



Empowering Village Administrators in Preventing Disputes Through Basic Paralegal Training in Apuan Village, Susut District, Bangli Regency

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
<p>Keywords:Paralegals, Village Officials, Disputes</p>	<p>Cases or disputes are common in both urban areas and rural areas. The existence of differences in interests causes disputes to occur both in the private sphere and in the public sphere. Likewise, in Apuan Village, small clashes often occur which sometimes cause disharmony in society. The importance of understanding community law and village officials will greatly help defuse and resolve disputes that arise in the community. The purpose of this research is to provide basic paralegal training to village officials to prevent disputes from occurring. The implementation method is by conducting interviews with the Apuan Village Government. This can happen due to the lack of public knowledge, especially the poor and marginal people about the law. Paralegal arrangements have been regulated in Law Number 16 of 2011 concerning Legal Aid and Regulation of the Minister of Law and Human Rights Number 3 of 2021 concerning Paralegals in Providing Legal Aid. very important socialized to the village level. As a follow-up step, it is necessary to provide basic paralegal knowledge for village officials as a protector of the community if there is a dispute in the community.</p>
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1. INTRODUCTION

The emergence of legal cases in the community, both criminal, civil and state administrative cases and the community does not know exactly how to resolve the cases they face. In the end, many people are dealing with case brokers and spending a lot of money but the problem is not resolved. This causes people's distrust of the law to be very high, this is a very worrying condition. There are so many legal problems that occur in the village that the presence of paralegals is considered very important. The presence of paralegals in the midst of village communities as community partners and village officials in finding legal solutions and disseminating legal information. Paralegals are expected to be able to revive the values of solving problems in a family manner, deliberation for consensus while still being guided by the applicable laws and regulations. The government is trying to make it easier for people to get legal aid. A paralegal is a professional who works under the supervision

of an attorney or law firm to assist in legal investigations, research, and administration of legal assignments (Statsky, 1992). Fulfillment of access to justice (access to justice), one of which is encouraged through optimizing the role of paralegals at the village level. The 'Village' paralegal is expected to help villagers who experience problems in the legal field. The presence of paralegals is expected to have a greater impact on the community, especially at the village level. "The 'Village' paralegal is expected to be a peacemaker in the village. Handling conflicts in the village is not enough with a social and cultural approach but also with a legal approach. Therefore, Paralegals are expected to play a role in prevention, handling and post-conflict recovery. The high number of cases of legal complaints such as about domestic violence, divorce, inheritance problems, customary problems faced by the Apuan village community, and almost the majority of the community complained about these legal problems to community leaders

who were also village officials, it is deemed necessary to train village officials/apparatuses to understand the resolution of disputes or legal issues faced by village communities.

There are several previous studies that are relevant to this study. First, research from Arliman (2017) regarding paralegal education for the community as a form of sustainable child protection. Second, the legal position of village paralegals in the perspective of law number 6 of 2014 concerning the study village of the supreme court decision number 22P/HUM/2018, was reviewed by Sarjono (2020). Finally, research on empowering village officials in preventing disputes through basic paralegal training in Apuan Village, Susut District, Bangli Regency (Widia, et al, 2020). Based on the previous research, the research decided to raise the fundamental problem faced by partners, namely the lack of understanding of village officials regarding how to deal with disputes/conflicts faced by their communities. So, the purpose of this study is to provide basic paralegal training to village officials to prevent disputes from occurring.

Based on the problems above, through community service activities a solution will be sought that allows village officials to obtain basic paralegal training so that village officials are able to provide services, legal education and guidance to communities involved in disputes or conflicts. The purpose of this research is to provide basic paralegal training to village officials to prevent disputes from occurring.

With the training of village officials (Afandi, 2023), it is hoped that they will form a law-aware community whose goal is to form a law-aware village 3 as stipulated in the Head of BPHN Regulation Number: PHN.HN.03.05-73 of 2008 concerning Formation and Development of Law-Aware Families and Conscious Villages/Kelurahan Law. The targets for the community service this time were village officials from the bekel level, the village secretary and the department heads in Apuan Village.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

2.1 The method of implementation carried out in the community service program is by:

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2. Partner Problem Mapping: Conducting interviews with the Apuan Village

Government.

3. Socialization:
 - a. Socialization of Permenkumham Number 3 of 2021 concerning Paralegals in Providing Legal Aid;
 - b. Regulation of the Head of BPHN Number: PHN.HN.03.05-73 of 2008 concerning Formation and Development of Law Awareness Families and Law Aware Villages/Kelurahan.
4. Guidance and training: Basic paralegal training and guidance for village apparatus which will be delivered by practitioners from the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of Bali Province and practitioners from Posbakumadin Bangli for Apuan Village officials.

2.2 Partner Contribution to Implementation

In implementing this program, partners also play an important and active role from the beginning to the end of the activity. Partner roles or contributions include:

1. Kemenkumham Bali Province and Posbakumadin Bangli provide guidance and basic paralegal training.
2. The village headman and village officials as many as 10 people actively participate in socialization, coaching and training activities.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The lack of public legal awareness makes it difficult to provide an understanding of the law. This is very unfortunate because the lack of knowledge about the law is the main trigger for violations of community rights that are violated, both by community groups and government agencies.

With the existence of a paralegal, it is hoped that it can educate the public that it is important to know and study the law so that in the future their rights as human beings are not violated by responsible parties.

Paralegals are an implementation of the Law on Legal Aid Number 16 of 2011, with paralegals it is hoped that people can access the law in a fair and equitable manner without having to differentiate between the rich and the poor (Pujiarto & Ikhsan, 2015). In some literature scholars define paralegals according to their own opinion.

The term Paralegal is a job description that helps advocates in their work and this term is used in several countries (Rosalinda, 2018). Paralegals themselves are neither advocates

nor court officers. By the paralegal government itself, paralegals are prohibited from practicing law. Paralegals are people who do work in the legal field, but they do not have the classification as legal practitioners. In some literature it is said that paralegals are not graduates of law. Paralegal duties in general are to assist advocates, including administrative work and document filing (Candra, 2019). Because of its nature as an assistant in handling legal cases or cases, a paralegal can be said to be an assistant lawyer. In daily practice, paralegals play an important role as bridges for people seeking justice with advocates and other law enforcement officials to resolve legal problems experienced by individuals and groups in society. The definition of paralegal is also contained in Permenkumham Number 03 of 2021 concerning Paralegals in Providing Legal Aid, namely "Paralegal is any person from the community, community, or Legal Aid Provider who has attended Paralegal training, does not work as an advocate, and does not independently accompany the Recipient Legal Assistance in court".

Based on Law no. 16 of 2011 concerning Legal Aid mandates the importance of the existence of paralegals as providers of legal aid in society. The paralegal itself is a person who provides assistance to fight for justice in society. A Paralegal must have basic knowledge of law both procedural law (formal) and material law and the motivation, attitude and skills to become a paralegal worker.

Law Number 16 of 2011 concerning Legal Aid the conditions for becoming a paralegal are also contained in article 4 of the Minister of Law and Human Rights Number 3 of 2021 concerning Paralegals in Providing Legal Aid which reads:

"To be recruited as a Paralegal, must meet the following requirements:

- a. Indonesian citizens;
- b. Minimum age of 18 (eighteen) years;
- c. Have the ability to read and write;
- d. Not a member of the Indonesian National Armed Forces, the Republic of Indonesia Police, or the State Civil Apparatus; And
- e. Meet other requirements determined by the Legal Aid Provider and do not conflict with laws and regulations.

Paralegals who have registered with the Legal Aid Provider will receive an identity card issued by the Legal Aid Provider. The identity card is valid for a maximum of 2 (two) years and can be extended. Legal aid providers

register Paralegals as implementers of Legal Aid to the National Legal Development Agency (BPHN) through the Legal Aid database information system (Phahlevy, et al 2021).

Someone who has registered as a paralegal must attend all legal training provided by the Legal Aid Institute or the Agency that houses the Paralegal.

Apuan Village, fully understands that the designation of a law-aware village is not only about fulfilling the requirements at the time of assessment as a law-aware village, but must be able to provide information and implement the rule of law, especially for village officials who will always be a place to ask questions for community members who are in conflict, such as family conflicts, land, inheritance and so on. The village headman of Apuan Village is aware of the mindset of the community that when there are problems or legal disputes, it is often the village officials who are asked for advice, such as the head of the department. There are so many legal problems that occur in the village that the presence of paralegals is considered very important. The presence of paralegals in the midst of village communities as community partners and village officials in finding legal solutions and disseminating legal information.

The role of paralegals in Apuan Village in providing legal assistance to the community in order to realize the village of s

4. CONCLUSION

Empowering village administrators through basic paralegal training in Apuan Village, Susut District, Bangli Regency has proven to be an effective approach in preventing disputes and promoting local governance. The training program equips village administrators with essential legal knowledge and skills, enabling them to address conflicts and disputes within the community more effectively. This initiative has contributed to the overall stability and harmony in the village, fostering a sense of trust and confidence among residents. To avoid disputes that occur in the Apuan Village community which are resolved in the realm of litigation, it is necessary to have paralegals in the midst of the village community as community partners and village officials in finding legal solutions and disseminating legal information to create a Law Aware Village in Apuan Village.

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