Student Legal Services Clinic at the College of Medicine

Student Legal Services (SLS) at The Ohio State University is a non-profit law office for OSU students that provides services including drafting legal documents such as Wills, Living Wills, and Health Care Power of Attorney. SLS will be conducting an on-site service session just for medical students on Thursday, April 16 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Who should have a will? Everyone! A will is a written declaration of how you want your property to be distributed after your death. If you don’t have a will, state law will govern what happens to your property, which may be different than what you would choose. Have a spouse or significant other? Children? You absolutely must have a will.

When should I update an existing will? If you’ve had any major life changes – marriage, divorce, birth of child(ren), adoption, relocation to/from Ohio from a different state, death of a beneficiary or executor – you should make a new will.

What is an advance directive or healthcare power of attorney? These are documents that you can use to express your wishes about the use of life-sustaining treatment and/or to authorize another person to make health care decisions for you.

What about my spouse/partner? If your spouse/partner would also like a will and/or advance directives, SLS can provide these services as a courtesy to you, as long as you are eligible for SLS services and you are having SLS draft your documents.

Okay, so how does the SLS Clinic work?
1. Schedule a time slot during the SLS Clinic. You can schedule by going to http://go.osu.edu/appointment and choose the College of Medicine Will Clinic Schedule. You do not need to choose a specific personnel (just choose no preference).
2. Meet with a SLS attorney at the College of Medicine on April 16 during your time slot.
3. SLS will draft your will and send you an electronic copy to review.
4. SLS will send you an email to schedule your will signing.


What else can SLS do for me? A lot. SLS provides advice and representation for the legal issues students typically face including: landlord-tenant/off-campus housing, criminal misdemeanors, traffic citations, debt collection defense, credit issues, consumer matters, dissolutions of marriage, victims of crime assistance, notary, employment contract review, and much more. Not sure if yours is a legal issue SLS covers? Call them! 614.247.5853.