

Butte County Public Law Library 2016 Holiday Appeal for Contributions

Campaign Goal: \$30,000

Why this Amount? Who we are and What We Do

The Business and Professions Code establishes the governance of county law libraries.

Butte County Public Law Library receives No interest on lawyers' trust accounts, No Legal Services Corporation funding, and No Judicial Branch funding.

Butte County Public Law Library's only public source of funds is a statutorily allocated portion of first paper court filing fees, listed in Business and Professions Code sections 6321 and 6322.1, the 2016 collections of which in Butte County were 40 percent less than the total of fees collected seven years ago.

\$60,000 in Grant Funding from the SUNSHINE LADY Foundation kept Butte County Public Law Library functioning in 2014-'15 and 2015-'16, **without any reduction** in services.

Butte County Public Law Library provides legal information, online legal subscription services, four (4) public access computers, more than 4,800 book and book-equivalencies, including more than 200 self help Nolo Press titles contained in the online databases, four (4) study tables, a large meeting table, one (1) private meeting room seating eight (8), public printers and photocopiers, and knowledgeable staff.

Butte County Public Law Library augments the Self help services of the Butte and Tehama County Superior Courts. Butte County Public Law Library is directed by an active member of the State Bar of California who prepares Template forms and Resource guides from time-to-time in allied areas where S.H.A.R.P. is unable to or is without staff to assist: Current projects include 3 day quit notices for nuisance, Absent-parent stepparent adoptions, Appeals of municipal code convictions, Body attachment warrants, Certificates of Rehabilitation, Continuances and extensions of time, Court judgments in UD proceedings, Default set-asides, Discovery and subpoena basics, Evidence and Procedure Calendars (Family Law), *Ex parte* motions for new first appearance dates, Forcible detainers, Mobilehome park and RV park matters, Motions for early termination of probation, Motions to modify/set-aside TROs (on grounds of no notice), Owner and lodger relationships, Payment plans to creditors, and Trial Brief basics. Director John Zorbas served on the Judicial Council Task Force on Self Represented Litigants from 2004-2014 and is a current member of the board of directors of Legal Services of Northern California, Inc.

Butte County Public Law Library is located in Oroville, CA, pop. 15,000, and serves an average of 28 callers and visitors a day. Butte County Public Law Library is an interlibrary borrowing resource for specialized legal research and for attorney continuing education material. Materials from the larger Alameda, Contra Costa, and Sacramento County Law Libraries can be borrowed on 72 hours' notice.

Butte County Public Law Library is established as a free facility for the public. Nominal fees for office supplies, for printing and for special services are charged. For extraordinary cause, these nominal charges are waived.

\$30,000 must be raised in 2016-'17 to avoid cuts in staff and services. The \$16.5 million line item for county law libraries requested of Governor Brown in the 2017 Proposed Budget, if approved, will give us (In Butte County) close to \$90,000 in Fiscal 2017-'18 to budget for future needs.

A \$2,000 in-kind contribution from Harris & Plottel LLP (Chico) received October 2016 was Step #1 toward meeting our 2016-'17 goal. Visit our Donor Wall and please give generously!