Tips For Moving Off-Campus

Make your move picture perfect.

Before you move off campus, see SLS for a free lease review, and check in with the Office of Off-Campus Living for a treasure chest of information and resources.

I sat down with the assistant director, LORETTA DOSS, to talk about how her office can help students. You'll find Loretta on the second floor of the HUB in an office as cheery, welcoming and eclectic as Loretta herself.

What kinds of services does your office provide?

We try to provide the tools students need to have a good experience and a high quality of life when they move off campus. Education is one of the keys to empowering students who are heading off-campus.

Do you see any trends in off-campus housing?

A lack of communication. Students who find roommates online and only talk to them by text can find out, after signing the lease and moving in, that they are incompatible. Once you sign that lease, you are stuck with it.

Any last tips?

Come see us before there is a problem. Prevention is our most effective tool.

Expungement Fees Increase

The filing fee for criminal record expungement has increased effective January 1, 2014 from $15.00 to $75.00.

At Student Legal Services, legal services are free, but students must pay their own filing fees.

In some situations (often when a minor turns 21), a criminal record can be expunged, that is the conviction can be erased from the official record as if it never existed.

For students who are getting ready to launch a job search, this process can be invaluable. If you are not sure whether you are eligible for expungement, call Student Legal Services to discuss your situation with an attorney.

For more information, check out the information packet available on our website.

How Do I Get A Lease Review at SLS?

- Request an appointment online
- Your activity fee must be paid to qualify for services
- Bring your student ID and lease document to your appointment
- The best time to see us is BEFORE you sign

Did You Know?

- Your information will be kept confidential
- Student Legal Services is staffed by qualified and experienced attorneys
- We can speak to your student group or organization about legal issues
- Services are free—you only pay the costs or expenses of your case
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He advocated for the rights of individual cheese slices.

(We advocate for the rights of Penn State students.)

SLS Welcomes New Director

Kelly A. Mroz, Esquire, has joined the Student Legal Services team as its new director. She brings over 13 years of trial experience to the role.

About her goals for the Student Legal Services office, Kelly says, "This office is such an amazing resource for students. We will be getting more information to students to help them avoid problems with landlords and the police while continuing to provide top-notch legal representation and advice on a wide-variety of topics."

A Penn State Alumni, Kelly graduated in 1996 with a BA in German Studies. In 1999, she earned her law degree, graduating magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. After law school, Kelly practiced in Erie, where she founded the Family Law Group in 2008 and was recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2008, 2011 and 2012.

Kelly moved to the State College area in 2012 with her husband, Larry. They have a son, Zac (9), and a dog, Tie.

Since moving to State College, Kelly has taught courses in English Composition, Business Writing and the Business Freshman Seminar. About teaching, Kelly adds, "I love working with the students and look forward to continuing to do so in my new role. When I was teaching, I learned something every day!"

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