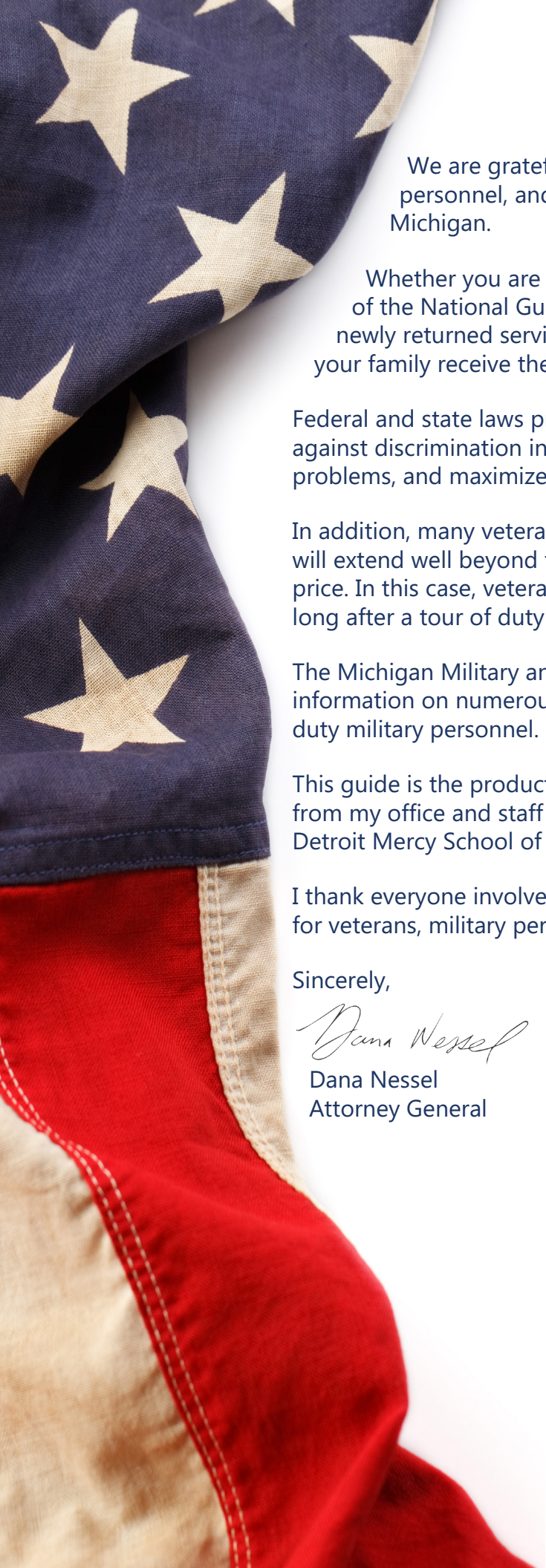




Michigan Military & Veterans Legal Service Guide

Dana Nessel
Michigan Attorney General





We are grateful for the effort and sacrifices that veterans, military personnel, and their families have made to serve our country and Michigan.

Whether you are a long-time veteran, a recently activated member of the National Guard or Reserves, active duty military personnel, or a newly returned servicemember, I am committed to ensuring that you and your family receive the benefits and protections you have earned.

Federal and state laws protect the rights of veterans and servicemembers against discrimination in employment, help avoid credit or foreclosure problems, and maximize healthcare, disability, and education benefits.

In addition, many veterans face physical and physiological challenges that will extend well beyond their military service. Others have paid the ultimate price. In this case, veterans and their families continue to serve our country long after a tour of duty is over and deserve appropriate legal protections.

The Michigan Military and Veterans’ Legal Services Guide provides information on numerous legal programs available for veterans and active duty military personnel.

This guide is the product of diligent work by Assistant Attorneys General from my office and staff from the Veterans Law Clinic of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

I thank everyone involved in this project. You have done an important service for veterans, military personnel and their families confronting legal issues.

Sincerely,

Dana Nessel
Attorney General



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Introduction



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The Military and Veterans' Legal Services Guide, a combined effort of the Michigan Department of Attorney General and the Veterans Law Clinic of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, is designed to provide Michigan military personnel and veterans, and those who assist them, with a directory of resources to address legal and legal-related issues.

The Guide contains resources specific to the needs of veterans, including obtaining VA benefits, as well as resources to assist veterans in addressing other legal problems that may not be related to their status as veterans.

This Guide augments the [State Bar of Michigan's Pro Bono Manual](https://michbar.org/programs/probonomanual), which contains legal resources for veterans, and can be found on their website (michbar.org/programs/probonomanual).

As with any resource guide, there likely will be some omissions. It is hoped that the Guide will undergo regular updating in its electronic form, so that it will provide military personnel and veterans, and those who assist them, with a current and useful tool. To access this guide, visit the Attorney General's website and click 'Military'.

If you know of a resource omitted from the Guide, or find one listed in the Guide that is incorrect or needs to be updated, please [email the Attorney General's office](mailto:agcod@mi.gov) (agcod@mi.gov), ATTN: Military and Veterans' Guide.

Legal & Related Services
Dedicated to Veterans

Legal Programs for Low-Income Veterans



Law School Clinics & Related Programs

[University of Detroit Mercy School of Law](#)

Project SALUTE, Veterans Law Clinic, Veterans Appellate Clinic

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
651 E East Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 888-836-5294; 313-596-0235
Fax Number: 313-596-9825
Website: law.udmercy.edu
[Email](mailto:veteranslawclinic@udmercy.edu): veteranslawclinic@udmercy.edu

Veterans Law Clinic advises, represents and refers low-income veterans and family members on disability and pension matters.

Veterans Appellate Clinic represents veterans with cases pending, or to be filed, at the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.



Legal Services Programs

[Western Michigan Legal Services](#)

Legal Aid of Western Michigan

Website: lawestmi.org
[Email](mailto:admin@legalaidwestmich.net): admin@legalaidwestmich.net

Legal Aid of Western Michigan 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.

[For office locations, refer to section II.](#)



Pro Bono Programs

[National Veterans Legal Services Program](#) (NVLSP)

Lawyers Serving Warriors Program

Website: nvlsp.org

The NVLSP’s Lawyers Serving Warriors Program offers pro bono legal help to veterans from all eras with two types of disability claims: Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and applications to the Physical Disability Board of Review for an increase in the military disability rating.

NVLSP also has a new pilot program for assistnace with VA denials of service connection for PTSD due to military sexual trauma.

[Public Counsel: Center for Veterans Advancement](#)

Lawyers Serving Warriors Program

Website: publiccounsel.org/practice_areas/center_for_veterans_advancement

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Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and applications to the Physical Disability Board of Review for an increase in the military disability rating.

NVLSP also has a new pilot program for assistnace with VA denials of service connection for PTSD due to military sexual trauma.

[The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program](#)

Phone: 888-838-7727; 202-628-8164
Website: vetsprobono.org

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program was created in 1992 with a focus to provide assistance to unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Each appellant who requests Pro Bono Program assistance receives a thorough review of his or her appeal. In the event that a case is not accepted by the Program, the veteran will receive substantive legal advice about the case.



Legal & Legal-Related Programs for All Veterans & Active Duty Military Personnel



Fee-Based Legal Referral Services

[Attorneys Admitted to Practice at U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims](#)

Phone: 202-501-5970
Website: uscourts.cavc.gov/practitioners_info.php

Attorneys, organized by state, are knowledgeable of matters regarding veteran's benefits and possibly willing to assist veterans in other areas.

[National Organization of Veterans' Advocates \(NOVA\)](#)

Phone: 202-587-5708
Website: vetadvocates.org/veterans-help

NOVA is a national organization of attorneys and other qualified members who act as advocates for veterans in obtaining VA benefits, and related areas. Attorney members are organized by state.



Agencies, Hotlines & Websites for Information, Advice & Referrals

These resources provide advice or information on particular issues and in some instances may provide referrals.

[Army Wounded Warrior Program \(AW2\)](#)

Phone: 877-393-9058
Website: wct.army.mil/modules/veterans/v2-aw2EligibilityEnrollment.html
[Email: usarmy.pentagon.medcom-wtc.mbx.contact-center@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.medcom-wtc.mbx.contact-center@mail.mil)

AW2 assists and advocates for severely wounded, injured, and ill soldiers and their families regardless of location or military status.

AW2 is part of the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC), which offers resources for wounded, ill, and injured soldiers, veterans, and their families or caregivers to promote success in the force or civilian life.

[MI Department of Military & Veterans Affairs](#)

Phone: 517-481-8000
Website: mi.gov/dmva

Comprehensive website and state agency that provides information and describes benefits available to Michigan Veterans, and links to the [Michigan National Guard](#) (minationalguard.com).

[MI Veterans Affairs Agency](#)

Phoenix Bldg., 5th Floor
222 N. Washington Square
P.O. Box 30104
Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: 800-642-4838; 800-Mich-Vet
Website: michiganveterans.com

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency provides resources relating to education, healthcare, quality of life and housing. The agency connects veterans with services officers who can help prepare the necessary forms, document claims with pertinent data and ensure proper submission and case management of claims. The agency also has access to DD-214s that have been sent to Michigan from the National Archives.

[Military.com](#)

Website: military.com

Provides general information and updates of interest to members and veterans of all branches of the military.

[Military One Source](#)

Phone: 800-342-9647
Website: militaryonesource.mil

Military One Source is a confidential Department-of-Defense-funded program which provides comprehensive information at no cost to Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve component members, and their families. Information includes: deployment reunion, non-medical counseling, marital counseling, reintegration concerns, financial management, taxes, career services, relationship, grief and loss, spouse employment and education, and parenting and childhood. Personalized support and confidential services are available 24 hours a day by telephone and online.

[National Personnel Records Center \(NPRC\)](#)

1 Archives Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63138

Phone: 314-801-0800; 866-272-6272
Website: archives.gov/st-louis
[Email: MPR.Center@nara.gov](mailto:MPR.Center@nara.gov)
[Status Check: mpr.status@nara.gov](mailto:mpr.status@nara.gov)

Information regarding military personnel, health and medical records is made available upon written request with signature and date. Veterans can obtain copies of DD-214 and military personnel records from NPRC. NPRC also can provide service medical records unless records have been transferred to the VA after the veteran filed a claim for service-connected disability benefits.

[National Veterans Foundation](#)

5777 West Century Boulevard, Ste. 350
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Phone: 310-642-0255; 888-777-4443 (Counselor)
Website: nvf.org

The National Veterans Foundation assists with crisis management services, by providing information and referrals to all U.S. veterans and their families through management and operation of its toll-free helpline.

[Navy Safe Harbor Program](#)

1619 King St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 571-970-6369
Website: safeharborfoundation.org
[Email: info@safeharborfoundation.org](mailto:info@safeharborfoundation.org)

Provides support to seriously wounded, ill and injured sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and their families by using a holistic approach to provide assistance throughout phases of the service member's recovery, rehabilitation, and return to duty or community reintegration.

[Stateside Legal](#)

Website: statesidelegal.org

Stateside Legal is a website for members of the military, veterans, their families and advocates. The goal of the website is to offer help in accessing benefits, finding free legal help and helping to better understand legal issues.

[Real Warriors Campaign](#)

Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Real Warriors Campaign
1335 East West Highway, Ste. 900
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Website: realwarriors.net

Legal & Legal-Related Programs for All Veterans & Active Duty Military Personnel

[Swords to Plowshares](#)

Phone: 571-970-6369
Website: [swords-to-plowshares.org](#)

Multimedia public awareness campaign designed to encourage service members and veterans to seek help for traumatic brain injury and psychological issues.

Website contains self-help materials on applying for a discharge upgrade, as well as other helpful materials.

California-based website, which provides very good self-help resources for veterans in a variety of areas, including issues pertaining to undesirable discharges and discharge upgrades.

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#)

VA Inspector General Phone: 800-488-8244
MyVA311 Phone: 844-698-2311
Website: [va.gov](#)

Comprehensive website which contains information and fillable forms. This is a good place to start on any issue relating to veterans’ benefits. Also contains contact information for all VA regional offies and VA medical centers.

[VA Benefits](#)

Website: [ebenefits.va.gov](#)

Veterans can enroll for e-benefits, and apply for disability benefits if claim is fully developed. Veterans also can access other helpful information, including the status of their claim if they have registered with e-benefits.

VA Health Benefits Enroll by Phone
Phone: 877-222-8387

VA Hotline for Women Veterans
Phone: 855-829-6636

Status of Pending VA Claims
Phone: 800-827-1000

Veterans Crisis Line
Phone: 800-273-8255 (press 1)

VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
Phone: 877-424-3838

Board of Veterans Appeals Ombudsman
Phone: 202-461-8032



Consumer Protection Issues & Resources

MI Department of Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division
P.O. Box 30213
Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: 517-373-1140; 877-765-8388
Website: mi.gov/ag



Veterans' Charities

Before donating to a veterans' charity or applying for services from a veterans' charity, it is important first to verify the legitimacy of the charity.

Some so-called veterans' charities are outright scams that prey on the public's generosity and provide no real services; other veterans' charities may perform some nominal charitable benefit, but largely serve their own interests.

For more information, [visit the Attorney General's charities website](http://mi.gov/agcharity) (mi.gov/agcharity).

Search the [Attorney General's online charities database](http://mi.gov/agcharity).

To inquire about a particular organization or to make a complaint, [email the Charitable Trust Section](mailto:ct_email@mi.gov) (ct_email@mi.gov).



Pension Benefit Applications & Investment Advice

Older veterans are an attractive target for unscrupulous "advisors" or "veterans' advocates" offering help in applying for additional benefits; usually Aid and Attendance (A & A). These so-called advisors—who may be attorneys, financial planners or insurance agents—try to persuade veterans to transfer assets into a trust or restructure their finances in order to qualify for A & A, which is intended for low-income individuals.

Such "advisors" earn their money by selling annuities or other investment products, or creating a trust. What they may not reveal is that these transactions can cause the veteran to become ineligible for Medicaid services or unable to access funds without incurring high withdrawal fees or other expenses when the annuity or investment product being pitched is unsuitable for seniors.

Applying for veterans' benefits is free—and so are the forms. Learn more about Aid and Attendance or Housebound Benefits on the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Pension website](http://va.gov/pension) ([benefits.va.gov/pension](http://va.gov/pension)).

If you need help with the application, use someone accredited through the VA. The accreditation means the person is trained to help fill out the papers and file them. It doesn't mean the VA endorses the person's advice or ethics. People with VA accreditation are not allowed to charge for help unless they are attorneys, and only after the veteran's initial claim has been denied and a Notice of Disagreement has been filed. To verify if an advisor is VA accredited, or to search for an accredited advisor by city or state, visit the [VA Accreditation Website](http://va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp) (va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp). Accredited counselors and other assistance are also available through county VA offices.



Pension Benefit Applications & Investment Advice

Active servicemembers are a target of high-interest lenders, despite the federal Military Lending Act enacted to prevent predatory lenders from gouging military personnel.

Information on lending protections and options for service members is available from the federal [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](http://consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers) (consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers).

Veterans' Treatment Courts

Veterans' Treatment Courts are authorized by Michigan statute, and generally use a hybrid of drug court and mental health court concepts and approaches 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.

Veterans can seek to have pending cases in Michigan District and Circuit Courts transferred to a Veterans' Treatment Court by requesting the presiding judge to transfer the matter.

Allegan/Barry/ Van Buren County 57 th District Court 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 Phone: 269-673-0400	Calhoun County 10 th District Court Calhoun County Justice Ctr. 161 E. Michigan Ave. Battle Creek, MI 49014 Phone: 269-969-6666	Genesee County 7 th Circuit Court 900 S. Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48502 Phone: 810-424-4426	Ionia County 64A District Court 101 W. Main St. Ionia, MI 48846 Phone: 616-527-5396
Ingham County 54B District Court 101 Linden St. Lansing, MI 48823 Phone: 517-351-7000	Macomb County 16 th Circuit Court 40 N. Main St. Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 Phone: 586-469-5016 41B District Court 22380 Starks Dr. Clinton Township, MI 48036 Phone: 586-569-7833	Muskegon County 60 th District Court 990 Terrace St. Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231-724-6294	Oakland County 45 th District Court 13600 Oak Park Blvd. Oak Park, MI 48237 Phone: 248-691-7440 51 st District Court 5100 Civic Center Dr. Waterford, MI 48329 Phone: 248-674-4655 52-1 District Court 48150 Grand River Ave. Novi, MI 48374 Phone: 248-305-6146
Redford County 17 th District Court 15111 Beech Daly Redford, MI 48239 Phone: 313-387-2790	Saginaw County 70 th District Court 111 S. Michigan Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 Phone: 989-790-5378	Wayne County 36 th District Court 421 Madison Detroit, MI 48226 Phone: 313-965-2200	Washtenaw County 15 th District Court 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104 Phone: 734-794-6759

Service Officers/Counselors Who Provide Assistance with VA Benefits

Service officers are trained individuals who are accredited by the VA to represent veterans in obtaining VA benefits. They are not attorneys and do not charge a fee. They may be employed by, or volunteers of, veterans' service organizations, or employed by Michigan county governments. These individuals assist veterans with claim preparation and advocacy, generally at the VA Regional Office and Board of Veterans' Appeals.

Service Officers Affiliated with Veterans' Organizations

[American Legion](#)

212 N. Verlinden Ave., Ste. A
Lansing, MI 48915

Phone: 517-371-4720
Website: michiganlegion.org/veteran-support.html
[Email](mailto:info@michiganlegion.org): info@michiganlegion.org

McNamara Federal Bldg., Rm. 1210
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Gary Easterling

Phone: 313-964-6640
[Email](mailto:Gary.easterling@va.gov): Gary.easterling@va.gov

[AMVETS Department of Michigan](#)

Executive Director Carol Hebert
106 Thorpe Ave.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Phone: 989-821-1152; 989-821-1553
Fax: 989-821-1554
Website: amvetsmichigan.org

McNamara Federal Bldg., Rm. 1227
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Derrick Moss

Phone: 313-471-3982
Fax: 313-471-3679

[Disabled American Veterans Department of MI](#)

17779 E. 14 Mile Rd.
Fraser, MI 48026

Phone: 586-415-8610
Website: mi-dav.org

[Marine Corps League Department of MI](#)

5377 Durfee Rd.
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
Phone: 248-390-5481
Website: michiganmarines.org

McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1232
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Billy Traylor

Phone: 313-964-6830
[Email](mailto:billy.traylor@va.gov): billy.traylor@va.gov

[Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency](#)

McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1233
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Rob Price

Phone: 800-642-4838; 313-471-3985; 313-471-3986
[Email](mailto:pricer5@michigan.gov): pricer5@michigan.gov

[Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America](#)

Chapter Office
40550 Grand River Ave.
Novi, MI 48375

Phone: 248-476-9000; 800-638-6782
Website: michiganpva.org

McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1233
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Stephanie Strickland

Phone: 313-471-3996; 800-795-36608
[Email](mailto:stephanies@pva.org): stephanies@pva.org

[Military Order of the Purple Heart](#)

McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1215
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Paul Kaiser

Phone: 313-964-6888
Website: purpleheart.org
[Email](mailto:paul.kaiser@va.gov): paul.kaiser@va.gov

[Veteran of Foreign Wars](#)

Department Headquarters
924 N. Washington Ave.
Lansing, MI 48906

Phone: 517-485-9456
Website: vfwmi.org
[Email](mailto:vfwmiadvocates@gmail.com): vfwmiadvocates@gmail.com

McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1215
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Paul Pirlot

Phone: 313-964-6510
Website: purpleheart.org
[Email](mailto:paul.pirlot@va.gov): paul.pirlot@va.gov

[Vietnam Veterans of America](#)

McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1231
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Phil Smith

Phone: 313-961-9568
Website: vva.org
[Email](mailto:phil.smith@va.gov): phil.smith@va.gov



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Service Officers/Counselors Who Provide Assistance with VA Benefits



County Service Counselors

Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors (MACVC)

MACVC assists veterans and their families in obtaining county, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled. Trained and accredited county counselors represent veterans regarding disability and related claims.

Website: macvc.net

Michigan counties which have Veterans Service Counselors are listed below, with contact information for the counselor(s).

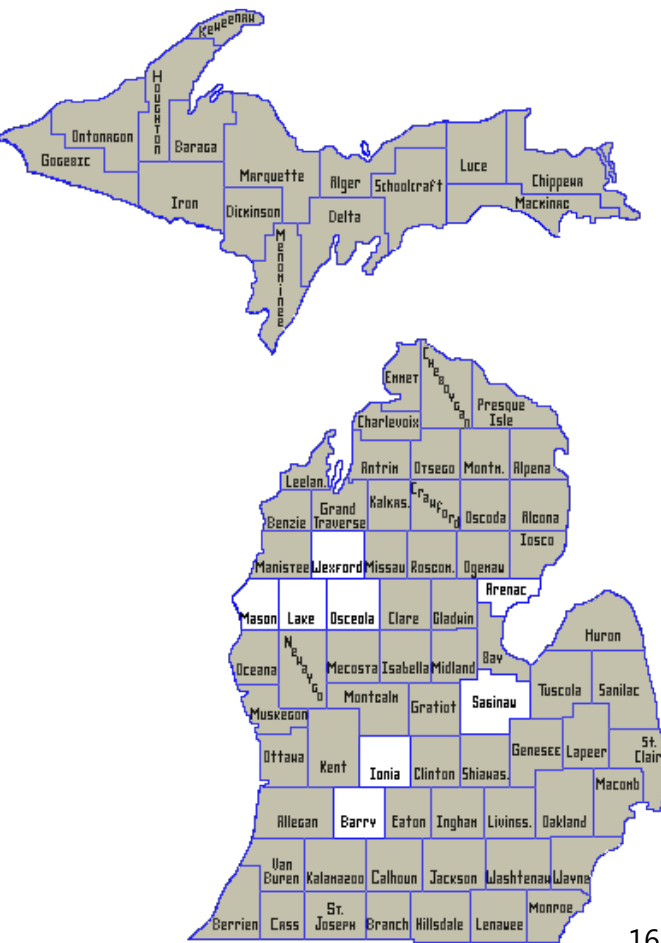
Alcona
106 Fifth St.
P.O. Box 308
Harrisville, MI 48740
Contact: Art Winter
Phone: 989-724-3242
[Email: alvets@alconacountymi.com](mailto:alvets@alconacountymi.com)

Alger
101 Court St.
Munising, MI 49862
Contact: Glenn Marshall
Phone: 906-387-1635
[Email: alger vets@algercourthouse.com](mailto:alger vets@algercourthouse.com)

Allegan
3255 122nd Ave., Ste. 200
Allegan, MI 49010
[Contact: Jeremy Binder](mailto:jbinder@allegancounty.org)
[Contact: Jacquelyn King](mailto:jking@allegancounty.org)
[Contact: Sherry Owens](mailto:sowens@allegancounty.org)
Phone: 269-673-0501

Alpena
150 B N. State St.
Alpena, MI 49707
Contact: George Stevens
Phone: 989-354-9671
[Email: stevensg@alpenacounty.org](mailto:stevensg@alpenacounty.org)

Antrim
Antrim County Bldg., Rm. 205
P.O. Box 1049
Bellaire, MI 49615
[Contact: Tim Cary](mailto:caryt@antrimcounty.org)
[Contact: Denelle Fleet](mailto:fleetd@antrimcounty.org)
[Contact: Deborah Peters](mailto:petersd@antrimcounty.org)
Phone: 231-533-8499
[Website: antrimcounty.org/veterans_affairs.asp](http://antrimcounty.org/veterans_affairs.asp)
[Email: veteransaffairs@antrimcounty.org](mailto:veteransaffairs@antrimcounty.org)



Baraga
115 N. Front St.
L'Anse, MI 49946
Contact: Charles Sliger
Phone: 906-524-5454

Bay
515 Center Ave., 2nd Floor, Rm. 212
Bay City, MI 48708
Contact: Arthur Schupback
Phone: 989-895-4190
[Email: w.schupback@hotmail.com](mailto:w.schupback@hotmail.com)

Benzie
2650 Lafranier Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49686
Phone: 231-995-6070
[Email: veterans@grandtraverse.org](mailto:veterans@grandtraverse.org)

Berrien
701 Main St
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Contact: Lee Lull
Phone: 269-983-7111 (extension 8118)
[Website: berriencounty.org/veterans](http://berriencounty.org/veterans)
[Email: llull@berriencounty.org](mailto:llull@berriencounty.org)

Branch
570 Marshall Rd., Ste. F
Coldwater, MI 49036
Contact: Charles Scott
Phone: 517-279-4322
[Email: cscott@countyofbranch.com](mailto:cscott@countyofbranch.com)

Calhoun
190 E. Michigan Ave., 3rd Fl.
Battle Creek, MI 49014
[Contact: Kristina Higgins](mailto:khiggins@calhouncountymi.gov)
[Contact: Scott Losey](mailto:slosey@calhouncountymi.gov)
Phone: 269-969-6737

Cass
120 N. Broadway Ste. 215
Cassopolis, MI 49031
Contact: Thomas Green
Phone: 269-969-6735; 269-445-4472
[Website: casscountymi.org/veteransaffairs.aspx](http://casscountymi.org/veteransaffairs.aspx)
[Email: tomg@cassco.org](mailto:tomg@cassco.org)

Charlevoix
301 State St
Charlevoix, MI 49720
Contact: Cheryl Young
Phone: 231-547-7220
[Website: charlevoixcounty.org](http://charlevoixcounty.org)
[Email: youngc@charlevoixcounty.org](mailto:youngc@charlevoixcounty.org)

Cheboygan
870 S. Main St., Rm. 122
Cheboygan, MI 49721
Contact: Rick Wiles
Contact: Sara Cunningham
Phone: 231-627-8833
[Website: cheboygancounty.net/veterans-services-101/](http://cheboygancounty.net/veterans-services-101/)
[Email: veterans@cheboygancounty.net](mailto:veterans@cheboygancounty.net)

Chippewa
319 Court St 3rd Fl
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
Contact: Beth Yeack
Contact: Jacqueline Haske
Phone: 906-635-6867; 906-635-6370
[Website: chippewacountymi.gov/veteran-affairs](http://chippewacountymi.gov/veteran-affairs)
[Email: veteran@chippewacountymi.gov](mailto:veteran@chippewacountymi.gov)

Clare
225 W. Main St.
Harrison, MI 48625
Contact: Renee Haley
Phone: 989-539-3273
[Website: clareco.net](http://clareco.net)
[Email: haleyr@clareco.net](mailto:haleyr@clareco.net)

Service Officers/Counselors Who Provide Assistance with VA Benefits

Clinton

[Contact: Natrenah Blackstock](#)
(nblackstock@ingham.org)
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[Contact: John Taylor](#) (taylorj@ingham.org)
[Contact: Kenneth Love](#) (klove@ingham.org)
Phone: 517-887-4331

Crawford

Address: 501 Norway St., Ste. #3
Grayling, MI 49738
Contact: Judy Umlor
Phone: 906-387-1635
Fax: 989-344-3265
[Email: jumlor@crawfordco.org](#)

Delta

3300 Airport Rd., Ste. 3
Escanaba, MI 49829
Contact: David Dziewior
Phone: 906-786-7228
[Email: ddziewior@isupward.org](#)

Dickinson

800 Crystal Lake Blvd., Ste. 100
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
Contact: Michael Miller
Phone: 906-774-2820
[Email: mmiller@ovadickinsoncounty.com](#)

Eaton

1045 Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, MI 48813
Contact: Tom Lewis
Phone: 517-543-3740
[Email: tlewis@eatoncounty.org](#)

Emmet

3434 M. 119, Ste. D
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
[Contact: James Alton](#) (jalton@emmetcounty.org)
[Contact: Richard Wiertalla](#)
(rwiertall@emmetcounty.org)
Phone: 231-348-1780; 231-348-1783

Genesee

1101 Beach St.
Flint, MI 48502
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[Contact: Jeanne Thick](#) (jthick@co.genesee.mi.us)
Phone: 810-257-3068

Gladwin

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General Legal Services for Low-Income Individuals, Including Veterans

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Michigan Legal Services provides help with housing, health and public benefits particularly in low-income communities

[Michigan Protection & Advocacy Services \(MPAS\)](#)

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[Berrien County Legal Services Bureau](#)

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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.

Elder Law & Advocacy Center-Redford

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The Elder Law & Advocacy Center provides legal and community information, assistance and referrals to family and other caregivers and recipients of care (free to seniors 60 and older). The agency must prioritize to persons with the greatest economic or social needs first. Legal issues addressed include but not limited to Guardianship/Conservatorship, Wills/Trusts, Nursing Homes/Assisted Living/ Senior Housing, Powers of Attorney, Medicaid/ Medicare, and School Enrollment.

[Lakeshore Legal Aid](#)

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Areas of legal assistance: Consumer, housing, education, family (limited services), expungements (adult and juvenile), and public benefits. The Legal Aid and Defender Association serves Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

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Legal Assistance Program of Macomb County

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[Legal Services of Eastern Michigan](#)

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[Legal Services of Northern Michigan](#)

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(serves Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren)

Van Buren Counties
201 W. Kalamazoo Ave. Rm. 308
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Phone: 269-344-8113

General Legal Services for Low-Income Individuals, Including Veterans

Muskegon Office (serves Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana & Osceola)

Hume Building
450 Morris Ave., Ste. 302
Muskegon, MI 49440

Phone: 231-726-4887

St. Joseph Office (serves Berrien)

901 Port St
P.O. Box E
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: 269-983-6363

Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan
(NLSM)

Free Legal Aid Clinic
5425 Woodward
Detroit, MI 48202

Phone: 313-833-0058
Website: nlsmichigan.org

Areas of legal assistance: Bankruptcy, Domestic Violence/PPO, Disability, Housing, Elder Law Advocacy, HIV and AIDS Advocacy, Crime Victim Advocacy, and Children's Justice Center - (Youth Enrichment and Parent Support Services). Provides assistance to residents of metropolitan Detroit



Law School Clinics & Related Programs

Michigan State University College of Law

Law College Building
648 N. Shaw Lane
East Lansing, MI 48824

Phone: 517-432-6800

Legal Clinic
610 Abbot Rd.
Lansing, MI 48823

Phone 517-336-8088
Website: law.msu.edu/clinics

- **Civil Rights Clinic** - The Civil Rights Clinic focuses on assisting prisoners incarcerated in Michigan prisons with litigating violations of their rights under the U.S. Constitution.
- **Pleas & Sentencing Clinic** - The Plea and Sentencing Clinic collaborates with the State Appellate Defender Office, which represents indigent criminal defendants on appeal.
- **Housing Clinic** - The Housing Clinic provides services - from educational information to courtroom representation - to citizens who have some type of issue related to housing.
- **Alvin L. Storrs Low-Income Taxpayers Clinic** - The Tax Clinic provides tax-related legal services to Michigan taxpayers who are in controversy with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and educational services relating to tax matters to those for whom English is a second language.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School

300 S Capitol Ave.
P.O. Box 13038
Lansing, MI 48901

Phone: 517-371-5140
[Email: flaplegalaid@cooley.edu](mailto:flaplegalaid@cooley.edu)

- **Estate Planning Clinic** - The Estate Planning Clinic provides assistance with drafting wills, powers of attorney, and medical directives.
- **Family Law Assistance Project (FLAP)** - FLAP represents individuals in family law and domestic violence matters in Oakland County Circuit Court only.
Phone: 248-335-0125

- **Immigration Rights and Civil Advocacy Clinic** - The Immigration Rights and Civil Advocacy Clinic provides assistance to immigrants with both immigration issues and civil matters that may include asylum, cancellation of removal, foreclosure prevention, wage and hour claims, or similar issues.
- **Cooley Innocence Project** - The project's mission is to identify, provide legal assistance to, and secure the release of persons who are wrongfully imprisoned for crimes they did not commit. The clinic also accepts cases where DNA evidence may establish innocence.
- **Public Defenders Clinics** - The Public Defenders Clinics provide assistance with a variety of criminal and juvenile cases in Washtenaw County.
- **Sixty Plus, Inc. Elderlaw Clinic** - The Elderlaw Clinic provides assistance to clients who are 60 years old and older and residents of Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties in general civil law areas.

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

George J. Asher Law Clinic
651 East Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 888-836-5294

Criminal Trial Clinic - The Criminal Trial Clinic assists misdemeanor defendants in district courts.

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

701 S State St
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

- **Child Advocacy Law Clinic** - The Child Advocacy Law Clinic represents parents, children, foster parents, and relatives involved in the foster-care system. Representation is provided primarily in Washtenaw, Genesee, Livingston and Wayne counties.
Phone: 734-763-5000
- **Pediatric Advocacy Clinic** - The Pediatric Advocacy Clinic seeks to improve the health and quality of life of low-income pediatric patients and their families by integrating high-quality legal advocacy to unite health care providers, attorneys, and social workers.
Phone: 734-763-1942
[Email: pedlaw@umich.edu](mailto:pedlaw@umich.edu)
- **Michigan Innocence Clinic** - The Michigan Innocence Clinic provides assistance to prisoners who have new evidence that may establish that they are actually innocent of the crimes for which they have been convicted and focuses on innocence cases where there is no biological evidence (e.g., DNA) to be tested.
Phone: 734-763-9353
- **Low-Income Tax-Payer Clinic** - The Low-Income Tax-Payer Clinic provides assistance to taxpayers to resolve issues when the amount is \$50,000 or less per tax year. The clinic assists with issues such as: IRS notices, liens and levies, offers and compromise, installment agreements, spouse relief, hearings and appeals conferences, tax audits, tax credit eligibility and denials, and taxpayer identification number issues.
Phone: 734-936-3535
- **The Juvenile Justice Clinic** - The Juvenile Justice Clinic assists minors charged with violations of the criminal law and status offenses in Michigan's family courts.
Phone: 734-763-5000

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- **Michigan General Law Program / The General Clinic** - The General Clinic provides assistance for cases that include landlord-tenant, consumer fraud, contract disputes, prisoners' civil rights, discrimination and sexual harassment, political asylum and refugee, mortgage foreclosure, criminal misdemeanor defense, torts, habeas corpus, debt collection defense, social security, or other public benefits claims.

363 Legal Research Building
801 Monroe Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Phone: 734-763-4319
[Email: mclp@umich.edu](mailto:mclp@umich.edu)

Wayne State University Law School

471 W. Palmer St.
Detroit, MI 48202

Phone: 313-577-3933
[Email: lawinquire@wayne.edu](mailto:lawinquire@wayne.edu)

Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights

471 W. Palmer St.
Detroit, MI 48202

Phone: 313-577-3620
[Email: keithcenter@wayne.edu](mailto:keithcenter@wayne.edu)

- **Disability Law Clinic** - The Disability Law Clinic assists adults and children with disabilities on a range of issues, including social security, special education, and Medicaid/Medicare. Serves Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Counties.
Phone: (313) 577-4015
- **Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic** - The clinic provides legal assistance with issues involving insurance, housing, employment, long-term planning, and public benefits. There is no geographical limitation; however, services are limited to patients receiving treatment from Karmanos Cancer Center.



Pro Bono Programs

Legal Aid Bureau of Southwestern Michigan Pro Bono Program (serves Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren)

201 W. Kalamazoo Ave, Ste. 308
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Phone: 800-819-0773

Case Types include: Adoption, Bankruptcy, CED, Consumer, Custody, Dissolution of Marriage, Domestic Violence, Elder Law, Housing, Public Benefits, Real Estate, Wills, and Estates

[Western Michigan Legal Services Pro Bono Program of Western Michigan](#)

Cornerstone Building
89 Ionia Ave., NW, Ste. 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Phone: 616-742-6078
Website: lawestmi.org

The Pro Bono Program of Western Michigan provides free legal assistance to low income persons and seniors in civil matters. Clients must be referred by and qualify for eligibility under Western Michigan Legal Services guidelines including income and priorities. Serves Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newago, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties.

Additional information regarding pro bono resources can be found in the [Pro Bono Manual](http://michbar.org/programs/probonomanual) (michbar.org/programs/probonomanual), compiled by the State Bar of Michigan's Pro Bono Initiative.



Hotlines & Websites for Information, Advice & Referrals

These resources provide advice or information on particular issues, and in some cases may provide referrals.

[Elder Law of Michigan](#)

Phone: 517-485-9164; 866-400-9164
Website: elderlawofmi.org
[Email: info@elderslaw.org](mailto:info@elderslaw.org)

The hotline provides free legal advice to clients age 60 and over on Social Security, Medicare, Consumer Law, Wills/Probate, Long Term Care and related issues. There is no income requirement, and disabled individuals of any age are eligible.

The legal hotline is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Legal Hotline for Michigan Citizens

115 W. Allegan, Ste. 720
Lansing, MI 48933

Phone: 800-347-5297; 517-372-5959

Michigan Legal Aid

3815 West St. Joseph, Ste. C200
Lansing, MI 48917

The Legal Hotline for Michigan Citizens offers free access to experienced attorneys for Michigan residents age 60 and older. The hotline provides advice on issues such as Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, medical bills, wills and probate, real estate, personal injury, landlord/tenant relations, and family law.

WomensLaw.org

Phone: 800-799-7233 (SAFE)
Website: womenslaw.org

24 hour confidential hotline that provides state-specific legal information and resources for survivors of domestic abuse, their advocates, friends and family members.



Referral Services for Fee-Based Legal Help for All Individuals

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Referral services attempt to link individuals seeking advice or representation regarding a legal issue, with an attorney who practices in the applicable area of law.



State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral

[State Bar of Michigan](#)

Lawyer Referral Service
306 Townsend St.
Lansing, MI 48933

Website: michbar.org/LRS/Intro

The State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) is designed to assist members of the public who want to hire an attorney and can afford to pay for legal services. There is an initial 30-minute consultation fee, and all fees beyond the initial 30-minute consultation must be negotiated with the attorney.



County & Local Bar Association Lawyer Referral Programs

[Macomb County Bar Association](#)
(serves Macomb & St. Clair)

Lawyer Referral Service
40 N. Main St., Ste. 435
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Phone: 586-468-8300
Website: macombbar.org

[Oakland County Bar Association](#)

Lawyer Referral Service
1760 S. Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Phone: 248-338-2100
Website: ocba.org

[Washtenaw County Bar Association](#)
(serves Washtenaw, Western Wayne, Lenawee,
Livingston, & Monroe)

Lawyer Referral Service
P.O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Phone: 734-996-3229
Website: washbar.org

[Grand Rapids Bar Association](#)
(serves Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, & Allegan)

Lawyer Referrals and Information Services 161
Ottawa Ave. NW, Ste. 203B
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Phone: 616-454-5550
Website: grbar.org

[Genesee County Bar Association](#)

Phone: 810-232-6012; 810-232-6000
Website: gcbalaw.org



Other Lawyer Referral Sources

[American Immigration Lawyers Association](#)

Phone: 202-507-7600
Website: ailalawyer.com

[National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys](#)

Website: aela.org

National Organization of Social Security Claimant's
Representatives

Phone: 800-431-2804



Legal Aid Clinics

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[Cabrini Clinic of Most Holy Trinity Church](#)

1050 Porter St
Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313-961-7863
Website: cabriniclinic.org

Free legal clinic on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Clinics held on alternate Tuesdays. Attorneys provide advice, document preparation and some follow-up.

No income requirement, but must be a Southfield, MI resident. Areas in which legal advice is provided: Landlord/tenant disputes; divorce and family law matters; wills; probate matters; traffic violations.

[Common Ground Legal Clinic](#)

Phone: 248-451-3753
Website: commongroundhelps.org

Open to all Michigan residents. Consultations, recommendations and referrals provided on all legal issues.

Tuesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at:

Common Ground
1410 South Telegraph Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at:

Oakland County Courthouse
Adams-Pratt Law Library; 2nd Floor
1200 North Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341

[Third Level Crisis Intervention Center](#)

Legal Services Program
3785 Veterans Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684

Phone: 231-922-4802
Website: cfsnwmi.org/thirdlevel
[Email](mailto:info@thirdlevel.org): info@thirdlevel.org

The Free Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) is held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.. It is an opportunity for individuals to receive private, free and confidential legal advice and problem clarification from attorneys from the Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Bar Association.

Issues Addressed: Consumer, Employment, Family and Juvenile, Public Benefits, and Veterans. Serves Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Antrim and Kalkaska Counties

[Southfield Legal Clinic](#)

26000 Evergreen
Southfield, MI 48076

Phone: 248-796-4540
Website: cityofsouthfield.com

[William Booth Legal Aid Clinic of the Salvation Army](#)

3737 Lawton St.
Detroit, MI 48208

Phone: 313-361-6340
Website: centralusa.salvationarmy.org/emi/williamboothlegalaidclinic
[Email](mailto:wblac@aol.com): wblac@aol.com

WBLAC provides free legal services to people from Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties who live at or below national poverty guidelines.

The clinic provides legal services in the following areas: divorce/family law, landlord/tenant, public benefits and entitlements, employment and workplace law, juvenile/guardianship, immigration, general advocacy and child/spousal abuse.

The clinic does not handle lawsuits.



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Self-Help Resources for Pro Se Assistance

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Pro-se means someone who represents themselves in a legal proceeding without the aid of an attorney—someone who does not retain a lawyer

[Michigan Courts: One Court of Justice](#)

Website: courts.mi.gov/self-help/pages/default.aspx

The Michigan Courts Self-Help Center helps individuals to find legal assistance, learn about Michigan law, and to represent themselves in some legal matters.

Resources that can be found on the site include brochures, other public information materials, and self-help forms and instructions packets to help access the Michigan court system and to provide guidance to trial courts in areas such as sexual harassment, racial and gender bias, general discrimination, interpreters and self-help services.

[Michigan Legal Help](#) / [Michigan Legal Aid](#)

Website: michiganlegalhelp.org

Website: michiganlegalaid.org

The Michigan Legal Help website was created to help people who have to handle simple civil legal problems without a lawyer.

The website provides articles, toolkits, forms, lawyer referral, self-help centers and community services.



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525 W. Ottawa St.
Lansing, MI 48909
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