



# The legal aid clinic of Syktyvkar State University

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# Introduction



- ✓ Founded in January, 2000
- ✓ Social orientation
- ✓ Run by law students of Syktyvkar State University

# Why did we create our legal aid clinic?



**1995 – The first legal aid clinic in Russian Federation  
(Petrozavodsk State University)**



Awareness of necessity of such clinics in different parts of Russia

## Reasons:

- ✓ Lack of awareness of citizens about basic rights
- ✓ Lack of awareness of where to find help
- ✓ Lack of finances of poor people to ask for legal aid

**1999 – Russian Ministry of Education:  
new order about legal aid clinics at universities**



**Opportunity to create such clinics  
in Russian universities**



**Creation of legal aid clinic of Syktyvkar State University**

**+ Adoption of new laws about legal aid clinics at universities  
next years**

**BUT! The system of legal free aid clinics just starts developing**



**The necessity of study and research existing experience**



# Situation in Komi Republic



2012 – 260000 people get different social welfare payments (30% of Komi population)



55300 of them are poor



The necessity of development of legal aid clinic of Syktyvkar State University (Komi Republic)

# Structure



✓ **The head of legal aid clinic of Syktyvkar State University:**

**Filippova A. Elena, jurist**

✓ **Supervisors:**

**Ksenia I. Korobko, Faculty Director of the department of Civil law**

**Kurova N. Natalia, Docent of the department of Civil law**

To know more about Department of Civil law: <http://www.syktsu.ru/edu/if/iip/department-of-civil-law-and-process/Department%20of%20Civil%20law/>

✓ **13 employees – students**

# Methods:

- ✓ **Interviewing citizens who ask for legal aid**
- ✓ **Preparation of legally justified answers**
- ✓ **Drafting legal documents (in case of necessity)**
- ✓ **Online-consultations**

*Students always work under the supervision.*



# Legal aid clinic of Syktyvkar State University TODAY:



- ✓ **Permanent office at Syktyvkar State University**
- ✓ **Free legal aid for all natural persons**
- ✓ **Free legal aid for all cases (exception: criminal cases)**



# Special project

## “Question-answer”

People ask different questions on legal issues, we answer and publish our answers on the website in two languages:  
**Russian and Komi (25% of people in Komi Republic are Komi)**



To view this page on our website: <http://www.syktsu.ru/edu/if/iip/law-klinik/Vopros-otvet/>

# The main directions of our work:



- ✓ **Family law**
- ✓ **Housing law**
- ✓ **Labour law**
- ✓ **Social Security law**
- ✓ **Medical law**
- ✓ **Consumer protection**

# Family law

- ✓ **General information**
- ✓ **Rights and duties after divorce**
- ✓ **Property issues after divorce**



# Housing law

- ✓ **Property issues**
- ✓ **Issues of housing utilities**
- ✓ **Protection of housing rights**
- ✓ **Affordable accommodation for some group of people**



# Labour law

- ✓ **Wages**
- ✓ **Dismissals**
- ✓ **Labour contract**
- ✓ **Vacations**

# Social Security law

- ✓ **Case work**
- ✓ **Consultation on social rights**

# Medical law

- ✓ **Private medical practice**
- ✓ **Health care**
- ✓ **Case work**



# Consumer protection

- ✓ **Drafting legal documents**
- ✓ **Consultation**



**Thank you for your attention!**