Frequently Asked Questions about the Student Legal Services Fee

Q: How did this fee come about?
A: Student Senate initiated the proposal to provide legal counsel services to Kent State students via a negotiated group contract. A contract was negotiated with a non-profit law firm, Student Legal Services, Inc., currently providing this service at eight other Ohio college campuses (OU, Bowling Green, Wright State, etc.).

Q: Who is assessed the fee?
A: Students who are degree-seeking (undergraduate and graduate level) and enrolled in at least one credit hour at the Kent campus will be eligible to request the service provided they have paid the $10.00 fee by the end of the 80% refund period. The fee is assessed for Fall, Spring and Summer sessions. Students must opt out if they do not want the fee assessed – not paying the $10.00 fee does not constitute waiving out of the fee.

Q: What does the fee cover and how much is it?
A: Focus is on assisting students with legal issues which may impact their ability to complete their education, but do not involve the university. Examples would be landlord issues, criminal cases, etc. Not covered items would be fee-generating cases since there are plenty of lawyers available for this purpose. See also more detailed information at the web site referenced below. It provides additional information and a waiver form if needed. The fee is currently $10.00 per semester of participation.

Q: Where is Student Legal Services’ office?
A: 164 E. Main St., Suite 203, Kent, Ohio 44240.

Q: Can I change my mind about the fee if I opted out, but now want to be eligible?
A: If a student decides that they want the service after they have already indicated that they do not, then they must contact the Student Legal Services office at 330-672-9550.
Q: If I opt out in the fall semester, do I need to opt out again in the spring?
A: The service is available on a semester-by-semester basis; each semester, a student must decide if they want to opt out.

Q: How do I opt-out of the fee?
A: Students need to opt-out of the LSF each semester. Follow the instruction below to opt-out of the fee
   - Student should log on to FlashLine and click on the tab “Student Tools.”
   - Go to “My Account” box on top, right hand side.
   - Click on “Legal Services Information and Fee Waiver.”
   - Scroll down, enter term and click on “Submit Request.”
   - You should receive a screen that says the request was successful.

Q: If I have questions about the fee or the services, where can I find more information?
A: Students and parents may find more information on the Student Legal Services fee at: www.uss.kent.edu

Q: If I still have questions that are not answered at this Web site, whom should I contact?
A: You can contact the Student Legal Services office at 330-672-9550.