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

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Family Court Self-Help Center</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Landlord Tenant Resource Center / Landlord Tenant Legal Assistance Network</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="#">Probate Self-Help Center</a></li> </ul>

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

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Dept. of Behavioral Health Access Help Line</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Suicide Prevention Hotline</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D.C. Dept. of Human Services Emergency Shelter Hotline</li></ul>

## LEGAL ISSUE AREAS

### Adoption

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children's Law Center</li></ul>
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### Alimony

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ayuda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Serves immigrants</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Court Self-Help Center</li></ul>

### Bankruptcy

<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>• Bankruptcy Assistance Center</li></ul>
<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>

### Birth Certificate / Other Identification

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bread for the City</li></ul>
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### Child Abuse and Neglect

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li></ul>
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### 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</li> <li>- <i>For non-parent caregivers</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Kincare Alliance</li> <li>- <i>For non-parent caregivers</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Court Self-Help Center</li> <li>- <i>Legal information and filing help only</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayuda</li> <li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></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</li> <li>- <i>For sex workers and survivors of human trafficking</i></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</li> <li>- <i>Related to divorce or custody</i></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</li> <li>- <i>Legal information and filing help only</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayuda</li> <li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></li> </ul>

### **Civil Rights**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia</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>• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Lawyers’ Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs</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="#">Disability Rights DC (through University Legal Services)</a></li><li>- <i>Discrimination against people with disabilities/mental illness in public accommodations and government services</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><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="#">Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs</a></li><li>- <i>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/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>• Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amara Legal Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Help in criminal cases for sex workers/survivors of sexual trafficking</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## **Criminal Record Sealing**

<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>• Amara Legal Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>For sex workers and survivors of human trafficking</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rising for Justice</li></ul>

## **Crime Victim's Assistance**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victim Legal Network of DC<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>• Crime Victims Compensation Program</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center</li></ul>

## **Disability Rights**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disability Rights DC (through University Legal Services)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Helps individuals with disabilities with institution/provider complaints, RSA issues, benefits, etc.</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)<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>• Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Alternatives to guardianship</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law</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</li> <li>- <i>Only if custody is involved</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayuda</li> <li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amara Legal Center</li> <li>- <i>For sex workers and survivors of human trafficking</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Affordable Law Firm (<b><i>Fee Required</i></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)</li> <li>- <i>Serves petitioners and respondents</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rising for Justice</li> <li>- <i>Focuses on representing respondents</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayuda</li> <li>- <i>Serves immigrants</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amara Legal Center</li> <li>- <i>For sex workers and survivors of human trafficking</i></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</li> <li>- <i>Special education, school discipline, and school push-out issues</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Law Center</li> <li>- <i>Special education and residency fraud issues</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Rights DC (through University Legal Services)</li> <li>- <i>Students with disabilities</i></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)</li> <li>- <i>Barriers to employment and unpaid wages</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association</li> <li><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</li> <li><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</li> <li>- <i>Based on pregnancy/family responsibilities</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)</li> <li>- <i>Hiring discrimination against people with criminal records</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs</li> <li>- <i>EEO (Employment Opportunity) complaints</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Better Balance</li> <li>- <i>Legal information only</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association</li> <li><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</li> <li>- <i>Legal information only</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association</li> <li><b><i>(Fee Required)</i></b></li> </ul>

## Pension / Retirement Plans

- Pension Rights Center

## Whistleblower Protection

- Government Accountability Project
- Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association  
*(Fee Required)*

## Foreclosure

- Housing Counseling Services
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)
  - *Serves persons 60 and older*

## Immigration

- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program Immigration Legal Advice Clinic
- Ayuda *(Fee Required)*
- CARECEN *(Fee Required)*
- Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services *(Fee Required)*
- DC Affordable Law Firm *(Fee Required)*
- Human Rights First – Asylum Representation Program
- Mil Mujeres
  - *Helps low-income Latinos with U/T visas, VAWA, SIJS*
- Tahirih Justice Center
  - *Asylum, U/T visas, VAWA*
- Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition (CAIR)
  - *Only for people in detention in MD or VA*
- Whitman-Walker Health
  - *Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons*
- Asian Pacific-American Legal Resource Center
- African Communities Together
  - *Serves African immigrants*
- Columbus Community Legal Services – Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Clinic
  - *Detainees in Virginia*

### **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</li><li>- <i>Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</i></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>• DC Tenants Rights Center</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)</li><li>- <i>Serves persons age 60 and older</i></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 Affordable Law Firm (<b>Fee Required</b>)</li><li>- <i>Eviction defense, housing conditions, homeowner &amp; condominium association disputes</i></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>• CARECEN</li></ul>

### **Tenant Associations**

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

- Housing Counseling Services
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)

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

- American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia
- CARECEN
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
  - *Especially voucher discrimination*
- Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

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

- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)
  - *Serves persons age 60 and older*
- Office of the Tenant Advocate
- Children's Law Center

### **Personal Injury**

- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic
- Bar Association of D.C./Lawyer Referral Service **(Fee Required)**
- DC Refers **(Fee Required)**

### **Medical Malpractice**

- Multi-Door Dispute Resolution

### **Prisoner's Rights**

- Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)
- Community Family Life Services
- D.C. Prisoners' Rights Project (through Washington Lawyer's Committee)
- DC Jail and Prison Advocacy Project (through University Legal Services)

- *For people with mental health disabilities. Can also help with reentry issues*

- American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia

## **Public Benefits**

- Bread for the City
- *no longer handling SSI/SSDI appeals*

- Catholic Charities Legal Network

- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)

- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)

- *Serves persons age 60 and older*

- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic

- Whitman-Walker Health

- *Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons*

- Office of the D.C. Long-Term Care Ombudsman

- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

- *Serves homeless persons*

- Amara Legal Center

- *For sex workers and survivors of human trafficking*

## **Help Applying for Public Benefits**

- Whitman-Walker Health

- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

- Downtown Day Services Center (NY Avenue)

- *For individuals experiencing homelessness*

- Georgetown Ministry Center

- *For individuals experiencing homelessness*

- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)

- Bread for the City

- Legal Counsel for the Elderly

- *Serves persons 60 and older*

- Equal Rights Center

- Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities

## Sex Worker's Rights

- Amara Legal Center

## Small Business

- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Small Business Brief Legal Advice Clinic

## Small Claims

- Tzedek DC
- Rising for Justice
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)
  - *Serves persons age 60 and older*
- Consumer Law Resource Center
- Small Claims Resource Center

## Tax Disputes

- DC Taxpayer Advocate
- Community Tax Aid
- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic
- UDC Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- American University Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic
- Columbus Community Legal Services – Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

## Veterans' Benefits

- Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE)
  - *Serves persons age 60 and older*
- National Veterans Legal Services Program
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
- Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program
- Veterans Pro Bono Legal Clinic
- VA National Capital Regional Benefit Office

- Columbus Community Legal Services – Veteran Advocacy and Estate Planning Clinic

## Wills / Powers of Attorney / Probate / Guardianship

### Drafting Wills

• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
• Catholic Charities Legal Network
• DC Affordable Law Firm <b>(Fee Required)</b>
• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE) - <i>Serves persons 60 and older</i>
• Whitman-Walker Health - <i>Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</i>

### Drafting Power of Attorney

• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)
• Catholic Charities Legal Network
• Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE) - <i>Serves persons 60 and older</i>
• DC Affordable Law Firm <b>(Fee Required)</b>
• Disability Rights DC (through University Legal Services) - <i>For individuals with disabilities</i>
• Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities - <i>For individuals with disabilities</i>
• Whitman-Walker Health - <i>Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons</i>

### Probate

• Probate Self-Help Center
• D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic
• Catholic Charities Legal Network
• Christian Legal Aid of DC
• DC Affordable Law Firm <b>(Fee Required)</b>



## **Guardianship / Conservatorship**

<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 and Referral Clinic</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disability Rights DC (through University Legal Services)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Alternatives to guardianship for individuals with disabilities</i></li></ul></li></ul>
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<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>• Children's Law Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>For non-parent caregivers</i></li></ul></li></ul>

## **Organization Contact Information** ***\*Organizations listed alphabetically\****

<b>A Better Balance</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Offers legal information only but can give referrals for employment discrimination and medical or family leave issues</li><li>• Phone: 833-633-3222</li></ul>

<b>American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of the District of Columbia</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li><li>• Phone: 202-457-0800</li><li>• Email: <a href="mailto:intake@acludc.org">intake@acludc.org</a> (<i>best method to contact</i>) or <a href="mailto:info@acludc.org">info@acludc.org</a></li><li>• Address: PO Box 96503, PMB 85739, Washington, DC 20090</li></ul>

### **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**

- Helps African immigrants find free or low-cost help with immigration, jobs, and other needs and gives referrals to trustworthy nonprofit and government agency partners
- 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**

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

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

- Offers representation for low-income individuals being audited by the IRS (federal issues only)
- Phone: 202-274-4144
- Address: 4300 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

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

- Assists in change of status, consular processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), employment authorization, family-based petitions, naturalization, removal hearings, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), T and U Visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions
- *Do not need to identify as Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander to qualify for services.*
- Phone: 202-393-3572 ext. 22
- Census Hotline: 844-202-0274
- Email: [helpline@apalrc.org](mailto:helpline@apalrc.org)
- Address: 1627 K Street NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20006

## Ayuda

- Handles family-based petitions/applications, removal defense, asylum, SIJS, humanitarian applications (victims of crime, domestic violence, human trafficking), VAWA, naturalization, citizenship, TPS, work permits/authorization, and DACA
- Call to schedule immigration appointments the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month
- DC Office:
  - Phone: 202-387-4848
  - Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm
  - Address: 1990 K Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006
- VA Office:
  - Phone: 703-444-7009
  - Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
  - Address: 2701 Prosperity Ave, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22031
- MD Office:
  - Phone: 240-594-0600
  - Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
  - Address: 8757 Georgia Ave, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910

## Bankruptcy Assistance Center

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

- Provides bankruptcy legal advice if you have no attorney
- Held on the first and third Friday of each month on a first come, first serve basis from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 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\***

- Helps individuals and businesses find a qualified attorney throughout the greater Washington DC area
- Phone: 202-223-6600
- Email: [irs@badc.org](mailto:irs@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
- Phone: 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)**

- Only serves people in detention in MD or VA detention centers. Can serve juveniles as well as adults
- 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\***

- Generally handles DACA, citizenship, renewing Employment Authorization Documents, TPS, family-based petitions (including change of status and consular processing), NACARA, U-visas, 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

- Provides free legal services, access to volunteer attorneys and law firms, as well as referrals to other appropriate legal service organizations
- Phone: 202-350-4305
- Spanish Phone: 202-772-4325
- Immigration Phone: 202-858-0958
- 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 free civil legal advice and representation to low-income people in the areas of 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 or 804-648-1012
- Address: 101 West Broad Street, Suite 101, Richmond, VA 2322

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

- Generally, serves 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 and Minnesota Ave
- Phone: 202-467-4900, select Option 3
- Address: 501 3rd Street NW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20001
- [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@christianlegalaid-dc.org](mailto:info@christianlegalaid-dc.org)
- Address: 907 Maryland Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002



### **Civil Justice Network**

- Aids Maryland low to moderate income consumers 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

### **Columbus Community Legal Services**

- Handles IRS controversy cases and U.S. Tax Court. Veterans, Immigrants & Refugee, and Family Law clinics
- *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/housing help to adults and families, services to formerly incarcerated women including 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 or 833-888-0434
- Drop-In Hours: Tuesday and Thursday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Address: 305 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

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

- Serves PG County residents only. Issue areas include family, bankruptcy, landlord tenant, foreclosure, wills, employment, and tort defense
- Phone: 240-391-6370
- Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
- [Online Intake Form](#)

### **Community Tax Aid**

- Offers free help with filing taxes generally from January-April
- Applicant income must be below \$56,000. Please check the website for further restrictions
- 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

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this center is not open for in-person services.  
Please call 202-780-2574 to access remote services\*\***

- 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](#)

### D.C. Bar Immigration Legal Advice Clinic

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this clinic is not open for in-person services\*\***

- 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 (*please check website for clinic dates*)

### D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this clinic is not open for in-person services\*\***

- Provides individuals who do not have their own lawyer an opportunity to discuss civil legal problems governed by D.C. law with volunteer attorneys
- Phone: 202-737-4700 ext. 3294 (*please check website for clinic dates*)

### **D.C. 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 Taxpayer Advocate**

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

### **D.C. 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)

### **D.C. Dept. Of Behavioral Health Access Help Line**

- Can activate mobile crisis teams to respond to adults and children who are experiencing a psychiatric or emotional crisis and are unable or unwilling to travel to receive behavioral health services. 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

### **D.C. 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 brief legal advice through the helpline, but in some cases represents 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 Tenants Rights Center

**\*Fee Required\***

- Helps D.C. Tenants with: evictions, lease negotiations and terminations, repairs and housing code violations, rent control violations and questions about 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, D.C. Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (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, such as help applying to public benefits. Located at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
- Phone: 202-383-8810
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Email: [center@downtowndc.org](mailto:center@downtowndc.org)
- Address: 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 or 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 this center is not open for in-person services.  
Please call to access remote services\*\***

- Offers unrepresented people with general legal information in a variety of family law matters (such as divorce, custody, visitation, child support)
- Phone: 202-879-0096
- Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:00 am to 5:30 pm (no intakes accepted after 5:00pm)
- [Print Flyer – English and Spanish](#)

### **First Shift Justice Project**

- Helps women in reporting and stopping workplace harassment through the Sexual Harassment Helpline. Mostly deals with pregnancy discrimination and 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
- [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**

- Acts as an international leader in 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
- [Intake Form](#)

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

- Offers legal representation for individuals in appeals to obtain and preserve state disability, welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, veterans' and other benefits.
- Baltimore Office Phone: 410-685-6589 ext. 31 or 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**

- Generally, handles only 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 Resource Center / Landlord Tenant Legal Assistance Network

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this center is not open for in-person services. Please call 202-780-2575 to access remote services\*\***

- The Landlord Tenant Resource Center offers free legal information to both unrepresented landlords and tenants who have residential housing disputes in the District of Columbia
- Hour: Monday-Friday – 9:15 am to 12 pm
- Address: Court Building B, 510 4th Street NW, Room 208, Washington, DC 20001
- [Online intake form for tenants](#)
- [Online intake form for landlords](#)
- [Print Flyer – English](#)
- [Print Flyer – Spanish](#)

## Law Help

- Provides an online guide to informational resources and referrals categorized by state. Offers legal and self-help information on certain topics, all of which are governed by D.C. or federal law. The information is designed to help individuals understand their legal rights and responsibilities. There are also self-help materials on this website, including fillable court forms, links to other important websites, frequently asked questions, and legal articles

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

- Helps individuals age 60+; D.C. residents 55 years of age or older with Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability issues
- Also does EPD waivers, helping with public benefits for seniors, foreclosure work, veterans' benefits and Schedule H tax forms as well as the pre-litigation, housing litigation, TOPA issues, RA and housing code violations and ADA accommodations
- Phone: 202-434-2120

### **Legal Aid Justice Center**

- Helps 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
- [Intake Application](#)

### **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**

- Services offered on issues of 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
- Toll-free for clients: 866-534-5243
- Email: [help@lsnv.org](mailto:help@lsnv.org)
- Address: 10700 Page Avenue, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia 22030
- [Print Flyer](#)

### **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
- [Print flyer](#)

### **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 for a variety of civil matters for low-income Maryland residents. Only services certain counties
- Phone: 410-547-6537 or 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\***

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

### **Mil Mujeres**

- Generally, offers immigration legal 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

### **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, through litigation and advocacy, 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
- 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). Also, 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 or 202-588 5180
- [Online intake form](#)
- Email: [legalnetwork@nwlc.org](mailto:legalnetwork@nwlc.org)
- Address: 11 Dupont Circle NW, Unit 800, Washington, DC 20036

### **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
- [Intake Form](#)
- 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

### **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
- [Online Complaint Filing Form](#)
- Email: [consumer.protection@dc.gov](mailto:consumer.protection@dc.gov)
- OAG General Address: 400 6th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

### 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 D.C. 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. The program 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 202-719-6560 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

### **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 Contact Form](#)
- [Print Flyer](#)

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

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 this center is not open for in-person services. Please call 202-879-9460 to access remote 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. 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 202-849-3608 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
- 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. Generally, handles 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

- 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 with tax controversies pending with the IRS and in US Tax Court
- Phone: 202-274-7315
- Address: 4340 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008

### **University Legal Services**

- Includes the following practice areas: Disability Rights DC, Housing assistance and others. The goal is to advance legal rights and protections of people with disabilities
- Phone: 202-547-4747
- 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) or 202-628-8164 or 202-733-3324
- [Discharge Upgrade Program Online Intake](#)
- 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

### **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 Form](#)

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

- Provides legal services with the goal of fighting discrimination. 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
- [Intake Questionnaire](#)
- Email: [justice@washlaw.org](mailto:justice@washlaw.org)
- Address: 700 14th Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005

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

**\*\*Due to COVID-19, Legal Clinic intakes will be held by phone until further notice\*\***

- 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**

- Prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ persons but they can serve anyone who is income qualified
- Immigration issue areas include asylum, change of status, naturalization, employment authorization (EAD), family petitions, advance parole, refugee travel documents, reentry permit, DACA, TPS, U-visa, T-visa, VAWA, removal defense, SIJS, certificates of citizenship, applications for transgender clients to replace and update name/gender marker on immigration documents
- Legal Phone Line: 202-939-7630
- General Phone Line: 202-745-7000
- Address: 1377 R St NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20009

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

- Offers direct legal representation, information and referral services, and legislative advocacy. Assistance is provided in the areas of family law, domestic violence and employment law
- Phone: 410-321-8761
- 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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