

**\*\*Note that many organizations are operating remotely or have modified services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please reach out directly to organizations to confirm their current operating status and how to apply for help\*\***

## Referrals for Legal Help

Please note that unless otherwise stated, the resources below are intended to connect users of the list with legal services available to persons living in poverty in DC.

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### **General Resources**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Help DC</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center's Legal Information Help Line</li> </ul>

### **Self-Help Centers at DC Superior Court**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Court Self-Help Center</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landlord Tenant Resource Center / Landlord Tenant Legal Assistance Network</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Law Resource Center</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Claims Resource Center</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Probate Self-Help Center</li> </ul>

### **Private Attorney / Reduced Fee Referral (*Fee Required*)**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bar Association of D.C. Lawyer Referral Service</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Refers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Affordable Law Firm</li> </ul>

## Other Jurisdictions Nationwide:

### Maryland

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maryland Legal Aid Bureau</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maryland Court Self-Help Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maryland Office of the Public Defender<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Criminal law</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Legal Services of Prince George's County</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women's Law Center of Maryland</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homeless Persons Representation Project<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Public/veterans' benefits, housing, criminal record sealing</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civil Justice Network</li></ul>

### Virginia

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Services of Northern Virginia</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central Virginia Legal Aid Society</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Aid Justice Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Northern Virginia Family Service<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Immigration law</i></li></ul></li></ul>

### Other Jurisdictions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law Help</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Legal Aid &amp; Defender Association</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Services Corporation (LSC)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women's Law</li></ul>

## Crisis Resources

*\*\* For any general inquiries, [call 2-1-1](tel:211) \*\**

- D.C. Dept. of Behavioral Health Access Help Line
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline
- D.C. Dept. of Human Services Emergency Shelter Hotline

## LEGAL ISSUE AREAS

### Adoption

- Children's Law Center

### Alimony

- Ayuda
  - Serves immigrants
- Family Court Self-Help Center

### Bankruptcy

- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic
- Bankruptcy Assistance Center
- Catholic Charities Legal Network
- Bankruptcy Access to Justice Project (***Fee Required***)
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)
  - Serves persons 60 and older

### Birth Certificate / Other Identification

- Bread for the City

### Child Abuse and Neglect

- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
- Family Defense Legal Program (with Mother's Outreach Network)

## Custody / Visitation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children’s Law Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves non-parent caregivers</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Kincaid Alliance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves non-parent caregivers</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Court Self-Help Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Legal information and filing help only</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ayuda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Columbus Community Legal Services – Families and the Law Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amara Legal Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## Child Support

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Related to divorce or custody</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Court Self-Help Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Legal information and filing help only</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ayuda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## Civil Rights

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia</a></li><li>- <i>Constitutional issue areas, e.g., freedom of speech, association, press, religion; racial justice; equal protection; police practices; children's rights; privacy rights</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs</a></li></ul>

## Discrimination

**\*\*See [Fair Housing subsection](#) for housing-related discrimination\*\***

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Lambda Legal Defense Fund</a></li><li>- <i>Legal and public education services on sexual orientation discrimination</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">NAACP</a></li><li>- <i>Discrimination against African Americans</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">University Legal Services</a></li><li>- <i>Discrimination against people with disabilities or mental illness</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">National Women's Law Center</a></li><li>- <i>Gender discrimination</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Whitman-Walker Health</a></li><li>- <i>Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs</a></li><li>- <i>Discrimination based on immigration status</i></li></ul>

## Consumer / Debt Collection

**\*\*See [Foreclosure section](#) for foreclosure referrals\*\***

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Catholic Charities Legal Network</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Consumer Law Resource Center</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Small Claims Resource Center</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Tzedek DC</a></li></ul>

### **Car Purchases & Repairs**

- Consumer Law Resource Center
- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)
  - *Serves persons 60 and older*

### **Home Repair / Contractor Disputes**

- Consumer Law Resource Center
- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)
  - *Serves persons 60 and older*
- Multi-Door Dispute Resolution
  - *Contract and neighbor disputes*
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
  - *Helps with wrongful repossession*

### **Identity Theft**

- Tzedek DC
- Victim Legal Network of DC
  - *Helps victims of crime with legal needs related to that crime*

### **Medical Debt Assistance**

- Whitman-Walker Health
  - *Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons*

### **Student Loans / Protections**

- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
- National Student Legal Defense Network

### **Utility Disputes**

- Office of the People's Counsel

### **Consumer Protection**

- Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Hotline

## **Criminal Defense**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Amara Legal Center</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## **Criminal Record Sealing**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Family Life Services (CFLS)</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Christian Legal Aid</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Amara Legal Center</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Rising for Justice</a></li></ul>

## **Crime Victim's Assistance**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Victim Legal Network of DC</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Helps victims of any crime with legal needs related to that crime</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Crime Victims Compensation Program</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center</a></li></ul>

## **Disability Rights**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">University Legal Services</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Helps individuals with disabilities with institution/provider complaints; representative payee complaints; benefits; access to government services, facilities, or programs; transitional assistance from care facilities to communities; access to public accommodations; etc.</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Issues with involuntary and civil commitment cases</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Alternatives to guardianship</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law</a></li></ul>



## Divorce

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Court Self-Help Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>For survivors of domestic violence</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Only if custody is involved</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ayuda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amara Legal Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Affordable Law Firm (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>

## Domestic Violence

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Domestic Violence Intake Center (DVIC)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves petitioners and respondents</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rising for Justice<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Focuses on serving respondents</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ayuda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amara Legal Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Columbus Community Legal Services – Families and the Law Clinic</li></ul>

## Education

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advocates for Justice and Education<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Special education, school discipline, and school push-out issues</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children’s Law Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Special education and residency fraud issues</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Legal Services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>For students with disabilities</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## Employment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Barriers to employment and unpaid wages</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association <b><i>(Fee Required)</i></b></li></ul>

## Unemployment Compensation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO (Claimant Advocacy Program)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association <b><i>(Fee Required)</i></b></li></ul>

## Employment Discrimination

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Shift Justice Project<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Based on pregnancy/family responsibilities</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Hiring discrimination against people with criminal records</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaints</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Better Balance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Legal information only</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association <b><i>(Fee Required)</i></b></li></ul>

### **Sexual Harassment**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Shift Justice Project</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Women's Law Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Better Balance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Legal information only</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association <b><i>(Fee Required)</i></b></li></ul>

### **Pension / Retirement Plans**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pension Rights Center</li></ul>
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### **Whistleblower Protection**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government Accountability Project</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association <b><i>(Fee Required)</i></b></li></ul>

### **Foreclosure**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing Counseling Services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves persons 60 and older</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## Immigration

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Immigration Legal Advice Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ayuda (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CARECEN (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Affordable Law Firm (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Rights First – Asylum Representation Program</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mil Mujeres<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves low-income Latinos with U/T visas, VAWA, SIJS</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tahirih Justice Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Asylum, U/T visas, VAWA</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition (CAIR)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Only serves people in detention in MD or VA</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitman-Walker Health<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asian Pacific-American Legal Resource Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• African Communities Together<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves African immigrants</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Columbus Community Legal Services – Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Clinic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves people detained in Virginia</li></ul></li></ul>

## Naturalization / Citizenship

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asian Pacific-American Legal Resource Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitman-Walker Health<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</li></ul></li></ul>

## Unaccompanied Minors

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)</li></ul>
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## Landlord and Tenant / Rental Housing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rising for Justice</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves persons age 60 and older</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landlord Tenant Legal Assistance Network</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Office of the Tenant Advocate</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless</li><li>- <i>Shelter issues; homelessness prevention</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Tenants Rights Center (<b><i>Fee Required</i></b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Affordable Law Firm (<b><i>Fee Required</i></b>)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Eviction defense, housing conditions, condominium association disputes</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</li></ul>

## Housing Search Assistance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing Counseling Services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Legal Services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CARECEN</li></ul>

## Tenant Associations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CARECEN</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing Counseling Services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>

### **Fair Housing / Housing Discrimination**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CARECEN</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP) - <i>Especially voucher discrimination</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equal Rights Center</li></ul>

### **Health Concerns from Unhealthy Living Conditions**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE) - <i>Serves persons age 60 and older</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Office of the Tenant Advocate</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children's Law Center</li></ul>

### **Personal Injury**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bar Association of D.C./Lawyer Referral Service (<b><i>Fee Required</i></b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Refers (<b><i>Fee Required</i></b>)</li></ul>

### **Medical Malpractice**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multi-Door Dispute Resolution</li></ul>
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## Prisoner's Rights

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Family Life Services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Prisoners' Rights Project (through Washington Lawyer's Committee)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Legal Services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves people with mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities, or traumatic brain injuries incarcerated or in halfway houses; reentry assistance; and psychiatric support access during incarceration.</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia</li></ul>

## Public Benefits

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No longer handling SSI/SSDI appeals</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves persons age 60 and older</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitman-Walker Health<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Office of the D.C. Long-Term Care Ombudsman</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves individuals experiencing homelessness</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amara Legal Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Legal Services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Assists with accessing medical equipment and assistive technology through DC Medicaid and other DC government programs</li></ul></li></ul>

## Help Applying for Public Benefits

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitman-Walker Health</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Downtown Day Services Center (NY Avenue)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves individuals experiencing homelessness</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Georgetown Ministry Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves individuals experiencing homelessness</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves persons 60 and older</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equal Rights Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Protective Filing Tool (via Social Security Administration)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SSI/SSDI only</li></ul></li></ul>

## Sex Worker's Rights

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amara Legal Center</li></ul>
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## Small Business

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Small Business Brief Legal Advice Clinic</li></ul>
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## Small Claims

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tzedek DC</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rising for Justice</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves persons age 60 and older</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer Law Resource Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small Claims Resource Center</li></ul>



## Tax Disputes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Taxpayer Advocate</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Tax Aid</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UDC Low Income Taxpayer Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American University Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Columbus Community Legal Services – Low Income Taxpayer Clinic</li></ul>

## Veterans' Benefits

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves persons age 60 and older</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Veterans Legal Services Program</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veterans Pro Bono Legal Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VA National Capital Regional Benefit Office</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Columbus Community Legal Services – Veteran Advocacy and Estate Planning Clinic</li></ul>

## Wills / Powers of Attorney / Probate / Guardianship

### Drafting Wills

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Affordable Law Firm (<b><i>Fee Required</i></b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serves persons 60 and older</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitman-Walker Health<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## Drafting Power of Attorney

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catholic Charities Legal Network</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves persons 60 and older</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Affordable Law Firm (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Legal Services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves individuals with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves individuals with disabilities</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitman-Walker Health<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</li></ul></li></ul>

## Probate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Probate Self-Help Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christian Legal Aid of DC</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC Affordable Law Firm (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li></ul>

## Guardianship / Conservatorship

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Legal Services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Alternatives to guardianship for individuals with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, or mental illnesses (for up to 90 days post-discharge from mental health facilities)</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Alternatives to guardianship for individuals with disabilities</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves persons age 60 and older</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children's Law Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves non-parent caregivers</li></ul></li></ul>

## **Organization Contact Information**

***\*Organizations listed alphabetically\****

### **A Better Balance**

- Offers legal information only - can give referrals for employment discrimination and medical or family leave issues.
- Phone: 833-633-3222

### **Advocates for Justice and Education**

- Offers legal services to families around special education, school discipline, and school push-out issues.
- Phone: 202-678-8060
- Addresses:  
1200 G Street NW, Suite #725, Washington, DC 20005  
3912 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20011

### **African Communities Together**

- Assists African immigrants to find free or low-cost help with immigration, jobs, and other needs.
- Phone: 240-621-0194
- Email: [info@africans.us](mailto:info@africans.us)
- Address: 1225 S Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202

### **Amara Legal Center**

- Serves sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking or coercion.
- Phone: 240-257-6492
- Email: [info@amaralegal.org](mailto:info@amaralegal.org)
- Address: 1629 K St NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006

### **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of the District of Columbia**

- Handles constitutional issue areas including: freedom of speech and association, racial justice, police practices, LGBT rights, government employees' rights, prisoners' rights, children's rights, immigration rights, and privacy rights.
- Phone: 202-457-0800
- Email: [intake@acludc.org](mailto:intake@acludc.org)
- Address: PO Box 96503, PMB 85739, Washington, DC 20090

### **American University Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic**

- Serves low-income taxpayers in all 8 wards, including recent arrivals, embassy employees, and immigrant taxpayers. Assists with IRS examinations and collections issues including disputing the validity of proposed tax assessments, helping taxpayers avoid enforced collection action, and resolve tax debt.
- *Does not operate during periods when the university is closed.*
- Phone: 202-274-4144
- Address: 4300 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

### **Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center**

- Offers immigration assistance in: change of status, employment authorization, family-based petitions, naturalization, removal hearings, DACA, TPS, T and U Visas, and VAWA petitions.
- *Do not need to identify as Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander to qualify for services.*
- Phone: 202-393-3572 ext. 22
- Email: [helpline@apalrc.org](mailto:helpline@apalrc.org)
- Address: 1627 K Street NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20006

## Ayuda

- Offers immigration assistance in: naturalization, citizenship, family-based petitions/applications, removal defense, work permits/authorization, humanitarian applications (asylum, victims of crime, domestic violence, human trafficking), SIJS, VAWA petitions, TPS, and DACA.
- Offers legal help for Family and Domestic Violence law for low-income, immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking in DC and Maryland.
- *Call to schedule immigration appointments the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.*
- DC Office:
  - Phone: 202-387-4848
  - Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
  - Address: 1990 K Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006
- VA Office:
  - Phone: 703-444-7009
  - Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
  - Address: 2701 Prosperity Ave, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22031
  - **\*Note: VA Office is closed for immigration assistance at this time\***
- MD Office:
  - Phone: 240-594-0600
  - Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
  - Address: 8757 Georgia Ave, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910

### Bankruptcy Access to Justice Project

**\*\*Fee Required\*\***

- Offers representation for a reduced fee in bankruptcy repayment plan (Chapter 13) cases.
- Phone: 202-223-6600
- Address: 1016 16th Street NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20036

### Bankruptcy Assistance Center

**\*\*Due to COVID-19, sessions of the Bankruptcy Assistance Center have been canceled until further notice\*\***

- Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; assistance on a first come, first serve basis.
- Phone: 202-354-3280
- Address: Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse  
333 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 1207, Washington, DC 20001

### Bar Association of DC/Lawyer Referral Service

**\*\*Fee Required\*\***

- Assists individuals and businesses find a qualified attorney throughout the greater Washington, DC area.
- Phone: 202-223-6600
- Email: [lrs@badc.org](mailto:lrs@badc.org)
- Address: 1016 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

### **The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law**

- Protects and advances the civil rights of adults and children with mental illness or developmental disabilities.
- Phone: 202-467-5730
- Email: [requests-for-help@bazelon.org](mailto:requests-for-help@bazelon.org)
- Address: 1090 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20005

### **Bread for the City**

- Provides food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services to reduce the burden of poverty.
- Legal Services: 202-386-7616
- Southeast Center:
  - Phone: 202-561-8587
  - Hours: Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
  - Address: 1640 Good Hope Road SE, Washington, DC 20020
- Northwest Center:
  - Phone: 202-265-2400
  - Hours: Monday-Thursday – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday – 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
  - Address: 1525 7th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

## Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition (CAIR)

- Serves adults and juveniles in Maryland or Virginia detention centers.
- Phone:  
For detained adults: 202-331-3320 ext. 7027  
For detained children: 202-870-5843
- Email: [contactus@caircoalition.org](mailto:contactus@caircoalition.org)
- Address: 1025 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20036

## CARECEN

**\*\*Fee Required for immigration services, waivers may be available based on circumstance\*\***

- Offers immigration assistance in: citizenship, renewing employment authorization documents, family-based petitions (including change of status and consular processing), TPS, DACA, NACARA, U-visas, and removal proceedings.
- *Also serves people outside of DC.*
- Phone: 202-328-9799
- Email: [info@carecencdc.org](mailto:info@carecencdc.org)
- Address: 1460 Columbia Road NW, Suite C-1, Washington, DC 20009
- [Print Flyer – English and Spanish](#)



## Catholic Charities Legal Network

- Phone: 202-350-4305
- Spanish Phone: 202-772-4325
- Immigration Phone: 340-858-0958
- Hours of Operation:
  - Monday-Friday – 9:30 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm
  - Extended hours – Wednesdays and Thursdays until 7:30 pm
- Address: 924 G St NW, Washington, DC 20001
- [Print Flyer – English and Spanish](#)

## Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

- Offers legal assistance to low-income people in: bankruptcy, civil rights, consumer, debtor rights, disability, domestic violence, elder law, employment, family, garnishment, health, housing, public benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and unemployment compensation.
- *Must live within service area (counties within Central Virginia).*
- Phone: 1-800-868-1012 (toll-free)
  - Local:
    - 804-648-1012 (Richmond)
    - 804-862-1100 (Petersburg)
    - 434-296-8851 (Charlottesville)
- Address: 101 West Broad Street, Suite 101, Richmond, VA 2322

### **Children's Law Center**

- Offers legal assistance to third parties/kinship caregivers – i.e., grandparents. Special education and housing conditions if children receive their primary care at their clinics. For kinship caregivers & children receiving care at Children's National Medical Center, Mary's Center, or Unity clinics at Upper Cardozo/Minnesota Ave.
- *Temporary Phone Number: 202-600-9587 (Intake Line Temporarily Closed)*
- Address: 501 3rd Street NW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20001
- [Online Intake](#)
- [Print Flyer](#)

### **Christian Legal Aid**

- Offers legal advice and brief services through clinic consultations. Assist with simple estate planning (wills, POA) and probate.
- Phone: 202-710-0592
- Email: [info@christianlegalaidsdc.org](mailto:info@christianlegalaidsdc.org)
- Address: 907 Maryland Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

### **Civil Justice Network**

- Serves low to moderate income Maryland residents with: foreclosure, auto repossessions, landlord/tenant issues, and simple wills and estate planning for seniors.
- Phone: 410-706-0174
- Foreclosure Phone: 410-706-5649
- Email: [cj@civiljusticenetwork.org](mailto:cj@civiljusticenetwork.org)
- Address: 520 W Fayette Street, Suite 410, Baltimore, MD 21201
- [Online Intake](#)

### **Columbus Community Legal Services**

- Veterans, Immigrants & Refugee, and Family Law clinics. Handles IRS controversy cases and U.S. Tax Court.
- *Do not need to be a DC resident*
- Phone: 202-319-6788
- Email: [ccvirtualvita@gmail.com](mailto:ccvirtualvita@gmail.com)
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Address: 3602 John McCormack Rd. NE, Washington, DC 20064

### **Community Family Life Services**

- Offers residential programs and housing help to adults and families; services to formerly incarcerated women (emergency services, employment services, and parenting programs), case management and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS, and employment counseling and placement.
- Phone: 202-347-0511; 833-888-0434
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 10:00 am to 1 pm; 2 pm to 4 pm
- Address: 305 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

### **Community Legal Services of Prince George's County**

- Serves PG County residents only. Offers legal assistance in: family law, bankruptcy, landlord tenant, foreclosure, wills, employment, and tort defense.
- Primary Phone: 240-391-6370
  - Foreclosure Prevention Program: 240-391-6370 ext. 2
- Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
- [Online Intake](#)

### Community Tax Aid

- Offers free help with filing taxes during tax season (January-April).
- Phone: 202-547-7773
- Email: [info@communitytaxaiddc.org](mailto:info@communitytaxaiddc.org)
- Address: 1000 Vermont Ave NW, #920, Washington, DC 20005

### Consumer Law Resource Center

**\*\*Temporarily closed until further notice\*\***

- Offers free legal information to consumers related to: debt collection, home improvement/independent contractor disputes, security deposit refunds, small claims cases, used car or car repair disputes, utility disputes, and violations of the Consumer Protection Procedures Act.
- Phone: 202-780-2574

### Crime Victims Compensation Program

- Provides financial assistance and reimbursement to innocent victims of violent crime and their families with crime-related expenses.
- Phone: 202-879-4216
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Address: Court Building A, 515 5th Street NW, Room 109, Washington, DC 20001

## DC Affordable Law Firm

**\*\*Fee Required\*\***

- Serves people between 200%-400% of the federal poverty guidelines in the areas of Housing, Family, Immigration, and Small Business.
- Phone: 202-844-5430
- Email: [info@dcaffordablelaw.org](mailto:info@dcaffordablelaw.org)
- Address: 1717 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006
- [Print Flyer](#)

## DC Bar Pro Bono Center Immigration Legal Advice Clinic

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this clinic is not open for in-person services.  
Please check website for clinic dates\*\***

- Provides free legal information, brief advice, and referral services for civil legal problems governed by federal U.S. immigration law.
- Bilingual attorneys and interpreters are available.
- Phone: 202-780-2573

## DC Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this clinic is not open for in-person services.  
Please check website for clinic dates\*\***

- Offers legal assistance in civil law including: bankruptcy and debt collection, personal injury, probate, public benefits, consumer, employment, family, and housing law.
- Phone: 202-737-4700 ext. 3294

### DC Bar Pro Bono Center's Legal Information Help Line

- Automated voicemail system with basic legal information and information about legal services providers.
- Phone: 202-626-3499

### DC Bar Pro Bono Center Small Business Brief Legal Advice Clinic

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this clinic is not open for in-person services. Small business owners must register for the virtual clinic\*\***

- Phone: 202-780-2755
- Email: [cedinfo@dcbar.org](mailto:cedinfo@dcbar.org)

### DC Dept. Of Behavioral Health Access Help Line

- This 24-hour, seven-day-a-week telephone line is staffed by behavioral health professionals who can refer a caller to immediate help or ongoing care.
- Phone: 1-888-793-4357

### DC Dept. of Human Services Emergency Shelter Hotline

- Offers emergency and ongoing housing support and services to help individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless, transition into or keep permanent affordable housing.
- Also offers transportation for homeless single adults to and from shelters and comfort items.
- Phone: 202-399-7093

### DC KinCare Allinace

- Offers legal assistance to relative caregivers in court to obtain custody of at-risk children, and in administrative proceedings.
- Phone: 202-505-5803
- Email: [info@dckincare.org](mailto:info@dckincare.org)
- Address: 1101 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20036

### DC Refers

**\*\*Fee Required\*\***

- Lists qualified lawyers who are willing to represent modest-means clients (200%-400% of FPG) at below-market rates.
- Email: [dcreducedfeelawyers@gmail.com](mailto:dcreducedfeelawyers@gmail.com)
- [Print flyer – English](#)
- [Print flyer – Spanish](#)

### DC Taxpayer Advocate

- Unit within the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue. Works to ensure that all taxpayers are treated in a fair manner and under the District's Taxpayer Bill of Rights.
- Phone: 202-442-6348

## DC Tenants Rights Center

**\*\*Currently not accepting new clients\*\***

**\*\*Fee Required\*\***

- Assists DC tenants with: evictions, lease negotiations/terminations, repairs and housing code violations, rent control violations, rent increases, security deposits, tenant petitions, disputes over pets, problems with Section 8 vouchers or other rent subsidies, property damage and personal injuries caused by landlords, collecting judgments against landlords, housing discrimination, TOPA negotiations and litigation for individuals and tenant associations, and other disputes with landlords.
- Phone: 202-681-6871
- Address: 1629 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006

## Domestic Violence Intake Center (DVIC)

- Offers coordinated services to survivors of domestic violence in the District of Columbia including: intake evaluations, counseling, safety planning, help in drafting pleadings and other documents for protective orders and free legal representation.
- United Medical Center (SE)
  - Phone: 202-561-3000
  - Address: 1328 Southern Avenue SE, Suite 311, Washington, DC 20032
- DC Superior Court (NW)
  - Phone: 202-879-0152
  - Address: 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 4235, Washington DC 20001
- Hours: Monday-Friday (except holidays) – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- [Print Flyer – English and Spanish](#)



### **Downtown Day Services Center (NY Ave)**

- Offers resources to individuals experiencing homelessness, including help applying to public benefits.
- Phone: 202-383-8810
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Email: [center@downtowndc.org](mailto:center@downtowndc.org)
- Address: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church  
1313 New York Ave NW, Washington DC 20005
- [Print Flyer](#)

### **Equal Rights Center**

- Seeks to eliminate unlawful and unfair discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.
- Phone: 202-234-3062; 866-549-0009
- Email: [info@equalrightscenter.org](mailto:info@equalrightscenter.org)
- Address: 820 First St NE, Suite LL160, Washington DC 20002
- [Print Flyer](#)

## Family Court Self-Help Center

**\*\*Due to COVID-19, offering limited in-person services\*\***

- Offers general legal information in family law matters (such as divorce, custody, visitation, child support).
- Applicants can go to courthouse room JM-570 for in-person services.
- Phone: 202-879-0096
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (no intakes accepted after 4:30pm)

## First Shift Justice Project

- Assists women in reporting and stopping workplace harassment through the Sexual Harassment Helpline. Assists with employment discrimination related to pregnancy.
- *Open to residents of DC, MD, and VA.*
- Phone: 240-241-0897
- Helpline Phone: 202-644-9043
- Hours:
  - Tuesday – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
  - Friday – 10 am to 1 pm
- [Online Intake Form](#)
- [Print Flyer – English](#)
- [Print Flyer – Spanish](#)
- [Print Flyer – Amharic](#)

### **Georgetown Ministry Center**

- Offers case management, showers, laundry, mental health help, social programming, telephone, internet, mail, and help applying for public benefits at the drop-in center.
- Phone: 202-338-8301
- Email: [info@gmcgt.org](mailto:info@gmcgt.org)
- Drop-in Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Address: 1041 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007

### **Government Accountability Project**

- Offers whistleblower protection, from advocacy to litigation.
- Phone: 202-457-0034
- Email: [info@whistleblower.org](mailto:info@whistleblower.org)
- Address: 1612 K St. NW, Suite #1100, Washington, DC 20006
- [Online Intake](#)

### **Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc.**

- Offers legal representation for individuals in appeals to obtain and preserve public benefits.
- Baltimore Office Phone: 410-685-6589 ext. 31; 1-800-773-4340
- Montgomery Office Phone: 301-585-6463 ext. 3
- Address: 201 N Charles St, Suite 1104, Baltimore, MD 21201

## **Housing Counseling Services**

- Offers comprehensive housing counseling, training, advocacy, technical help, and housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income home buyers, homeowners, and tenants.
- Main Phone: 202-667-7006
- Foreclosure Phone: 202-265-2255
- Rental Assistance Hotline: 202-667-7339
- Email: [info@housingetc.org](mailto:info@housingetc.org)
- Address: 2410 17th St NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20009
- [Print General Information Flyer – English](#)
- [Print General Information Flyer – Spanish](#)

## **Human Rights First Asylum Representation Program**

- Offers assistance in asylum cases for individuals in the DMV area.
- Asylum Phone Line: 202-547-5692

## **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)**

- Offers legal representation to minors without parents or legal guardians, including children who have been persecuted in their home countries; trafficked to the U.S., and abused, abandoned, or neglected.
- Phone: 202-670-3585
- Email: [info@supportkind.org](mailto:info@supportkind.org)
- Address: 1201 L St NW, Floor 2, Washington, DC 20005

### **Lambda Legal Defense Fund**

- Offers legal and public education services on sexual orientation discrimination.
- Phone: 212-809-8585
- Address: 1776 K Street NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20006

### **Landlord Tenant Legal Assistance Network**

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this center is not open for in-person services.  
Please call to access remote services\*\***

- Offers free legal information to both unrepresented landlords and tenants who have residential housing disputes in DC.
- Phone: 202-780-2575
- Hour: Monday-Friday – 9:15 am to 12 pm
- Address: Court Building B, 510 4th Street NW, Room 208, Washington, DC 20001
- [Online intake for tenants](#)
- [Online intake for landlords](#)
- [Print Flyer – English](#)
- [Print Flyer – Spanish](#)

### **Law Help**

- An online guide to informational resources and referrals categorized by state. The information is designed to help individuals understand their legal rights and responsibilities. Includes self-help materials, fillable court forms, frequently asked questions, and legal articles.

### **Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)**

- Serves individuals 60 years of age or older; assists with: EPD waivers, public benefits, foreclosure, veterans' benefits, Schedule H tax forms as well as the pre-litigation, housing litigation, TOPA issues, RA and housing code violations and ADA accommodations.
- Also assists DC residents 55 years of age or older with Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability issues.
- Phone: 202-434-2120
- [Print Flyer – English](#)
- [Print Flyer – Spanish](#)

### **Legal Aid Justice Center**

- Assists Virginia residents with matters in civil rights, racial justice, housing, public benefits, employment, healthcare, consumer protection, rights for the elderly, education, foster care, juvenile justice system, and for some immigration issues.
- Charlottesville Phone: 434-977-0553
- NOVA Phone: 703-778-3450
- Richmond Phone: 804-643-1086
- Petersburg Phone: 804-862-2205

### **The Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia**

- Assists with civil matters including landlord/tenant, public benefits, domestic violence, family law, consumer law, collections, estate planning, education and other civil rights and discrimination matters.
- Phone: 757-827-5078
- Email: [info@laseva.org](mailto:info@laseva.org)
- Address: 125 St Paul's Blvd, Suite 400, Norfolk, VA 23510
- [Online Intake](#)

### **Legal Services Corporation (LSC)**

- Listing of LSC-funded organizations by address/zip code.
- Phone: 202-295-1500
- Address: 3333 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20007

### **Legal Services of Northern Virginia**

- Assists with: consumer law, elder law, family law, human trafficking, housing law, public benefits, child advocacy & education law, veterans law project, support for re-entry.
- Phone: 703-778-6800
- Email: [help@lsnv.org](mailto:help@lsnv.org)
- Address: 10700 Page Avenue, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia 22030
- [Print Flyer](#)

### **Maryland Court Self-Help Center**

- Offers general legal information in: housing, family, small and large claims, record sealing, consumer, return of property, domestic violence/peace orders, and foreclosure.
- Phone: 410-260-1392
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### **Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center**

- Provides free legal representation and advocacy services for victims of all types of crimes.
- Phone: 301-952-0063

### **Maryland Legal Aid Bureau**

- Offers services for legal matters in Maryland.
- Non-MD residents need referral from local LSC-funded organization -- DC residents should call Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP) at 202-832-6577 for referral.
- [Locations and Hours](#)
- [Online Intake](#)



### **Maryland Office of the Public Defender**

- Offers the following services:
  - Felony, misdemeanor, traffic, and juvenile delinquency defense
  - Appellate Division offers representation on direct appeals of criminal, juvenile cases
  - Post-Conviction Defenders Division offers representation on post-conviction petitions, parole revocation hearings, and writs of actual innocence
  - Mental Health Division offers representation to those who are involuntarily committed to mental health hospitals across the state and to those found not criminal responsible (NCR) and incompetent to stand trial (IST)
- Phone: 877-430-5187
- Address: 6 St Paul Street, Suite 1400, Baltimore, MD 21202

### **Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service**

- Offers legal services in civil matters for low-income Maryland residents. Only services certain counties.
- Phone: 410-547-6537; 800-510-0050
- Hours: Monday-Thursday – 9 am to 12 pm
- Email: [info@mvlslaw.org](mailto:info@mvlslaw.org)
- Address: 201 North Charles St, Suite 1400, Baltimore, MD 21201

### **Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO (Claimant Advocacy Program)**

- Offers free legal counseling service for individuals who file unemployment compensation appeals in the District of Columbia.
- Phone: 202-974-8150
- Email: [streetheat@dclabor.org](mailto:streetheat@dclabor.org)

## Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association

### **\*\*Fee Required\*\***

- The organization is made up of over 300 lawyers. Advises and represents employees in employment and civil rights disputes.
- Phone: 703-778-4648
- Email: [info@mwela.org](mailto:info@mwela.org)
- Address: 2800 Eisenhower Ave, Suite 210, Alexandria, VA 22314

## Mil Mujeres

- Offers immigration services for low-income Latinos, who are survivors of gender-based violence, in the DMV area. Handles U and T visas, VAWA, SIJS, and DACA removals.
- Phone: 202-808-3311
- Email: [questions@milmujeres.org](mailto:questions@milmujeres.org)
- Address: 1250 H St NW, Washington, DC 20005

## Mother's Outreach Network

- Supports parents, primarily mothers, who are at-risk of and facing permanent separation from their children by Child and Family Services Agency through legal representation, policy advocacy, and community mobilization.
- Phone: 202-818-8649
- Email: [intake@mothersoutreachnetwork.org](mailto:intake@mothersoutreachnetwork.org)
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- [Print Flyer – English](#)
- [Print Flyer – Spanish](#)

### **Multi-Door Dispute Resolution**

- Does not offer representation, only 3<sup>rd</sup> party mediators. A division of the DC Courts, they can also potentially help with cases where no formal court case has been opened.
- Phone: 202-879-1549
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Address: Court Building C, 410 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

### **NAACP**

- Assists with cases involving discrimination and racism. NAACP DC specializes in criminal justice, economic empowerment, education, health, and political action.
- Phone: 202-667-1700
- Email: [naacp@naacpdc.org](mailto:naacp@naacpdc.org)
- Address: 1000 U Street NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20001

### **National Legal Aid and Defender Association**

- Offers advocacy, guidance, information, training, and technical help for members of the equal justice community, especially those working in public defense and civil legal aid.
- Phone: 202-452-0620
- Address: 1901 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006

### **National Student Legal Defense Network**

- Works to advance students' rights to educational opportunity and to make sure that higher education offers a launching point for economic mobility.
- Phone: 202-734-7495
- Email: [info@defendstudents.org](mailto:info@defendstudents.org)
- Address: 1015 15th Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005

### **National Suicide Prevention Hotline**

- Offers 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for anyone and best practices for professionals.
- Phone: 1-800-273-8255
- *Starting July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, individuals can also text or call 988 to be connected to trained counselors.*
- Spanish Phone: 1-888-628-9454

### **National Veterans Services Legal Program**

- Offers representation in front of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC). Veterans receive free representation in proceedings before military administrative discharge boards, military medical and physical disability evaluation boards, military discharge review agencies, VA regional offices, the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and the courts that review the decisions of these agencies.
- Phone: 202-265-8305
- Email: [info@nvlsp.org](mailto:info@nvlsp.org)
- Address: PO Box 65762, Washington, DC 20035

### **National Women's Law Center**

- Offers free first consultations for cases of gender discrimination (sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination, etc.). Individuals should speak with lawyer directly about fees.
- Phone: 202-319-3053 (for legal help) or 202-588 5180
- Email: [legalnetwork@nwlc.org](mailto:legalnetwork@nwlc.org)
- Address: 11 Dupont Circle NW, Unit 800, Washington, DC 20036
- [Online Intake](#)

### **Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)**

- Offers free legal information, advice, and representation to low-income District of Columbia residents on civil legal matters.
- Phone: 202-832-6577
- Student Loan Hotline: 202-269-5106
- Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Addresses:
  - Headquarters: 64 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
  - Far NE Office: 4609 Polk Street NE, Washington, DC 20019
  - SE Office: 2412 Minnesota Avenue SE, Washington DC 20020
- [Online Intake](#)

### **Northern Virginia Family Service**

- Offers immigration legal services for residents of Northern Virginia.
- Phone: 571-748-2500
- Email: [info@nvfs.org](mailto:info@nvfs.org)

### **Office of the Attorney General – Consumer Protection Hotline**

- Investigates complaints from consumers about potential violations of DC consumer protection laws; also helps consumers resolve disputes with merchants without legal action.
- Phone: 202-442-9828
- Email: [consumer.protection@dc.gov](mailto:consumer.protection@dc.gov)
- OAG General Address: 400 6th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
- [Online Complaint Filing Form](#)

### **Office of the People’s Counsel**

- Offers investigation and representation in utility bill disputes.
- Phone: 202-727-3071
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:45 am to 5:15 pm
- Email: [info@opc-dc.gov](mailto:info@opc-dc.gov)
- Address: 1133 15th Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005

### **Office of the DC Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

- Serves as advocates and offers resources for persons who live in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living and community residence facilities. Also offers advocacy services to individuals receiving services through the Elder and Persons with Physical Disabilities (EPD) Medicaid Waiver.
- Phone: 202-434-2190
- Email: [DCOmbuds@aarp.org](mailto:DCOmbuds@aarp.org)

## Office of the Tenant Advocate

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this office is not open for in-person services.  
Please call to access remote services\*\***

- Phone: 202-719-6560
- Telephone Intakes: Monday-Friday – 8:45 am to 4:45 pm
- Address: 2000 14th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20009

## Online Protective Filing Tool (via Social Security Administration)

**\*\*This is NOT an application for benefits\*\***

- Use this tool to schedule an appointment to file for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and other potential Social Security benefits over the phone with someone from the Social Security Administration.
- Request can be submitted by an individual interested in benefits or on behalf of certain other individuals.

## Pension Rights Center

- Offers free legal help to individuals experiencing a problem with their pension, profit sharing or retirement savings plans.
- Phone: 202-296-3776
- Address: 1050 30th Street NW, Washington, DC 20007
- [Online Intake](#)
- [Print Flyer](#)

### **Probate Self-Help Center**

**\*\*Due to COVID-19, offering limited in-person services\*\***

- Helps the public with matters related to wills, small and large estates, and adult guardianship.
- Phone: 202-879-9460
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Address: D.C. Superior Court Building A, 515 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Room 316, Washington, DC

### **Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia**

- Provides defense council for those unable to otherwise afford an attorney.
- Phone: 202-628-1200
- Address: 633 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004
- [Print Flyer – Community Defender Division Juvenile Services Program](#)

### **Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities**

- Supports individuals with developmental disabilities with finding employment, accessing services, residential moves, rights violations, consent, and the right to self-determination, accessing public benefits and services, community integration and living free from abuse and neglect.
- Phone: 202-448-1450
- Email: [info@dcqualitytrust.org](mailto:info@dcqualitytrust.org)
- Address: 4301 Connecticut Ave NW, #310, Washington, DC 20008
- [Print Flyer](#)



## Rising for Justice

- Works with tenants in eviction defense and housing conditions issues. Also helps with civil protection orders, criminal record sealing, and immigration bond hearings.
- Phone: 202-638-4798
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
- Offers additional hours for help in Landlord Tenant Court:
  - Monday-Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
  - Wednesday – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  - Saturday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Email: [info@risingforjustice.org](mailto:info@risingforjustice.org)
- Main Office Address: 901 4th Street NW, Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20001
- Eviction Defense Services Address: Court Building B, 510 4th Street NW, Room 210, Washington, DC 20001

## Small Claims Resource Center

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this center is not open for in-person services.  
Please call to access remote services\*\***

- Offers legal and procedural information to individuals involved in Small Claims Court proceedings in the District of Columbia. Individuals considering filing actions in Small Claims Court can also receive help.
- Phone: 202-849-3608
- Hours: Thursdays – 9:15 am to 12 pm
- Address: 510 4th St NW, Room 208, Washington, DC 20001

### Tahirih Justice Center

- Serves clients in the greater DMV area. Assists with gender-based asylum claims, VAWA, U and T visas, SIJS.
- Phone: 571-282-6161
- Phone Intakes: Monday-Friday – 9:30 am to 5 pm
- Email: [greaterdc@tahirih.org](mailto:greaterdc@tahirih.org)
- Address: 6400 Arlington Blvd, Suite 400, Falls Church, VA 22042

### Tzedek DC

**\*\*Due to COVID-19, Tzedek DC services will be operating online until at least September 2022\*\***

- Offers direct legal services at no cost to low-income and working-class DC residents with debt- and consumer-related legal issues.
- Phone: 202-274-7386
- Address: 4340 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 319, Washington, DC 20008

### UDC Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

- Helps primarily low-income, metro DC residents with tax controversies pending with the IRS, US tax courts, and state tax agencies in limited cases.
- Phone: 202-274-5073
- Address: 4340 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008

## University Legal Services

- Helps protect the human, civil and legal rights of persons in DC with disabilities, mental illnesses and traumatic brain injuries through its Disability Rights DC unit. Also provides housing counseling and housing search assistance through the Housing Counseling Program.
- Phone:
  - University Legal Services - Protection and Advocacy Program/Disability Rights DC: 202-547-0198
  - University Legal Services - Housing Counseling Program
    - Northeast Office: 202-547-4747
    - Far Northeast Office: 202-527-7070
    - Southeast Office: 202-889-2196
- Address: 220 I Street, NE, Suite 130, Washington, DC 20002
- [Print Flyer – Disability Rights DC](#)

## Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

- Helps with discharge upgrades and cases in the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
- Phone: 888-838-7727 (toll-free); 202-628-8164; 202-733-3324
- Email: [mail@vetsprobono.org](mailto:mail@vetsprobono.org) or [upgrades@vetsprobono.org](mailto:upgrades@vetsprobono.org)
- Address: 2101 L Street NW, Suite 840, Washington, DC 20037
- [Discharge Upgrade Program Online Intake](#)

### **Veterans Pro Bono Legal Clinic**

- Includes the following areas: veterans' law, military discharge upgrade matters, family law, consumer law, landlord/tenant law, employment law and benefits claims
- Phone: 202-745-8000 ext. 55560 or 55557
- [Print Flyer – English](#)

### **VA National Capital Regional Benefit Office**

- Offers list of organizations serving veterans, counseling about VA benefits and how to apply, information about VA health care and memorial benefits, outreach to veterans.
- General phone: 800-698-2411
- VA benefits hotline: 800-827-1000
  - Monday-Friday – 8:00 am to 9:00 pm
- VA health benefits hotline: 877-222-8387
  - Monday-Friday – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

### **Victim Legal Network of DC**

- Offers legal help to victims of crime in DC. The network gives victims of crime access to 16 different legal service organizations that can offer legal help in a variety of issues including (but not limited to) family law, immigration, and crime victims' rights.
- Phone: 202-629-1788
- [Online Intake](#)

## **Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs**

- Provides legal services in areas include housing, employment, education, criminal legal system reform, equitable access to public accommodations and immigration.
- Phone: 202-319-1000
- Spanish Phone: 202-319-1000 ext. 8001
- Prisoners' Help Line: 202-775-0323
- Email: [justice@washlaw.org](mailto:justice@washlaw.org)
- Address: 700 14th Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005
- [Online Intake](#)

## **Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless**

- Focuses on combatting discrimination based on race, gender, disability, family size, history of criminal conviction, and more.
- Phone: 202-328-5500
- Email: [info@legalclinic.org](mailto:info@legalclinic.org)
- Address: 700 14th Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005

### **Whitman-Walker Health**

- Prioritize serving HIV+ and LGBTQ persons but they can serve anyone who is income qualified.
- Immigration issue areas include asylum, change of status, naturalization, employment authorization, family petitions, advance parole, refugee travel documents, reentry permit, DACA, TPS, U and T visas, VAWA, removal defense, SIJS, applications for transgender clients to replace and update name/gender marker on immigration documents.
- Legal Phone Line: 202-939-7630
- Address: 1377 R St NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20009

### **Women's Law Center of Maryland**

- Offers legal assistance in the family law, domestic violence, and employment law.
- Phone: 410-321-8761
- Protective Order Representation Project Phone Numbers:
  - Baltimore City: 410-783-0377
  - Baltimore County: 410-887-3162
  - Carroll County: 410-386-244
- Employment Law Hotline: 1-877-422-9500
- Family Law Hotline: 1-800-845-8550
- Email: [admin@wlcmd.org](mailto:admin@wlcmd.org)
- Address: 305 West Chesapeake Ave, Suite 201, Towson, MD 21204

### **WomensLaw.org**

- Provides legal information about questions and concerns about domestic violence, sexual violence, and other topics listed.

## Definitions

### **Consumer**

A “consumer” is someone who purchases or uses products or services (or both). Consumer laws protect consumers from fraud and other deceptive practices.

### **Personal Injury**

A “personal injury” is physical or emotional/psychological harm you have suffered. If you have experienced a personal injury, you can file a lawsuit against the person or organization that caused the harm and ask for damages (money).

### **Public Benefits**

Public benefits matters include SSI/SSDI, TANF/Welfare, Food Stamps/SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Part D, and Unemployment Insurance.

### **Probate**

The court procedure by which a will is proved to be valid or invalid. Also refers to the process of administering a deceased person’s estate whether there is a will. This process may include collecting a deceased person’s assets, paying debts, paying necessary taxes, or distributing property to heirs (or all of the above).

### **Power of Attorney**

A written document that lets you give another person legal authority to take part in certain activities or kinds of activities on your behalf.

### **Guardianship**

Guardianship is a legal relationship created when a court chooses a person or "guardian" to handle the affairs of another person (the "ward") when the other person is unable to handle their own affairs due to mental incapacity. A guardian can be given the authority to make legal, financial, health care, and other decisions on behalf of their ward.

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