

*****Please note that many organizations are operating remotely or have modified their 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*****

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For any/all general inquiries, [call 2-1-1](#)

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[Children’s Law Center](#)

BANKRUPTCY

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[Catholic Charities Legal Network](#)

[Legal Counsel for the Elderly \(LCE\)](#) (serves persons 60 and older)

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Civil Rights

[American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia](#)

(Constitutional issue areas; e.g. freedom of speech/association/press/religion, racial justice, equal protection, police practices, children's rights, privacy rights)

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic](#)

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(Legal and public education services regarding sexual orientation discrimination)

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(Discrimination against people with disabilities/mental illness in public accommodations and government services)

[National Women's Law Center](#) (gender discrimination)

[Whitman-Walker Health](#) (prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons)

[American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia](#)

(Constitutional issue areas; e.g. freedom of speech/association/press/religion, racial justice, equal protection, police practices, children's rights, privacy rights)

[Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs](#) (based on immigration status)

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[Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia \(PDS\)](#)

[Amara Legal Center](#) (help in criminal cases for sex workers/survivors of sexual trafficking)

[Break the Cycle](#) (help in criminal cases for domestic violence survivors ages 12-24)

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[Victim Legal Network of DC](#) (assists victims of any crime with legal needs related to that crime)

[Crime Victims Compensation Program](#)

[Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center](#)

DISABILITY RIGHTS

[Disability Rights DC \(through University Legal Services\)](#) (assisting individuals with disabilities with institution/provider complaints, RSA issues, benefits, etc.)

[Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia \(PDS\)](#) (responding to questions about involuntary and civil commitment cases)

[Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities](#) (alternatives to guardianship)

[The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law](#)

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Divorce

[Family Court Self-Help Center](#)

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic](#)

[Bread for the City](#) (for survivors of domestic violence)

[Neighborhood Legal Services Program \(NLSP\)](#)

[Catholic Charities Legal Network](#) (only if custody is involved)

[Ayuda](#) (serves immigrants)

[Amara Legal Center](#) (for sex workers and survivors of human trafficking)

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Alimony

[Ayuda](#) (serves immigrants)

[Family Court Self-Help Center](#)

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[Mil Mujeres](#) (Helps low-income Latinos. U and T visas, VAWA, SIJS)

[Tahirih Justice Center](#) (asylum, violence against women, U/T visas)

[Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition \(CAIR\)](#) (only for people currently in detention in MD or VA)

[Whitman-Walker Health](#) (prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons)

[Vera Institute of Justice Immigrant Connection Project](#) (for immigrant parents or their legal services providers trying to connect with their separated children)

[Asian Pacific-American Legal Resource Center](#)

[African Communities Together](#) (serves African immigrants)

[Columbus Community Legal Services – Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Clinic](#) (detainees in Virginia)

[Whitman-Walker Health](#) (prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons)

Naturalization / Citizenship

[Asian Pacific-American Legal Resource Center](#)

[Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

[Whitman-Walker Health](#) (prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons)

Unaccompanied Minors

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[Neighborhood Legal Services Program \(NLSP\)](#)

[Rising for Justice](#)

[Legal Counsel for the Elderly \(LCE\)](#) (serves persons age 60 and older)

[Landlord Tenant Resource Center](#)

[Office of the Tenant Advocate](#)

[Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless](#) (shelter issues; homelessness prevention)

[DC Affordable Law Firm](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

(eviction defense, HCC, homeowner & condominium association disputes)

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice Clinic](#)

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[American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia](#)

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[Neighborhood Legal Services Program \(NLSP\)](#) (especially voucher discrimination)

[Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs](#)

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[Neighborhood Legal Services Program \(NLSP\)](#)

[Legal Counsel for the Elderly \(LCE\)](#) (serves persons age 60 and older)

[Office of the Tenant Advocate](#)

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[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic](#)

[Bar Association of D.C./Lawyer Referral Service](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

[DC Reduced Fee Lawyer Referral Service](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

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[Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia \(PDS\)](#)

[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 assist 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)

[Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless](#) (serves homeless persons)

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[American University Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic](#)

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[Veterans Pro Bono Legal Clinic](#)

[VA National Capital Regional Benefit Office](#)

[Columbus Community Legal Services – Veteran Advocacy and Estate Planning Clinic](#)

WILLS / POWER OF ATTORNEY / PROBATE / GUARDIANSHIP

Drafting Wills

[Neighborhood Legal Services Program \(NLSP\)](#)

[Catholic Charities Legal Network](#)

[DC Affordable Law Firm](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

[Legal Counsel for the Elderly \(LCE\)](#) (serves persons 60 and older)

[Whitman-Walker Health](#) (prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons)

Drafting Power of Attorney

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[Catholic Charities Legal Network](#)

[Legal Counsel for the Elderly \(LCE\)](#) (serves persons 60 and older)

[DC Affordable Law Firm](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

[Disability Rights DC \(through University Legal Services\)](#) (for individuals with disabilities)

[Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities](#) (for individuals with disabilities)

[Whitman-Walker Health](#) (prioritizes HIV+ and LGBTQ identifying persons)

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[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](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

Guardianship / Conservatorship

[Catholic Charities Legal Network](#)

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic](#)

[Disability Rights DC \(through University Legal Services\)](#)

(alternatives to guardianship for individuals with disabilities)

[Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities](#) (alternatives to guardianship)

[LCE \(Legal Counsel for the Elderly\)](#) (serves persons age 60 and older)

[Children's Law Center](#) (for non-parent caregivers)

Organization Contact Information

Organizations listed alphabetically

[9to5 Job Survival Helpline](#)

Offers legal information only, but can provide referrals for work/employment discrimination and medical/family leave issues.

Phone: 800-522-0925

[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.

Email: intake@acludc.org (*best method to contact*)

Phone: 202-601-4269

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[Advocates for Justice and Education](#)

Provides legal services to families in the area of special education, school discipline, and school push-out issues.

Phone: 202-678-8060

[African Communities Together](#)

Helps African immigrants find free or low-cost assistance with immigration, jobs, and other needs and provides free referrals to trustworthy nonprofit and government agency partners.

Phone: 240-621-0194

[Amara Legal Center](#)

Helps those whose rights have been violated while involved in commercial sex; this includes sex workers and survivors of trafficking or coercion. Handle child custody and criminal record sealing cases.

Phone: 240-257-6492

[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

[Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center](#)

Provides assistance in adjustment of status, consular processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, family-based petitions, Naturalization, Removal hearings, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions. No need to identify as Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander to qualify for services.

Phone: 202-393-3572 Ext. 22

Census hotline: 844-202-0274

[Ayuda](#)

Note that immigration services **FEES REQUIRED**.

IMMIGRATION CONSULTATIONS FOR NEW CLIENTS ARE CLOSED MARCH-MAY 2020. FREE WALK-IN CLINICS WILL STILL TAKE PLACE.

Generally 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 15th of every month.

Mon-Fri: family law, 9-4pm walk-in for social services (DV/sexual assault)

DC/MD office: 202-387-4848

VA office: 703-444-7009

[Bankruptcy Assistance Center](#)

Held on the first and third Friday of each month on a first come, first serve basis from 10am to 1pm in Room 1207 of E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse.

Phone: 202-354-3280

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[Bar Association of DC/Lawyer Referral Service](#) – **FEE REQUIRED**

Individuals without internet access can call 202-223-6600

[The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law](#)

Phone: 202-467-5730

[Bread for the City](#)

General Number: 202-386-7616

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[Break the Cycle](#)

Serves survivors of domestic violence who are between the ages of 12-24. Must be a DC resident; no income guidelines. Also helps individuals with criminal case advocacy and Title IX advocacy.

Phone: 202-849-6289

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Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition (CAIR)

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

For detained adults, call: 202-331-3320; extension 7027

For detained children, call: 202-870-5843

CARECEN

Note that immigration services **FEES REQUIRED** (waivers available depending on income). Call for details. Generally handles DACA, citizenship, renewing Employment Authorization Documents, TPS, family-based petitions (including adjustment of status and consular processing), NACARA, U-visas, removal proceedings.

Phone: 202-328-9799

Serves people outside of DC as well

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Catholic Charities Legal Network

Note that immigration services **FEES REQUIRED**.

Phone lines are open M-F 9:30 am-12 pm and 2 pm-4:30 pm. Extended hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 7:30 pm.

Phone: 202-350-4305

Spanish Phone Line: 202-772-4325

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Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

Must live within service area; counties within central Virginia

Phone: 1-800-868-1012

Children's Law Center

Generally serves third parties/kinship caregivers – i.e., grandparents (at capacity). Special education and housing conditions if children receive their primary care at their clinics. For kinship caregivers & children receiving care at Children's Nat'l Medical Center, Mary's Center, or Unity clinics at Upper Cardozo and Minnesota Ave.

Phone: 202-467-4900, select Option 3

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Child Support Resource Center

Temporary Phone: 202-791-3996

[Print Flyer](#)

Christian Legal Aid

Provides legal advice and brief services through clinic consultations. In some cases, they provide extended representation. Issues covered include simple estate planning (wills, POA), probate, Expungement/Criminal Record Sealing, SSDI, and LLT (eviction defense and housing code violation).

Phone: 202-710-0592

Email: info@christianlegalaid-dc.org

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[Civil Justice Network](#)

Offers assistance to Maryland low to moderate income consumers with foreclosure, auto repossessions, landlord/tenant issues, and simple wills and estate planning for seniors.

Can also provide legal referrals.

General Phone/Intake: 410-706-0174

Foreclosure Intake: 410-706-5649

[Columbus Community Legal Services](#)

IRS controversy cases and U.S. Tax Court. Veterans, Immigrants & Refugee, and Family Law clinics. Temporarily closed to the public.

Phone: 202-319-6788

Email: ccvirtualvita@gmail.com

Don't have to be DC residents

[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

[Community Tax Aid](#)

Offers free assistance with filing taxes generally from January-April. Can assist existing clients, unable to take new clients. Applicant income must be below \$56,000. Please check the website for further restrictions.

Phone: 202-547-7773

[Consumer Law Resource Center](#)

*****Please note that this center is not currently open for in-person services during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please call 202-780-2574 to access remote services.*****

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[Crime Victims Compensation Program](#)

Phone: 202-879-4216

[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.

Under immigration: generally handles asylum, applications for permanent residency and citizenship (including Adjustment of Status and Naturalization), SIJS, U-visas

Phone: 202-844-5430

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[D.C. Bar Immigration Legal Advice Clinic](#)

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[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic](#)

*****Please note that this clinic is not currently operating during the COVID-19 Pandemic.***** Walk-in clinic held every second Saturday of the month at the NW and SE Bread for the City locations from 10am-12pm. Individuals applying for services should bring all documents relating to their legal issue.

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[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

[D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Small Business Brief Legal Advice Clinic](#)

Phone: 202-780-2755

E-mail: cedinfo@dcbbar.org

[D.C. Dept. of Behavioral Health Access Help Line](#)

Phone: 1-888-793-4357

[D.C. Dept. of Human Services Emergency Shelter Hotline](#)

Phone: 202-399-7093

Provides transportation for homeless single adults to and from shelters in addition to comfort items.

[DC KinCare Alliance](#)

Generally 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. They do not assist parents. Assists with obtaining and advocating for effective health and mental healthcare and provides other support services (public benefits, subsidies) for the whole family unit.

Phone: 202-505-5803

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[DC Reduced Fee Lawyer Referral Service \(DC Refers\) – FEE REQUIRED](#)

Online listing of qualified attorneys who are willing to represent modest-means clients (200%-400% of FPG) at below-market rates.

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[Domestic Violence Intake Center \(DVIC\)](#)

DC Superior Court (NW) Phone: 202-879-0152

United Medical Center (SE) Phone: 202-561-3000

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[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.

1313 New York Ave NW. Monday through Friday 9AM-5PM.

Phone: 202-383-8810

[Print Flyer](#)

[Equal Rights Center](#)

Conducts civil rights testing; file complaints with and represent tenants against HUD and OHR. Considers any protected class, including criminal record and voucher holder. Can also help disabled people make requests for reasonable accommodations/modifications.

Phone: 202-234-3062

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[Family Court Self-Help Center](#)

*****Please note that this center is not currently open for in-person services during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please call 202-879-0096 to access remote services.*****

Walk-in hours Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm (no intakes accepted after 5:00pm)

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[First Shift Justice Project](#)

Assists 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 residences of DC, MD, and VA. The helpline operates Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Phone: 240-241-0897

Helpline Phone Number: 202-644-9043

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[Print Flyer – Amharic](#)

[Georgetown Ministry Center](#)

Offers case management, showers, laundry, mental health assistance, social programming, telephone, internet, mail, and help applying for public benefits at the drop-in center every day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Address: 1041 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007

Phone: 202-338-8301

[Government Accountability Project](#)

Phone: 202-457-0034

Email: info@whistleblower.org

[Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc.](#)

Provides legal representation for individuals in appeals to obtain and preserve state disability, welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, veterans' and other benefits. HPRP attorneys represent tenants of federally subsidized housing in court eviction proceedings and in administrative hearings with the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to prevent homelessness.

Baltimore Office Phone: 410-685-6589 Ext. 31 or 800-773-4340

Montgomery Office Phone: 301-585-6463 Ext. 3

[Housing Counseling Services](#)

Main Phone Line: 202-667-7006

Foreclosure Phone Line: 202-265-2255

Rental Assistance Hotline: 202-667-7339

[Print General Information Flyer – English](#)

[Print General Information Flyer – Spanish](#)

[Print Foreclosure Flyer – English](#)

[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 \(KIND\)](#)

Provides legal representation to unaccompanied minors, including children who have been persecuted in their home countries; trafficked to the U.S., and abused, abandoned or neglected

Phone: 202-670-3585

[Lambda Legal Defense Fund](#)

Provides legal and public education services regarding sexual orientation discrimination.

Phone: 212-809-8585

[Landlord Tenant Resource Center / Landlord Tenant Legal Assistance Network](#)

*****Please note that this center is not currently open for in-person services during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please call 202-780-2575 to access remote services*****

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[Law Help](#)

Online guide to informational resources and referrals categorized by state.

[Legal Counsel for the Elderly \(LCE\)](#)

For individuals age 60+; D.C. residents 55 years of age or older with Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability issues

Phone: 202-434-2120

[Print Flyer – English and Spanish](#)

[Legal Aid Justice Center](#)

Offers assistance to 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 / Petersburg: 804-643-1086 / 804-862-2205

[Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia](#)

Phone: 757-827-5078

[Legal Services Corporation \(LSC\)](#)

Listing of LSC-funded organizations by address/zip code.

Phone: 202-295-1500

[Legal Services of Northern Virginia](#)

Phone: 703-778-6800

Toll-free for clients: 866-534-5243

[Print Flyer](#)

[Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center](#)

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 NLSP (Neighborhood Legal Services Program) at (202) 832-6577 for referral**

[Print flyer](#) (Phone numbers by office included)

[Maryland Office of the Public Defender](#)

Phone: 1-877-430-5187

[Print Flyer — phone number by county](#)

[Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service](#)

Provides legal services for a variety of civil matters for low-income Maryland residents.

Only services certain counties. **Intake Mon-Thurs 9 am to 12 pm.**

Phone: (410) 547-6537 or (800) 510-0050

[Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO \(Claimant Advocacy Program\)](#)

Phone: 202-974-8150

[Mil Mujeres](#)

Generally offers immigration legal services for low-income Latinos, who are survivors of gender-based violence, in the DMV area.

Generally handles U and T visas, VAWA, SIJS, and DACA removals.

Phone: 202-808-3311

Multi-Door Dispute Resolution

No representation provided, only 3rd party mediators. A division of the DC Courts, they can also potentially assist with cases where no formal court case has been opened.
Phone: 202-879-1549

NAACP

Assists in cases involving discrimination against African Americans
Phone: 202-463-2940

National Legal Aid & Defender Association

Phone: 202-452-0620

National Student Legal Defense Network

Phone: 202-734-7495

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

Phone: 1-800-273-8255

National Veterans Legal Services Program

Offers representation in front of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC).
Phone: 202-265-8305

National Women’s Law Center

Free initial consultations for cases of sex discrimination (sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination, etc). Individuals should speak with attorney directly about fees.
Online intake form: <https://nwlcc.org/legal-assistance/>
For languages other than English and Spanish/other assistance with the form, call 202-319-3053.

Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)

Only conducting intakes on Monday and Wednesday. Will resume Friday intakes in 2020.

Phone: 202-832-6577

Student Loan Hotline: 202-269-5106

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[Print Consumer Information Flyer – English and Spanish](#)

[Print Student Loan Clinic Flyer – English](#)

[Print Lawyers Serving Warriors \(Veteran’s Legal Services\) Flyer - English](#)

Northern Virginia Family Service

Provides immigration legal services for residents of Northern Virginia.
Phone: 571-748-2806
Immigration Hotline: 571-748-2806

Office of the Attorney General – Consumer Protection Hotline

OAG Consumer Protection Hotline: 202-442-9828

General Phone: 202-727-3400

[Office of the People’s Counsel](#)

Provides investigation and representation in utility bill disputes.
Phone: 202-727-3071

[Office of the Tenant Advocate](#)

Phone: 202-719-6560
[Print Flyer – English](#)
[Printer Flyer – Spanish](#)

[Pension Rights Center](#)

Phone: 202-296-3776
Offers free legal assistance to individuals experiencing a problem with their pension, profit sharing or retirement savings plans
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[Probate Self-Help Center](#)

*****Please note that this center is not currently open for in-person services during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please call 202-879-9460 to access remote services.*****
This self-help center is hosted by the D.C. Superior Court and provides computers for public use.
Walk-in hours Monday-Friday from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at the following location:
D.C. Superior Court Building A
515 5th Street, N.W.
Room 316

[Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia](#)

Phone: 202-628-1200
Expungement/Record Sealing Phone Line: 202-824-2801
[Print Flyer](#)

[Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities](#)

Phone: 202-448-1450
[Print Flyer](#)

[Rising for Justice](#)

Offers extended hours for help in Landlord Tenant Court: Monday-Friday 9:30 am-5:00 pm and additional hours on Wednesday from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Works with tenants in eviction defense and housing conditions issues. Assists with civil protection orders, criminal record sealing, and immigration bond hearings.
Phone: 202-638-4798
[Print Landlord Tenant Flyer](#)
[Print Civil Protection Order Project Flyer](#)

[Small Claims Resource Center](#)

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[Tahirih Justice Center](#)

Serves clients in the greater DMV area. Also has offices in Houston and San Francisco. Generally handles gender-based asylum claims, VAWA, U and T visas, SIJS. Conducts phone intakes on Tuesdays 10 AM-2 PM.

Phone: 571-282-6161

[Tzedek DC](#)

Phone: 202-274-7386

[UDC Low Income Taxpayer Clinic](#)

Assists with tax controversies pending with the IRS and in U.S. Tax Court

Phone: 202-274-5073

[University Legal Services](#)

ULS contains Disability Rights DC, DC Jail and Prison Advocacy Project, and others.

Phone: 202-547-0198 x135

[Print Disability Rights DC Flyer](#)

[Vera Institute of Justice Immigrant Connection Project](#)

Attorneys or parents seeking children should contact via phone or email.

Email: familyconnect@vera.org or familiasunidas@vera.org

Phone: 800-845-8372

[Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program](#)

Offers assistance with discharge upgrades and cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Phone: 888-838-7727 (toll-free)

[Veterans Pro Bono Legal Clinic](#)

Interested applicants can talk to their VA Case Manager or call 202-745-8000 ext 55560 or 55557

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[VA National Capital Regional Benefit Office](#)

Offers list of organizations serving veterans, counseling regarding VA benefits and how to apply, information about VA health care and memorial benefits, outreach to veterans.

[Victim Legal Network of DC](#)

Offers legal referrals for victims of crimes.

Phone: 202-629-1788

Washington Lawyers' Committee - For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

Phone: 202-319-1000

[Print Workers' Rights Clinic Flyer – English and Spanish](#)

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Phone: 202-328-5500

[Print Flyer – English](#)

[Print Flyer with Intake Site Locations](#)

Whitman-Walker Health

Although they prioritize HIV+ and LGBTQ persons, they can serve anyone who is income-qualified. Immigration issue areas include: asylum, adjustment 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

Women's Law Center of Maryland

Helps to ensure the physical safety, economic security, and autonomy of women throughout MD. Provides direct legal representation, information and referral services, and legislative advocacy.

Phone: 410-321-8761

Definitions

Consumer - A “consumer” is someone who purchases and/or uses products or services. 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 generally to the process of administering a deceased person’s estate whether or not there is a will. This process may include collecting a deceased person’s assets, paying debts, paying necessary taxes, and/or distributing property to heirs.

Power of Attorney - A written document that lets you give another person legal authority to perform 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 be responsible for 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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