

Legal Aid Attorney Now Available for Counsel

Norfolk area Tribal members gain access to legal aid advisor

Ruthanne Gallup, Tribal Court Administrator

If you have ever talked with Ruthanne Gallup, Tribal Court Administrator, chances are you have heard her say, “Well, I’m not an attorney and I can’t give legal advice, but Legal Aid of Nebraska has a Native American Program, and they may be able to assist you. Their phone number is 1-800-729-9908”

Ruthanne is happy to announce that Native Americans who live in the Norfolk area have the opportunity to meet with Jonathan Seagrass, attorney for the Native American Program of Legal Aid of Nebraska. Mr. Seagrass is at the Ponca Norfolk Office on the first Tuesday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Seagrass is a graduate of the Creighton University School of Law, and has been with Legal Aid of Nebraska’s Native American Program for over two years. “Legal Aid provides free civil legal representation to Nebraskans across the state who otherwise could not afford it,” says Seagrass. “Representing tribal members in their own tribal courts is a vital part of Legal Aid’s commitment to represent Nebraskans throughout the state.”

When at the Norfolk office, Mr. Seagrass can provide legal advice and take applications for extended legal representation for those who qualify. “Speaking with an attorney face to face is a great way for people to speak about their legal issues, and the

Native American Program seeks to make it possible for Native Americans in Nebraska to do so.”

Mr. Seagrass is quick to stress that while he is available to meet with tribal members when he is in Norfolk, it is not the only way people can get in touch with Legal Aid. “I hope people come speak to me face to face, but anyone can call us Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at 1-800-729-9908,” says Seagrass. “People often enter court without understanding the rules and procedures of the process, speaking to an attorney can help.”

Please stop in at the Ponca Norfolk Office on the first Tuesday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and meet Mr. Seagrass. Feel free to ask him legal questions, because unlike Ruthanne, he *will* be able to give legal advice.



Legal Aid of Nebraska Attorney Jonathan Seagrass is now available for legal consultation at the Norfolk office.