

**Legal Aid of Napa Valley and Local Wineries and Vineyard Management Companies
Team Up to Educate Vineyard Staff About Their Legal Rights**

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NAPA, CA - Legal Aid of Napa Valley and local wineries and vineyard management companies are teaming up this spring and summer to educate Napa County's vineyard staff about their legal rights.

At free bilingual legal clinics large and small throughout Napa Valley, Legal Aid is conducting intensive educational seminars for the people that help power one of Napa's most important industries. This outreach program by Legal Aid is part of an effort to reach as many Napa County residents as possible by going to their place of employment to answer their legal questions. "We see ourselves as pioneers among legal services organizations around the country by proactively reaching out to local employers and their employees at their work sites," said Diana Dorame, Executive Director of Legal Aid. "Many of the people we see at these clinics never knew that Legal Aid existed, and the managers and owners of these companies have been thrilled to learn that there is a place to which they can refer their employees in need of legal help."

Legal Aid of Napa Valley has hosted a legal clinic for the employees of Silverado Farming Company. "As an employer, we strive to provide resources and education pertinent to our employees. The Legal Aid clinic was presented in Spanish and answered many of our employee's questions," said Pete Richmond of Silverado Farming Company. "Important legal rights and responsibilities were clarified, which helped our employees become more invested in the community and in the work they do here."

A typical legal clinic is staffed by Legal Aid's bilingual immigration attorney and legal advocate who visit the work site and present to the employees for 1-3 hours. Employees are often given the option of also having a one-on-one legal consultation to confidentially discuss their individual legal concerns. Topics covered at these legal clinics usually include a general overview of Legal Aid's services, immigration law; landlord/tenant issues; creditor issues and financial scams.

To date, in the spring and summer of 2008, Legal Aid has been invited to host clinics at the following work sites, with about half a dozen additional clinic dates and times still pending: Vista Vineyard Management, Cain Vineyard & Winery, Beckstoffer Vineyards, Trefethen Family Vineyards, and Stag's Leap Wine Cellars.

Legal Aid of Napa Valley is a not-for-profit organization that provides free legal assistance to Napa County's most vulnerable populations – seniors, immigrants and low-income residents. Legal Aid represents clients before courts and agencies, helps them obtain benefits,

and protects their rights through advocacy, consultation, education and referrals.