

LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

FREE OR LOW COST LEGAL SERVICES

1. **Access Living**

Location: 115 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60654

Phone: (312) 640-2106

Fax: (312) 640-2101

TTY: (312) 640-2102

Access Living is a disability rights organization. Its Civil Rights Team provides legal assistance to people who have been discriminated against due to a disability. It focuses on two areas: (a) discrimination in securing or maintaining housing, and (b) discrimination in gaining access to and using the services of a private business that is open to the public. An example of a case of housing discrimination would be a situation where a landlord refuses to waive a “no pets” policy for a tenant with a vision disability who relies on a guide dog to get around. An example of a case of discrimination related to a private business would be a situation where a restaurant does not have an accessible bathroom or refuses to serve someone who uses a wheelchair.

2. **Amicus Poloniae Volunteer Free Legal Services**

(Formerly known as “Polish Volunteer Legal Services”)

Location: 6100 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646

Phone: (773) 286-2325 – Mark Dobrzyck, Director (contact person)

Polish speaking, no criminal matters. Take in new clients every third Saturday of each month with the exception of holidays. Work with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation (CVLS). Must pre-register. By appointment only.

3. **The Ark Legal Clinic**

Location: 6450 North California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645

Phone: (773) 973-1000

Civil matters. Assists low-income Jewish population of Chicago and suburbs. By appointment only.

4. **Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)**

Location: 740 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642

Phone: (312) 738-2452

CGLA provides free legal services in the areas of housing, family, and criminal law.

In **Housing Law**, the focus is on representing individuals facing eviction from subsidized housing or Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) terminations at both the administrative hearing and Chancery court (appeal) levels. Eviction and voucher termination cases must involve allegations of criminal activity. We also assist individuals denied admission into subsidized housing based on their criminal record.

In **Family Law**, the focus is on providing legal services to clients who are currently incarcerated or under correctional control. At this time, we are only scheduling intake appointments for respondents in orders of protection where the order negatively impacts their access to their children, their

housing or their employment. We are only accepting other family law cases (i.e., divorces, custody and visitation, minor guardianships) from partner agencies.

In **Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)** program, we provide legal aid for child custody and visitation, guardianship of minors, discharge of guardianship, divorce, foster care, and parentage matters for incarcerated or formerly incarcerated mothers and their children's caregivers. There is no charge for legal representation. Intakes are scheduled by appointment only. CLAIM cannot provide criminal defense legal representation.

In **Criminal Law**, CGLA represents defendants on both misdemeanor and felony charges, but only on cases in particular courtrooms (contact the office for details). CGLA also represents juveniles in delinquency cases and school suspension/expulsion proceedings.

In **Criminal Records**, CGLA helps individuals clear their criminal backgrounds by applying for expungement and sealing, health care waivers, certificates of rehabilitation and executive clemency.

CGLA has a Help Desk for expungement and sealing on the 10th floor at the Richard J. Daley Center, Room 1006, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A maximum of 25 people signed each day receive services. CGLA also operates a Help Desk for expungement and sealing in the Sixth Municipal District (Markham courthouse), Room 102J on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In collaboration with LAF, CGLA staffs a Juvenile Help Desk on the 1st Floor of the Juvenile courthouse at 1100 S. Hamilton. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In order to qualify for CGLA's services in-house (not at the Help Desks), clients must be Chicago residents and have household incomes that fall below 150% of the federal poverty level. Potential clients for criminal records legal services must live in Cook County. Potential clients pay a non-refundable \$20.00 intake fee to meet with an attorney. Intakes for representation are by appointment only. We cannot accommodate walk-in appointments.

5. **CARPLS (Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services)**

Hotline

Hotline: (312) 738-9200

Hotline hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday

Languages: English assistance available

CARPLS provides legal advice, written self-help information and pleadings, and referrals to low-income residents of Cook County. CARPLS does not represent clients directly in court. Callers talk directly to a staff attorney, who gives legal advice in all areas of law, including for family, landlord/tenant, and consumer law issues.

CARPLS also operates four court-based Advice Desks:

Administrative Hearings

Administrative Hearings Advice Desk

Location: 400 West Superior Street, Room 121, Chicago, IL 60654-3409

Hours: Intake Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, except City of Chicago holidays.

Phone: None

Languages: English only

Through a partnership with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Bar Foundation, CARPLS attorneys assist low-income *pro se* individual respondents with cases pending before the Chicago Department of Administrative Hearings. Desk attorneys provide information, advice and brief services on building code violation cases, vehicle impound cases, and other municipal matters. CARPLS attorneys do not represent *pro se* respondents in the administrative hearings or in court. Clients are seen on a first come, first served basis.

Debt Collection

Collection Advice Desk

Location: 50 West Washington Street, Room 1401, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602

Hours: 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, except court holidays

Phone: None

Languages: English assistance available

This desk provides legal advice and brief services to *pro se* defendants in proceedings to collect on money judgments, including wage garnishments, bank account freezes, and citations to discover assets. CARPLS also provides advice to *pro se* plaintiffs seeking to collect judgments. CARPLS attorneys provide information on the court procedures these clients are facing, as well as advice on defenses or exemptions to collection that can be raised. Law student interns and attorney volunteers also assist clients at the Collection Desk under the supervision of the staff attorneys. The Desk was developed through a partnership of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Chicago Bar Foundation, CARPLS, and Illinois Legal Aid Online.

Evictions, Torts and Contracts

Municipal Court Advice Desk

Location: 50 West Washington Street, Room CL16, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays

Phone: None

Languages: English and Spanish assistance available

The Municipal Court Advice Desk provides free legal assistance to low income individuals with cases pending in the Municipal Department of the Circuit Court of Cook County (under \$50,000). The legal subject areas broadly include evictions, torts, and contracts. The Advice Desk is staffed by attorneys who interview and advise individuals regarding their legal rights and options. Volunteer attorneys, interns and law students also assist under the direct supervision of the attorneys. Services include legal advice; help with the preparation of court documents such as motions and pleadings. Referrals may also be made when direct legal representation is required and available, including through a special arrangement between CARPLS and the Chicago Legal Clinic, as well as the other legal service providers.

This Advice Desk is supported by the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Chicago Bar Foundation and CARPLS.

Divorce and Other Domestic Relations Matters

Domestic Relations Advice Desk

Location: 50 West Washington Street, Room CL16, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602

Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays

Phone: None

Languages: English and Spanish assistance available

The Domestic Relations Desk offers free legal consultations to low-income clients who cannot afford an attorney. In some cases, the CARPLS attorney can draft documents for clients who have eligible cases. The Desk, staffed by attorneys from CARPLS, is designed to help people represent themselves in court on simple family matters and to resolve issues after the entry of a judgment of dissolution. The Desk does not represent any clients in court and cannot offer ongoing services in contested cases. Litigants should bring any relevant court documents with them. Clients are served on a first come, first served basis. No prior appointment is necessary, but clients need to arrive early as there are a limited number of clients that can be seen each day. This Desk was developed as a joint initiative of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Chicago Bar Foundation and CARPLS.

6. **Center for Disability and Elder Law, Inc.**

Location: 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1610, Chicago, Illinois 60606

Phone: (312) 376-1880 (voice)

Fax: (312) 376-1885

Website: www.cdela.org

Email: info@cdela.org

The Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDEL) provides free legal services to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities in Cook County on a broad range of civil legal issues, but does not provide services in criminal matters, or those involving personal injury. Representation is offered in a range of legal areas including:

Housing: landlord/tenant; eviction; title issues;

Estate Planning: advance directives including powers of attorney, and simple wills

Adult Guardianship

Collections

Consumer Fraud

Financial Elder Abuse

Simple Divorce: uncontested, no minor children, no issues of child or spousal support

The Center also administers special initiatives including the Senior Center Initiative (SCI) and the Senior Tax Opportunity Program (STOP).

In addition, CDEL administers a self-help program at the Circuit Court as follows:

***Pro Se* Adult Guardianship Help Desk**

Location: Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Room 1202, Chicago, IL 60602

Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on day's court is in session. *Pro se* petitioners seeking assistance should arrive by 11 a.m.

Phone: None

The Center for Disability and Elder Law, in conjunction with the Cook County Circuit Court, the court's Probate Division, and the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, administers the ***Pro Se* Adult Guardianship Help Desk**. The Help Desk provides information and assistance to those who wish to file a petition seeking adjudication of disability for an adult with a disability or disabilities and appointment of a Guardian of the Person for that adult without representation by an attorney (*pro se*). Volunteer staff provides assistance regarding the required court forms, process and procedures for filing a petition, scheduling a hearing, service of summons and notice and hearings for adult guardianship proceedings.

Potential *pro se* petitioners must personally come to the Help Desk, and are served on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff does not make appointments and are not available by phone.

PLEASE NOTE:

Staff at the Help Desk is not able to assist *pro se* litigants with guardianship proceedings in which appointment of a guardian of the estate will be required or which are likely to be contested, either by the respondent or any other interested person.

Staff at the Help Desk are not able to provide legal advice to potential *pro se* litigants and do not provide legal representation to petitioners in guardianship proceedings. Those who require legal advice, appointment of an estate guardian, and/or are in circumstances where the petition is likely to be contested, are provided with contact information for legal aid organizations and/or lawyer referral services that may be able to provide information, assistance, and representation.

7. **Chancery Advice Desk**

Location: 50 West Washington Street, Room CL16, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays

Phone: None

The Chancery Advice Desk provides free legal consultations to people representing themselves in cases pending in the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Types of cases include mortgage foreclosure, administrative review, declaratory judgment, and other equitable relief. Although the Desk is primarily for Chancery Division cases, assistance is also available for petitions for change of name. The Desk is staffed by attorneys who provide legal advice and give assistance with simple court pleadings.

The Desk attorneys do not represent any clients in court and cannot offer ongoing services. Individuals are served on a first come, first served basis. Early arrival is recommended as there are a limited number of consultations each day. The Desk attorneys cannot answer legal questions by telephone.

The Chancery Advice Desk is a cooperative effort of the Office of the Chief Judge and the Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.

8. **Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.**

There are no geographical or income limits on clients served. There is no charge for legal representation on orders of protection. Charges are determined on a sliding scale based on the client's income for divorces and other matters. By appointment only. Call main office for appointments.

South Chicago Office (main office)

2938 East 91st Street
Chicago, IL 60617
(773) 731-1762

Pilsen Office

1914 South Ashland Avenue,
Lower Level
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 226-2669

Austin Circle Law Center

118 North Central Avenue
Chicago, IL 60644
(773) 854-1610

Downtown Office

211 West Wacker, Suite 750
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 726-2938

The Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc. also administers a self-help program at the Circuit Court as follows:

Parentage and Child Support *Pro Se* Advice Desk - Staffed by the Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.
Location: 50 West Washington Street, Room CL24, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: None

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to final check in at 12:15 p.m., closing at 1 p.m. or when the last litigant finishes.

Languages: English and Spanish assistance available

The Parentage and Child Support *Pro Se* Advice Desk provides assistance to pro se litigants with child support and paternity matters, both judicial cases and administrative cases. The Desk serves the Domestic Relations Division, whether divorce or paternity cases. The attorneys at the Desk give legal advice, summarize and explain the statutory laws regarding parentage and support, prepare fact specific pleadings, including motions to modify support, motions to quash service, motions to vacate orders (if warranted), responses to complaints, responses to Petition for Rule to Show Cause, motions regarding non-paternity and other pleadings. The Desk does not answer visitation or custody (allocation of parental responsibility) issues. The Desk will not answer legal questions or give advice over the phone. There is no cost for the Desk services.

9. **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation (CVLS)**

Location: 33 North Dearborn, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: (312) 332-1624

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday; closed on court holidays.

Civil matters only. No criminal, civil rights, environmental, or traffic court cases. By appointment only.

10. **Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC)**

Location: Domestic Violence Courthouse, 555 West Harrison Street, Ste. 1900, Chicago, IL 60607

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays

Intake Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or until we reach capacity.

Phone: (312) 325-9155

DVLC operates a walk-in clinic where attorneys and volunteers provide free legal services for victims of domestic violence seeking civil orders of protection. Free legal representation in divorce, parentage and limited immigration matters is also available.

11. **Equip for Equality**

Location: 20 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: (312) 341-0022

Toll Free (800) 537-2632

Fax: (312) 541-7544

TTY: (800) 610-2779

Email: contactus@equipforequality.org

Website: www.equipforequality.org

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: People with disabilities who reside in Illinois

Languages: Most languages can be accommodated using Tele-Interpreters, LLC. American Sign Language interpreters can also be scheduled.

Equip for Equality is an independent, private, not-for-profit organization designated by the Governor in 1985 to implement the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System in Illinois. The mission of Equip for Equality is to advance the human and civil rights of children and adults with disabilities in Illinois. It is the only statewide, cross-disability, comprehensive advocacy organization providing self-advocacy assistance, legal services and disability rights education while also engaging in public policy and legislative advocacy and conducting abuse investigations and

other oversight activities. Equip for Equality provides free legal services and self-advocacy assistance to people with disabilities in the areas of discrimination, assistive technology, special education, guardianship defense, abuse and neglect, and community integration. Equip for Equality provides self-advocacy training to people with disabilities and family members on topics including the Americans with Disabilities Act, employment, transportation, voting, Ticket to Work, special education and guardianship. Intakes are done by phone only.

12. **Guardianship Assistance Desk for Minors**

Office of the Chief Judge

Location: 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, IL 60602

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays

Phone: (312) 603-0135

Fax: (312) 603-9766

Assists pro se litigants in filling out required court paperwork to apply for the guardianship of minors. Walk-in petitioners are welcome.

13. **HANA Center**

(Formerly known as “Korean American Community Services (KACS)”)

Location: Chicago Main Office (*Appointments only*), 4300 North California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60618

Phone: (773) 583-5501 ext. 120

Fax: (773) 583-7709

Website: www.hanacenter.org

Hours: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., first Thursday of every month

Extended Office Hours on Tuesdays at both locations, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., (*Appointments Only*)

Languages: English, Korean, and Spanish

Location #2: Northwest Center, 664 North Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 213, Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Phone: (847) 520-1999 ext. 102

Fax: (847) 520-7178

Hours: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., first Thursday of every month

HANA has a once a month legal clinic where volunteer attorneys provide initial consultation on a range of civil matters, including immigration, housing, labor disputes, business, and family law. Attorneys provide legal information, guidance and referrals as needed. By appointment only.

14. **James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy (“Moran-Center”)**

(Formerly known as “Evanston Community Defender Office, Inc.”)

Location: 1123 Emerson, Suite 203, Evanston, IL 60201

Phone: (847) 492-1410

Fax: (847) 859-5836

Website: www.moran-center.org

Criminal and juvenile (only Evanston residents twenty-one years of age and younger), school special education and discipline advocacy. Walk-ins are accepted, but best to call first.

15. **Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago**

Legal Advocacy Center

Location: 216 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606

Phone: (312) 673-2740

Represent children and their families regarding special education needs. By appointment only.

16. **Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing**

Location: 33 North LaSalle, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: (312) 347-7600 Agency Main Number

Web: www.lcbh.org

Intake: (312) 347-7600

Email: intake@lcbh.org

LCBH provides free legal representation and supportive services for qualified lower-income renters in Eviction Court and Building Court. LCBH also provides free legal services for housing-related issues such as problems of renters living in foreclosed properties, utility shutoffs, unsafe or substandard building conditions, and building vacates and mass evictions. Renters seeking assistance can call (312) 347-7600 for intake hours.

17. **Lawyers for the Creative Arts**

Location: 213 West Institute Place, Suite 403, Chicago, IL 60610

Phone: (312) 649-4111

Website: www.law-arts.org

Apply for legal assistance at: <http://law-arts.org/application.html>

LCA provides free legal services to individual artists and arts organizations in all areas of the arts: visual, entertainment, performing and literary. Some services depend upon income level. For further information and help, please complete an application for legal assistance, go to www.law-arts.org/application.

18. **Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS)**

Location: 1 North Dearborn Street, 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602

Telephone Intake Only: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Intake Unit: (312) 986-4200

TDD: (312) 986-4237

LAS provide free civil legal services to low-income families on the following legal issues:

- **Domestic Violence** – civil orders of protection and dissolutions of marriage and all issues associated with a divorce including custody, visitation, child support, distribution of property and debts, and child abductions. In August of 2017, LAS will start to represent complaining witnesses who have children in common with the defendant in their requests for orders of protection in conjunction with criminal cases heard at 555 W. Harrison. This representation is done in coordination with the State's Attorney's Office.
- **Housing** – evictions, foreclosure, and Section 8 housing issues are handled.
- **Simple Divorce Cases** – these cases are handled by pro-bono attorneys and the number of cases we can accept is limited. To qualify as a simple divorce case the case cannot involve domestic violence. There also cannot be any minor children of the marriage, any property issues including real estate or pensions, any debts, or any pending litigation involving the parties. The potential client also cannot be seeking maintenance.
- **Victims Legal Assistance Network (VLAN)** – The (VLAN) empowers crime victims by providing a comprehensive and holistic wraparound approach to meet their legal and life needs. VLAN's holistic model features an interdisciplinary approach where attorneys and case managers work side-by-side to provide clients with a full range of services including civil legal assistance, enforcement of victims' rights, and immigration assistance. Victims

are assigned to an attorney and case manager who guide them throughout the legal and recovery process.

- **Human Trafficking Initiative (HTI)** – The Human Trafficking Initiative, a project of Metropolitan Family Services' Legal Aid Society, has been assisting survivors of trafficking in the Chicago area since 2012. In collaboration with local law firms, the Human Trafficking Initiative provides free, holistic legal representation to survivors of human trafficking on any legal issues related to their exploitation. The Human Trafficking Initiative assists in a variety of legal matters such as reporting crimes to law enforcements and representing them as victim/witness in a criminal or civil proceedings brought by the government, applying for immigration relief, family reunification, filing civil litigation, obtaining orders of protection, vacating and expunging criminal history that were a result of the trafficking, obtaining identification documents, and clearing financial or credit records. Additionally, the Human Trafficking Initiative works closely with community partners to connect clients to case-management and other programs to ensure clients have both their legal and social services needs met.

Services are provided at the following locations:

General Office

1 North Dearborn Street, 10th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Calumet Community Center

235 East 103rd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60628
(773) 371-3699

Midway Community Center

3843 West 63rd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60629
(773) 884-2290

*Only housing issues are handled at these locations:

Blue Island Community Center*

13136 South Western Avenue
Blue Island, Illinois 60406
(708) 975-5137

Palos Hills Community Center*

10537 South Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465
(708) 975-5137

19. **Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF)**

General Office and Central Intake Office

Location: 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60603-3425

Phone: (312) 341-1070

Fax: (312) 341-1041

Website: www.lafchicago.com

Languages: English, Spanish and Polish

Provides free legal services in civil matters to individuals and families in Chicago and suburban Cook County who are unable to afford legal counsel. The areas of service include domestic violence, elder abuse, Social Security disability, consumer rights, employment, housing and landlord-tenant relations, family law and public aid. No criminal matters. LAF also has special projects to help immigrants, disabled persons, children, veterans, immigrant farm workers, elderly, and nursing home residents. There are income eligibility standards for new clients; however, elderly and nursing home residents may be eligible for services without regard to income. People seeking help with a legal problem should call (312) 341-1070 and follow the prompts (in English, Spanish or Polish).

20. **Legal Council for Health Justice**
(Formerly known as "AIDS Legal Council")
Location: 17 North State Street, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: (312) 427-8990
Fax: (312) 427-8419
Clients with HIV or AIDS and non-HIV clients for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Benefits, homeless clients and children with disabilities.

21. **Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy**
This organization accepts clients with pending cases in Cook County. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. This organization also provides counseling for domestic violence victims. This organization provides representation for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in divorce and in child custody, orders of protection, visitation, civil no-contact orders and paternity proceedings. The office also represents victims of domestic violence or sexual assault in family-based immigration proceedings. By appointment only.

ABSOLUTELY NO WALK INS.

Languages: English, Spanish, Polish, and Arabic

Locations:

Chicago Office:

70 East Lake Street, Suite 700
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 408-1210

Suburban Office:

701 Lee Street #700
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 824-0382

22. **National Immigrant Justice Center (Heartland Alliance)**
Location: 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: (312) 660-1370

Website: www.immigrantjustice.org

Email: immigrantlegaldefense@heartlandalliance.org

The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), a program of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, provides direct legal services to and advocates for low-income and impoverished immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. Clients must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Contact intake operator at the above telephone number for intake hours.

NIJC also provide legal consultations by appointment only in the Belmont-Cragin neighborhood on Wednesdays. Please email for an appointment at this location:

Heartland Human Care Services Office

5715 West Belmont
Chicago, Illinois 60634

23. **Pro Se Help Desk**
(Office of the Chief Judge)
Location: 50 West Washington Street, Room 602, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: (312) 603-5626
Assists people without lawyers in filing cases in the First Municipal District for out-of-pocket money loss not exceeding \$5,000 and unemployment appeals of board of review decisions. Walk-ins are accepted.

24. **Uptown People's Law Center**
Location: 4413 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60640
Phone: (773) 769-1411
Housing (individual eviction defense and building conversions), welfare defense, Social Security disability, prison litigation (conditions of confinement only, no post-conviction matters), and domestic violence. By appointment only.
25. **West Town Community Law Office**
Location: 2502 West Division Street, Chicago, IL 60622
Phone: (773) 278-6706
Fax: (773) 278-0635
Email: melindapower1@gmail.com
Languages: English and Spanish
Domestic relations, criminal and civil rights. By appointment only.

ATTORNEY REFERRAL SERVICES*

**Chicago Bar Association
Lawyer Referral Service**
(312) 554-2001

Cook County Bar Association
(312) 630-1157

Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois
(312) 554-2045

**Illinois State Bar Association
(Illinois Lawyer Finder)**
P.O. Box 1330
Springfield, IL 62705-1330
(217) 525-5297

National Lawyers Guild
(312) 913-0039

**North Suburban Bar Association
Lawyer Referral Service**
P.O. Box 731
Glenview, IL 60025
(312) 551-1100

**Northwest Suburban Bar Association
Attorney Referral Service**
(847) 221-2601

Southwest Bar Association
P.O. Box 141
Palos Heights, IL 60463-0141
(708) 371-4930

West Suburban Bar Association
(708) 338-2662
www.westsuburbanbar.org

South Suburban Bar Association
P.O. Box 726
Lawyer Referral Service
Homewood, IL 60430
(708) 633-9700

This bar association offers court-based pro bono services as follows:

- **Pro Bono Center**
Location: Sixth Municipal District Courthouse, 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Lower Level Markham, Illinois 60428
Hours: Noon to 3 p.m., Thursdays
Appointments for this service may be made in Room 119 at the Markham courthouse.
- **The Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services Self-Help Center**
Website: www.IllinoisLegal.org
Location: Cook County Law Library, Lower Level 072 at the Markham courthouse
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- **Center for Conflict Resolution**
Location: Room 209 (ask clerk or judge for mediation) at the Markham courthouse
Hours: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Thursdays
Phone: (312) 922-6464, ext. 22

- **The Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services Civil Law Help Desk**
Location: Room 072 at the Markham courthouse
Hours: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Fridays
- **The Legal Assistance Foundation Eviction Outreach Project**
Location: Room 202G at the Markham courthouse
Hours: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday
- **Cabrini Green Legal Aid Expungement Help Desk**
Location: Room 102J, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Markham courthouse

***Attorneys to whom referrals are made will charge for their time and services. In addition, associations making the referrals may also charge a fee.**

LAW SCHOOL LEGAL CLINICS AND SERVICES

Bluhm Legal Clinic

Northwestern University School of Law

PHONE CALLS OR WRITE: 375 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611-3069

Phone: (312) 503-8576

Fax: (312) 503-8977

(TDD): (312) 503-4472

Email: legalclinic@law.northwestern.edu

Website: www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/index.cfm

Call-In Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Languages: English and Spanish

The Bluhm Legal Clinic provides representation on:

- juvenile delinquency
- juvenile record expungement
- removal of juvenile sex-offenders name from the Illinois law enforcement registry “Project Off the Record”
- wrongful convictions of inmates *currently* serving time (no post-release work or sentence reduction) write to Center on Wrongful Convictions, 375 East Chicago, Illinois 60611
- adult criminal cases in Cook County and collar counties, as well as in the federal court for the Northern District of Illinois (**limited caseload on a case-by-case basis; fees apply**)
- start-up businesses/non-profit organizations (modest fee)
- investor disputes with broker-dealers
- immigration claims for women and children fleeing violence

NO WALK-INS ARE ACCEPTED

Wheelchair accessible

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Law Offices

Location: 565 West Adams Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60661

Phone: (312) 906-5050

Email: lawoffices@kentlaw.iit.edu

All attorneys at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Law Offices charges fees for their services and provides representation on:

- **Criminal Defense Litigation** – provide criminal defense representation for all types of felonies and misdemeanors in trial and appellate courts at the state and federal levels.
- **Employment Discrimination/Civil Rights Litigation** – provide representation primarily for employment discrimination disputes and for civil rights cases in the federal and state courts and in administrative agencies.
- **Entrepreneurial Law** – handle legal issues that frequently arise for start-up companies, including but not limited to choice of entity, entity formation, contract review and drafting, corporate governance issues, review of leases, trademark searches and filing, and other transactional matters.
- **Family Law** – represent clients in matters of legal separation, divorce, child support, child custody, visitation, guardianships and other related domestic relations issues. Attorney charges a \$175 consultation fee.

- **Vaccine Injury Litigation** – assist people who have suffered serious physical, cognitive and psychological injuries caused by a vaccine through the [Vaccine Injury Law Project](#).
- **Open Government** – represent citizens or citizens groups who need legal assistance in their efforts to hold government accountable, particularly with regard to government compliance with Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
- **Tax Law** – offer a full-service tax controversy practice representing individual and small-business taxpayers.

John Marshall Law School, Community Legal Clinics

(Formerly known as “John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic”)

Location: 315 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604

Phone: (312) 386-2816

- **Business Enterprise Law Clinic** supports not-for-profit organizations and businesses in underserved communities with limited financial resources, by providing access to quality business and transactional legal representation.
- **Conflict Resolution Institute & Clinic** provides free, high-quality services to resolve disputes. As mediators, we facilitate conversations designed to uncover the needs of the parties and generate options based on those needs. As advocates, we provide representation to clients in mediations and arbitrations.
- **Domestic Violence Clinic** helps survivors of domestic violence by providing legal services in the following areas of the law: Bankruptcy/Debt Relief/Credit Repair, Crime Victim Compensation, Criminal Defense, Employment Protections, Estate and Financial Planning, Family Law, Housing Protections, Federal Income Tax Relief, Immigration Relief and Orders of Protection.
- **Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic** represents persons who have been denied housing in violation of federal, state, and local fair housing laws in proceedings before the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Illinois Human Rights Department, the City of Chicago Human Rights Commission, and the Cook County Human Rights Commission, as well as in federal and state courts. Services are free of charge, but if a monetary settlement results, the clinic will collect court costs and attorney's fees.
- **International Human Rights Clinic** is a non-profit, non-partisan legal clinic dedicated to the protection of human rights in the U.S. and around the world.
- **IP Patent Clinic** assists innovation in the real world by helping inventors and small businesses with patent assistance.
- **IP Trademark Clinic** assists mark owners with trademark rights, counseling, and applications.
- **Pro Bono Program & Clinic** represents clients in mortgage foreclosure defense, juvenile expungement services, general litigation, small claims, misdemeanor criminal matters and appeals.
- **Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic** serves those who served by helping with VA benefits appeals and other legal assistance.

Loyola University Civitas Childlaw Clinic

Location: 25 East Pearson Street, Suite 1107, Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: (312) 915-7940

Representation for children in custody, abuse and neglect, and other cases. Services are free of charge. By appointment only.

Loyola University Community Law Center

Location: 25 East Pearson Street, Suite 1005, Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: (312) 915-7830

Languages: English and Serbo-Croatian

Guardianship, visitation, some landlord/tenant cases, and simple divorces where property rights and children are not involved. Services are free of charge, but clients must pay court costs. By appointment only.

Mandel Legal Aid Clinic

(University of Chicago Law School)

Location: 6020 South University Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

Phone: (773) 702-9611

Mental health issues, police accountability, employment discrimination, environmental, criminal (*juveniles and the exoneration project that helps the wrongfully accused*) and affordable housing which handle groups that rehab properties with no landlord/tenant issues or evictions. All of the cases (*are handled on periodic basis*) depending on their caseload so the clients must call to check if we are open for intake for any of the cases we handle. Services are free for qualifying low income clients. By appointment only.

Also, we have two other clinics housed within the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic:

- **The Young Center** which does immigration for children and their rights. Their contact person is Jairo (pronounced Hyro) Villalobos and Maria Woltjen, Director. Their direct line is: (773) 702-9560.
- **The Institute for Justice** which handles startup problems for business entrepreneurs and questions they may have about the laws and what to do to start up a business. The contact person is Stacy Massey and Elizabeth Kregor, Director. Their direct line is: (773) 834-3129.

Both of these clinics should be called to make appointments and to get more information about the services and when they are open for intake.

The Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic also provides representation in federal court in Federal Criminal cases which are usually court appointed by the judges. Services are free for qualifying low income clients. By appointment only.