status of immigrant women

Claims for wages and holiday pay

Women and allodial matters

Notice of termination, dismissal and leave of absence

Rights during pregnancy and childbirth

Joint ownership

The rights of sexually abused children

Unmarried co-habitation

English language brochures:

Children and parents

Rights and responsibilities of marriage

“No one knows what goes on in my home”

Other brochures:

Marriage agreements

Paternity and parental responsibility

Parental responsibility visitation rights

From notification of a complaint to judgment

Disputes about rentals/leases

Arbitration for parents

State compensation for victims of violence

Contracts and standard forms:

Cohabitants contract

Visitation agreement

Application for debt settlement arrangements

Pre-marital/marital agreements

Mutual will and testament

Promissory note

Testament

Agreement on parental responsibility

Other material:

The address given to JURK's 25-year Jubilee
Debt while serving a term of imprisonment (film), see

www.gjeldundersoning.no

Every day law for women

Information folder on JURK

Annual Reports

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