

Legal Resources

Veterans Legal Aid Clinics

Legal Clinics @ Wayne State University

Wayne State Law School Advocates for Warriors free legal service for veteran's program.

471 W. Palmer Ave.

Detroit, MI 48202

Call: (313) 577-4015

<https://law.wayne.edu/academics/clinics>

Veterans Legal Clinic @ the University of Michigan

The Veterans Legal Clinic at Michigan Law School is a clinical offering in which veterans and, in some cases, their immediate families will receive legal help in civil matters such as family law (divorce, custody, support and visitation), eviction, consumer problems, foreclosure, and employment cases.

625 S. State St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Call: (734) 763-6750

<https://michigan.law.umich.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics/veterans-legal-clinic-0>

Veterans Law Clinic @ University of Detroit Mercy Law

Provides educational and legal assistance to homeless, indigent and low-income veterans on disability and pension benefit appeals.

651 E. Jefferson Ave.

Detroit, MI 48226

Call: (313) 596-0235

<https://lawschool.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-education/clinics.php>

Michigan State University College of Law

The MSU Law Clinic is a law firm staffed by dedicated clinical educators and second and third-year law students that offers free legal services in specific areas of practice: Chance at Childhood, Civil Rights, First Amendment, Housing, Immigration, Indian Law, Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurial Law, Alvin L. Storrs Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic.

648 N Shaw Lane

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

Call: (517) 432-6800

<https://www.law.msu.edu/centers-institutes/index.html>

Legal Aid and Pro Bono Programs

Western Michigan Legal Services

Provides assistance to veterans' families who are homeless, in transitional housing or at risk of homelessness. Cases are referred to LAWM when there is a legal issue that can either prevent homelessness or remove an obstacle to permanent housing.

<https://lawestmi.org/>

- Grand Rapids
(Kent, Ionia, Mecosta & Montcalm)
25 Division Ave S, Ste 300
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- Kalamazoo
(Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren)
201 W Kalamazoo Ave, Ste 427
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
- Holland
(Allegan & Ottawa)
636 Hastings Ave
Holland, MI 49423
- Muskegon
(Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana & Osceola)
450 Morris Ave, Ste 104
Muskegon, MI 49440
- St. Joseph
(Berrien)
901 Port St
St. Joseph, MI 49085

National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP)

NVLSP's Lawyers Serving Warriors® program offers pro bono (that is, free) legal help with disability issues to veterans from all eras. Since the CAVC was created in 1988, NVLSP has represented thousands of veterans before the Court - all at no charge to the veteran. Through class action lawsuits, NVLSP brings claims on behalf of a group of individuals who have been wrongfully denied the benefits they have earned through their service to our country.

<https://www.nvlsp.org/>

- Individual Representation
Call: 202-265-8305
Email: info@nvlsp.org

Center for Veterans' Advancement

Offers pro bono legal help to assist low-income veterans from all eras and their caregivers with VA Benefits claims and Discharge Upgrades.

Call: 213-385-2977 x301

http://www.publiccounsel.org/practice_areas/center_for_veterans_advancement

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (Pro Bono Program) was created in 1992, with a dual mission: to aid unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court).

2101 L Street NW, Suite 840

Washington, DC 20037

Call: 888-838-7727

<https://www.vetsprobono.org/apply/>

Michigan Legal Services

Provides help with housing, health and public benefits particularly in low-income communities.

2727 Second Ave., Ste 333

Detroit, MI 48201

Call: 313-0964-4130

<http://www.milegalservices.org/>

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services

DRM provides information, referrals, and possible direct representation to people with disabilities. DRM also serves children under age 10 who are identified as being at risk of having a disability.

<https://www.drmich.org/>

- Lansing:
4095 Legacy Pkwy., Suite 500
Lansing, MI 48911
Call: 517 487-1755
- Marquette:
129 W Baraga Ave, Ste A
Marquette, MI 49855-4644
Call: 866-928-5910

Berrien County Legal Services Bureau

Provides lawyers and legal advice to low-income residents of Berrien County or seniors (60+) in Berrien, Cass, or Van Buren Counties. Types of cases include: Elder Law, Family and Juvenile, Housing, Life Planning, Public Benefits, and Veterans' Benefits.

901 Port St.

Saint Joseph, MI 49085

Call: (616) 983-6363

<https://www.berriencounty.org/legalservices>

Elder Law of Michigan

Elder Law of Michigan promotes and protects the rights, health, and economic well-being of older adults and people with disabilities by providing information, advocacy, and professional services.

Call: (866) 400-9164

<https://www.elderlawofmi.org/>

- **Housing Advocacy – Out Wayne County**
8900 Pardee Road
Taylor, Michigan 48180
Call: (313) 316.5356

Neighborhood legal Services Michigan (NLSM)

Abused and homeless individuals, children, seniors and those with life-challenging illness can sometimes qualify to receive services free of charge.

<https://nlsmichigan.org/>

- **Housing Advocacy**
7310 Woodward Avenue
Suite 301
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Call: 313.964.1975
- **Housing Advocacy – Out Wayne County**
8900 Pardee Road
Taylor, Michigan 48180
Call: 313.316.5356
- **Elder Law Division**
12121 Hemingway
Redford, Michigan 48239
Call: 313.937.8291
- **Legal Advocacy Center**
7310 Woodward Avenue
Suite 301
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Call: 313.874.5820
- **Children's Education Division**
7310 Woodward Avenue
Suite 301
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Call: 313.874.5820

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc.

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. (LAD), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, provides comprehensive civil legal services to residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties who cannot afford an attorney. All potential clients must complete a screening process to determine their financial eligibility for legal services, as well as lack of conflicts with other clients. Additionally, the screening process will ensure that the client's legal problem falls within the priorities of our organization. For individuals not qualifying for our services, there is a referral system in place to ensure they receive the help they need.

645 Griswold, Suite 2400

Detroit, MI 48226

Call: (313) 967-5555 or (877) 964-4700

<https://ladadetroit.org/>

- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Criminal Record Expungement
- Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking.

Lakeshore Legal Aid Services

Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing a range of free civil legal services to people who are low income, seniors, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities. For new clients, the best way to reach us is by phone.

Call: (888) 783-8190

<https://lakeshorelegalaid.org/>

- **Counsel & Advocacy Law Line**
16250 Northland Drive, Suite 363
Southfield, MI 48075
Call: (248) 443-8068
- **Dearborn**
Garrison Place Building
19855 West Outer Drive, Suite 502-E (5th Floor, East Building)
Dearborn, MI 48124
Call: (313) 314-1500
- **Detroit – Cass Corridor**
2727 2nd Avenue, Suite 301
Detroit, MI 48201
Call: (313) 242-0811
- **Southwest Detroit**
3627 W. Vernor Highway
Detroit, MI 48216
Call: (313) 246-0822
- **Family Law Assistance Project**
35 W. Huron, Suite 701
Pontiac, MI 48342
Call: (248) 530-9330
- **Free Legal Aid Clinic**
3627 W. Vernor Highway
Detroit, MI 48216
Call: (313) 833-0058
- **LaVida**
Located in Community Health & Social Services Center (CHASS)
5635 W. Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48209
Call: (313) 849-3920
- **Mt. Clemens**
32 Market Street, Suite 2
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
Call: (586) 469-5185
- **Pontiac**
35 W. Huron, Suite 701
Pontiac, MI 48342
Call: (248) 530-9330
- **Port Huron**
803 10th Avenue, #C
Port Huron, MI 48060
Call: (810) 985-5107

- **Riverview**
13909 Pennsylvania, Suite A
Riverview, MI 48193
Call: (734) 561-4091
- **Southfield**
16250 Northland Drive, Suite 372
Southfield, MI 48075
Call: (248) 530-4455
- **Warren**
30500 Van Dyke, Suite 601
Warren, MI 48093
Call: (586) 510-1814

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

LSEM delivers free legal help in 14 Mid-Michigan counties, Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola. LSEM offers service from two offices, one in Flint, which also serves as the administrative office, and one in Saginaw. LSEM also provides home visits to the homebound and elderly. Types of Cases: Family Law, Housing, Fair Housing, Consumer problems, Government Benefits, Education, Employment, Individual Rights, Seniors.
Call: (888)-783-8190.

<https://www.lsem-mi.org/>

- **Flint Office**
436 S. Saginaw Street
Flint, Michigan 48502
Serves Genesee and Lapeer Counties
- **Caro Office**
429 N. State St., Suite 108
Caro, Michigan 48723
Serves Tuscola County
- **Saginaw Office**
301 E. Genesee Ave.
5th Floor of the Commerce Building
Saginaw, Michigan 48607
Serves Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, and Midland Counties.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Michigan Department of Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division

P.O. Box 30213

Lansing, MI 48909

Call: (877) 765-8388

<https://www.michigan.gov/ag>

Legal Services of Northern Michigan

Serving the Following counties in Northern Michigan – Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, Wexford.

Provides a full range of legal services in most areas of civil law for people who meet Federal poverty guidelines or who are 60 years of age or older. These services include: basic discussion of client rights; counseling; preparation of letters, documents, deeds, and pleadings; negotiations; administrative hearings; trials; and, in some cases, appeals, and community legal education presentations.

<http://lsnm.org/>

Office Locations:

- **ALPENA**
110 N. Third Ave.
Alpena, MI 49707
Call: (888) 356-9009
- **ESCANABA**
806 Ludington Street
Escanaba, MI 49829
Call: (888) 786-2303
- **GAYLORD**
1349 S. Otsego Ave., Unit 7B
Gaylord, MI 49735
Call: (888) 645-9993
- **HOUGHTON**
706 Sharon Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931
Call: (888) 482-2343
- **MARQUETTE**
112 W. Washington Street
Suite 1
Marquette, MI 49855
Call: (888) 228-5590
- **SAULT STE. MARIE**
130 W. Spruce Street
P. O. Box 710
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
Call: (888) 632-9313
- **TRAVERSE CITY**
221 Garland Street
Suite H
Traverse City, MI 49684
Call: (888) 941-9599

Legal Services of South-Central Michigan

Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income individuals, families, and older adults in Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties. LSSCM provides free civil legal assistance to low income persons with emphasis on homelessness prevention, domestic violence prevention, assisting in accessing health care, food, and needs-based income programs.

<https://lsscm.org/>

- **Washtenaw County Office:**
(Includes Michigan Advocacy Program Administration)
15 S. Washington Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Call: (888) 665-6181
- **Battle Creek Office:**
(Barry, Branch & Calhoun Counties)
123 W Territorial Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49015
Call: (800) 688-3951
- **Jackson Office:**
(Jackson & Hillsdale Counties)
540 N. Jackson St.
Jackson, MI 49201
Call: (517) 787-6111
- **Lansing Office:**
(Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Livingston, and Shiawassee Counties)
3490 Belle Chase Way, #50
Lansing, MI 48911
Call: (888) 783-8190
- **Monroe Office:**
(Monroe & Lenawee Counties)
898 S. Telegraph Rd.
Monroe, MI 48161
Call: (888) 251-1598
- **Farmworker Legal Services:**
3030 S. 9th St Ste. 1A
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Call: (269) 492-7190
<http://www.farmworkerlaw.org>

Detroit Bar Association

Detroit Legal Services clinic

The Detroit Legal Services Clinic provides information and advice from volunteer attorneys in the areas of: Divorce, Child Support, Domestic Relations Issues, Expungements, Self-Representation, General Civil Law.

645 Griswold St., Suite 3550

Detroit, MI 48226

Call: (313) 961-6120 (Ext. 206)

<https://www.detroitlawyer.org/clinic/>

Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan

The Free Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) is an opportunity for individuals to receive private, free, and confidential legal advice and problem clarification from the attorneys from the Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Bar Association.

YOU MUST CALL AHEAD TO REGISTER.

3785 Veterans Drive

Traverse City, MI 49686

Call: (231) 922-4800

<https://www.cfsnwmi.org/flac>

Michigan Indian Legal Services Private Attorney Involvement Program

Michigan Indian Legal Services provides legal services statewide to income-eligible individuals and Tribes, advocates for the rights of individuals, which advances systems of justice, and works to preserve Indian families through state and tribal courts.

<https://www.mils3.org/>

To conduct a new intake please call: (231) 947-0122.

- **Traverse City Office**
814 S. Garfield Ave, Suite A
Traverse City, MI 49686
- **Pokagon Office**
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047
- **NHBP – Pine Creek Office**
Community Center
Mno-Bmadzewan Way
Fulton, MI 49052
- **NHBP Grand Rapids Office**
311 State Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Legal Referral Services for FEE-Based Help

Referral services connect the general public to an attorney who practices in a specific area of law regarding a legal issue.

State Bar of Michigan

The State Bar of Michigan Modest Means Program connects moderate-income people with attorneys who offer reduced-cost legal assistance. The Modest Means Program is not a free program. If one cannot afford to pay for services, contact the legal aid office in their County of residence. Use this interactive Guide to find the best available legal information and lawyer referrals.

306 Townsend St.

Lansing, MI 48933

Call: (800) 968-0738

<https://lrs.michbar.org/>

Genesee County Bar Association

The Lawyer Referral Service determines the general legal problem you have described. Then, for a prepaid fee of \$30 it arranges an appointment with an attorney who handles your kind of legal problem. The attorney will provide you with a half-hour consultation for this charge. The \$30 fee is waived for personal injury and social security matters.

315 E. Court St.

Flint, MI 48502

Call: (810) 232-6012

<http://www.gcbalaw.org/>

Grand Rapids Bar Association

The Lawyer Referral Service can help those in need of legal services find an attorney. The referred attorney is one who works in the particular area of law required by the client. The Lawyer Referral Service arranges the half-hour appointment between client and attorney. For this service, the LRIS charges a \$25.00 administrative fee.

161 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 203B

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Call: (616) 454-5550

<https://www.grbar.org/>

Macomb County Bar Association

Almost all initial consultations are completed over the phone with the lawyer or sometimes with their intake staff.

40 N. Main St., Suite 435

Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Call: (586) 468-8300

<https://www.macombbar.org/>

Oakland County LRS

The OCBA's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) provides callers with referrals to qualified lawyers who can help them with their legal issue. The LRS staff cannot give legal advice, but can provide referrals in more than 100 areas of law.

1760 S. Telegraph Rd., Suite 100

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Call: (248) 338-2100

<https://www.ocba.org/>

Washtenaw County Bar Association

There is a \$30 administrative fee for the service which must be prepaid. We will then give you the name and contact information of the attorney. The attorney will provide an up to 30-minute consultation. The LRIS is not an emergency service.

101 E. Huron St., Suite 1111

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Call: (734) 996-3229

<https://www.washbar.org/>

Veterans Treatment Courts

Veterans' Treatment Court uses a hybrid integration of drug court and mental health court principles to serve military veterans, and sometimes active-duty personnel. Veterans Treatment Courts promote sobriety, recovery, and stability through a coordinated response that involves cooperation and collaboration with community and state-wide partners. (Updated 2/5/21)

- **Allegan/Ottawa/Van Buren Counties**
(57th District Court)
113 Chestnut St.
Allegan, MI 49010
Call: (269) 673-0400
- **Calhoun County**
(10th District Court)
161 E. Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017
Call: (269) 969-6726
- **Clare/Gladwin Counties**
(80th District Court)
225 West Main
Harrison, MI 48625
Call: (989) 539-7173
- **Dickinson County**
(95B District Court)
705 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
Call: (906) 774-0506
- **Eaton County**
(56th Circuit Court)
1045 Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, MI 48813
Call: (517) 543-2999
- **Genesee County**
(7th Circuit Court)
932 Beach St., 2nd Floor
Flint, MI 48502
Call: (810) 424-4355
- **Ingham County**
(54-B District Court)
101 Linden St.
East Lansing, MI 48823
Call: (517) 351-7000
- **Ionia County**
(64-A District Court)
101 W. Main St.
Ionia, MI 48846
Call: (616) 527-5344
- **Kalamazoo County**
(9th Circuit Court)
227 W. Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Call: (269) 383-6468
- **Kent County**
(62A District Court)
2650 Defloop Ave. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509
Call: (616) 257-9814
- **Livingston County**
(53rd District Court)
204 S Highlander Way, Suite 1
Howell, MI 48843
Call: (517)-548-1000
- **Macomb County**
(16th Circuit Court)
40 N. Main St.
Mount Clemens, MI 48043
Call: (586) 469-5164
- **Macomb County**
(41B District Court)
22380 Starks Dr.
Clinton Twp., MI 48036
Call: (586) 469-9300
- **Monroe County**
(1st District Court)
106 E. 1st St.
Monroe, MI 48161
Call: (734)-240-7075
- **Montmorency County**
(88th District Court)
719 W. Chisholm, Suite 3
Alpena, MI 49707
Call: (989) 785-8035
- **Muskegon County**
(60th District Court)
990 Terrace St.
Muskegon, MI 49442
Call: (231) 724-6283
- **Oakland County**
(6th Circuit Court)
1200 N. Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341
Call: (248) 452-2154
- **Oakland County**
(45th District Court)
13600 Oak Park Blvd.
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 691-7532
- **Oakland County**
(51st District Court)
5100 Civic Center Dr.
Waterford, MI 48329
Call: (248) 674-4655

Veterans Treatment Courts (Continued)

- **Oakland County**
(52-1 District Court)
48150 Grand River Ave.
Novi, MI 48374
Call: (248) 305-6144
- **Saginaw County**
(70th District Court)
111 S. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
Call: (989) 790-5363
- **Washtenaw County**
(15th District Court)
301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
Call: (734) 794-6764
- **Wayne County**
(3rd Circuit)
1441 St. Antoine
Detroit, MI 48226
Call: (313) 224-2506
- **Wayne County**
(17th District Court)
15111 Beech-Daly Rd.
Redford Twp., MI 48239
Call: (313) 387-2790
- **Wayne County**
(19th District Court)
16901 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, MI 48126
(313) 943-2060
- **Wayne County**
(28th District Court)
14720 Reaume Parkway
Southgate, MI 48195
Call: (734) 258-3068
- **Wayne County**
(36th District Court)
421 Madison St., #3066
Detroit, MI 48226
Call: (313) 965-3721