

BALTIMORE CITY



LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

PRO BONO (FREE) AND REDUCED FEE LEGAL SERVICES

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2-1-1 MARYLAND

Community/health & human service resources.

- Call 211, 410-685-0525, or 800-492-0618
- www.md211.org/services

ADELANTE FAMILIA

Serves Spanish-speaking immigrants living in Baltimore who are victims, or at risk of being victims, of intimate partner violence.

- 410-732-2176
- www.hruth.org/get-help/adelante-familia

ALTERNATIVE DIRECTIONS, INC.

Legal assistance to incarcerated persons.

- 410-889-5072
- www.alternativedirectionsinc.org

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)

Constitutional Rights.

- 443-524-2558 (civil rights intake line)
- TU & TH 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- www.aclu-md.org

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Services for consumers to resolve complaints against businesses.

- 410-528-8662
- M-F 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov

AYUDA

Legal services to foreign-born clients, focusing on immigration & domestic violence/family law issues.

- 202-387-4848 • www.ayuda.com

BALTIMORE CITY DISTRICT COURT SELF-HELP CENTER

General civil legal assistance.

District Court for Baltimore City, Civil Division, 501 East Fayette Street.

- Walk-In M-F, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- 410-260-1392
- Online Chat: www.mdcourts.gov/selfhelp

BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY SENIOR LEGAL SERVICES

Pro bono civil legal services for Baltimore City seniors aged 60 & over.

- M-TH 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, F 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- www.baltimoreseniorlegalservices.org
- 410-396-1322

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ESPERANZA CENTER, IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Low-cost legal counseling/representation in immigration matters. • 410-522-2668

- www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/immigration/

CHANA

Assists individuals in the Jewish community who are victims of domestic violence, elder abuse & survivors of childhood trauma by providing support, counseling & legal assistance. • 410-234-0030

- M, TU 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM; W 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, TH 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM, F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, SU 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- www.chanabaltimore.org

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Assists in securing child support from absent parents. • 800-332-6347

- www.dhs.maryland.gov/child-support-services/contact-csa

CIVIL JUSTICE, INC.

Matches individuals with attorneys for a reduced rate.

- 410-706-0174
- M, W, F 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- www.civiljusticenetwork.org

COMMUNITY LAW CENTER, INC.

Civil legal services to nonprofits and community organizations throughout MD.

- 410-366-0922
- M - F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- www.communitylaw.org

DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND

Information, referral & advocacy services for individuals with disabilities & their families.

- 410-727-6352
- M-F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- www.disabilityrightsmd.org

DISTRICT COURT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE (ADR)

Offers mediation & settlement conferencing free of charge in many civil cases before or on the trial date. • 410-260-1676

- www.mdcourts.gov/district/adr/home

EMPLOYMENT LAW HOTLINE

(Operated by Women's Law Center & Maryland Legal Aid)

Attorneys answer questions about employment law & legal rights in the workplace. • 877-422-9500

- TU 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM;
- first TH of the month 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- www.wlcmd.org/services/employment-law/hotlines/

EVICITION PREVENTION PROGRAM

Self-help assistance for stays of eviction, rental assistance, and referrals to Baltimore city residents who are experiencing a court-ordered eviction. District Court for Baltimore City, Room 207, 501 E. Fayette St.

- 410-878-8650
- www.mdcrisisconnect.org/search/?id=172805

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Domestic violence/abuse help services.

- 410-366-1980 • www.fcsmd.org

FAMILY LAW HOTLINE

(Operated by Women's Law Center and Maryland Legal Aid)

Information/referrals on family law issues.

- 800-845-8550
- M-F 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- Language Line available
- www.wlcmd.org/services/family-law/hotlines/

FORECLOSURE BRIEF

LEGAL ADVICE PROJECT

(Operated by Civil Justice)

MD homeowners can speak with a MD

Foreclosure defense attorney and get legal advice.

- 443-808-0076
- M 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM, W 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- www.civiljusticenetwork.org/Programs/ForeclosureBriefLegalAdviceHelpline.aspx

FORECLOSURE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

(Operated by Maryland Legal Aid)

Provides legal advice and counsel to homeowners at risk of foreclosure. • 888-213-3320

- www.mdlab.org/get-help-services/

FREESTATE JUSTICE

Provides direct legal services to income-qualified LGBTQ Marylanders in civil legal matters arising out of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

- 410-625-5428
- www.freestate-justice.org

HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT

Services for homeless/at risk of homelessness, including veterans' benefits.

- 410-685-6589 or 800-773-4340
- www.hprplaw.org

HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND

Services to victims of domestic violence.

- 410-889-RUTH (7884) (24-HR hotline)
- 410-554-8463 (legal clinic)
- 888-880-7884 24-HR Legal Line
- M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- www.hruth.org/get-help/legal-services/

JEWISH LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC

Free legal information & advice on civil legal issues for individuals with limited income at walk-in clinic.

- 2nd Monday each month from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- 410-843-7305

JOINING FORCES PROJECT

(Operated by Maryland Legal Aid)
Free legal assistance and brief advice for low-income individuals who have served in any branch of the military. • 443-863-4040
• TU 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, TH 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
• www.mdlab.org/get-help-services/joining-forces-project/

JUSTADVICE® PROJECT

(Operated by University of Maryland)
Attorneys provide brief legal consultations on a wide variety of legal issues.
• 410-929-4809
• www.law.umaryland.edu/justadvice

KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE

Volunteer attorneys represent unaccompanied children in the U.S. immigration system.
• 202-824-8680 • www.supportkind.org

LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Ask if you qualify for reduced fee service under the Access to Justice Program or Sixty Plus Legal Program • 410-539-3112
• M-F 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
• www.baltimorebar.org/for-the-public/lawyer-referral/

MD CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE CENTER

Provides information, brief advice, general support & referrals to pro bono attorneys for eligible crime victims. • 877-842-8461
• M-F 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
• www.mdcrimevictims.org

MARYLAND LAW HELP

Maryland Law Help is a free mobile app that connects Maryland citizens with legal information on their smartphones and tablets. The app brings together tools and resources developed by the Maryland Judiciary and others to help Marylanders use the courts or find legal help.
• www.mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/mobileapp

MARYLAND LEGAL AID

Civil legal services to low-income individuals on a wide range of civil matters. • 410-951-7750
• M, TH, F, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, TU, 9:30 - 7:00 PM, W, 9:30 AM- 1:00 PM • www.mdlab.org
(can apply online)

MARYLAND SELF-HELP CENTER

Provides free limited legal services for people who are not represented by a lawyer.
• 410-260-1392
• M-F 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
• www.mdcourts.gov/selfhelp/mcshc

MD SENIOR LEGAL HELPLINE

(Operated by Maryland Legal Aid)
Free legal advice over the telephone regarding a variety of civil matters to individuals 60 years of age & older.
• 866-635-2948
• www.mdlab.org/get-help-services/

MD VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE (MVLS)

Free legal representation to Marylanders with limited income in civil legal matters. Matches eligible clients with skilled volunteer lawyer. Apply online at mvlslaw.org, and select Get Legal Help.
• Or, call M-TH, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
• 410-547-6537 or 800-510-0050
Clients with family law matters must use phone intake. • www.mvlslaw.org

MULTI-ETHNIC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

(Operated by Women's Law Center)
Represents foreign-born victims of domestic violence in immigration matters.
• 410-396-3294
• M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, www.wlcmd.org/services/domestic-violence-law/immigration-remedies/

NATIONAL VETERAN'S LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

• 202-265-8305 • www.nvlsp.org
• info@nvlsp.org

NATIONAL ORG. OF SOCIAL SECURITY CLAIMANTS' REPRESENTATIVES (NOSSCR)

Provides Lawyer Referral Service to those seeking assistance with Social Security Disability and SSI programs.
• 800-431-2804 • www.nosscr.org

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND WAGE ENFORCEMENT

Enforces Baltimore City anti-discrimination laws. • 410-396-3141

- <https://civilrights.baltimorecity.gov/>

OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL

Provides representation for residential consumers of electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, private water and certain transportation services in Maryland. • 410-767-8150

- www.opc.maryland.gov/

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Provides free representation in criminal cases to those who meet income eligibility guidelines. • 877-430-5187

- www.opd.state.md.us

PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND (PBRC)

Assists with immigration, tax sale prevention, debt & consumer issues, tenant issues & estate planning at pro bono clinics.

Maintains Maryland.FreeLegalAnswers.org.

- 800-396-1274
- www.probonomd.org

PROTECTION ORDER ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION PROJECT (POARP)

(Operated by Women's Law Center)
Represents victims of domestic violence in Protective Order hearings in Balto. City, Balto. Co. & Carroll Co.

- 410-783-0377
- M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER

Provides legal representation to tenants at risk of eviction, low-wage workers & students with problems enrolling in public school or obtaining necessary services due to homelessness.

- 410-625-9409 or 877-625-9409
- www.publicjustice.org

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT PROJECT

Assists individuals represent themselves in simple family law matters. Circuit Court for Baltimore City, 111 N. Calvert St, Room 114.

- Walk-in only M-F 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- www.baltimorecitycourt.org/court-divisions/family/self-represented-litigant-project/

SEXUAL ASSAULT LEGAL INSTITUTE (SALI)

Provides legal services to survivors of sexual assault, including child sexual abuse.

Legal assistance is provided in civil & criminal cases.

- 301-565-2277 or 877-496-SALI (7254)
- www.mcasa.org/survivors/sali

ST. AMBROSE HOUSING AID CENTER

Provides legal advice/representation to help homeowners avoid foreclosure.

- 410-366-8550
- M- F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- www.stambros.org

TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER

Provides legal /social services to immigrant victims of gender-based violence.

- 410-999-1900
- Screenings on Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- www.tahirih.org

TURN AROUND

Provides counseling and support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking. • 410-837-7000

- M - F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- www.turnaroundinc.org

ORGANIZATIONS THAT COVER SPECIFIC AREAS OF LAW:

CIVIL RIGHTS

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) • Public Justice Center

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS / NON-PROFITS

- Community Law Center • Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

CONSUMER ISSUES

- Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection • Civil Justice, Inc.
 - Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland • Maryland Legal Aid
 - Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

BANKRUPTCY

- Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection • Civil Justice, Inc.
 - Maryland Legal Aid • Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

CRIMINAL DEFENSE

- JustAdvice® Project
 - Lawyer Referral and Information Service
- Office of the Public Defender • Civil Justice, Inc.

CRIMINAL RECORDS EXPUNGEMENT

- Homeless Persons Representation Project
- Kids in Need of Defense • Maryland Legal Aid
 - Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

DISABLED PERSONS

- Disability Rights Maryland (DRM) • NOSSCR

EDUCATION / SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Maryland Legal Aid • Disability Rights Maryland
 - Public Justice Center

ELDERLY / SENIORS

- Bar Association of Baltimore City Senior Legal Services
 - Lawyer Referral and Information Service
- Maryland Legal Aid • Maryland Senior Legal Helpline
 - Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service
- Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

EMPLOYMENT

- Civil Justice, Inc. • Employment Law Hotline
- Maryland Legal Aid • Public Justice Center

FAMILY LAW

- Alternative Directions, Inc. • AYUDA
- Civil Justice, Inc. • Child Support Enforcement Administration
 - Family Law Hotline • House of Ruth Maryland
- Maryland Legal Aid • Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service
- Protection Order Advocacy and Representation Project
 - Self-Represented Litigant Project

GENERAL CIVIL ISSUES

- Civil Justice, Inc. • Jewish Legal Services Clinic
- JustAdvice® Project • Lawyer Referral and Information Service
 - Maryland Legal Aid • Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

HOMELESS PERSONS

- Homeless Persons Representation Project • Public Justice Center

HOUSING / FORECLOSURE / LANDLORD-TENANT

- Attorney General's Office • Civil Justice, Inc.
 - Foreclosure Brief Legal Advice Project
 - Foreclosure Legal Assistance Project
- Homeless Persons Representation Project • Maryland Legal Aid
 - Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service • Public Justice Center
 - Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland
 - St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center

IMMIGRATION

- Adelante Familia • AYUDA
- Catholic Charities Esperanza Center, Immigration Legal Services
 - Pro Bono Resource Center
(Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Project)
 - Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project
 - Tahirih Justice Center

LGBTQ+

- FreeState Justice

MEDIATION / SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

- District Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR)

PUBLIC BENEFITS

- Homeless Persons Representation Project • Maryland Legal Aid

VICTIMS OF CRIME (INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

- AYUDA • House of Ruth Maryland • Maryland Legal Aid
 - Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center
 - Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project
 - Protection Order Advocacy and Representation Project
- Sexual Assault Legal Institute • Tahirih Justice Center • Turn Around

MARYLAND LAWYERS CARE

OTHER RESOURCES

MD JUDICIARY

General judiciary website.

WWW.MDCOURTS.GOV

PEOPLE'S LAW LIBRARY

Self-help website targeted to low & moderate income individuals.

WWW.PEOPLES-LAW.ORG

MARYLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCATOR

Self-help website to locate approximately 9,000 health, social service & legal resource programs in Maryland.

WWW.MDCSL.ORG

The Bar Association of Baltimore City has an ongoing commitment to ensuring access to low or no-cost legal help to city residents.

This directory provides information to connect residents of Baltimore City with agencies and organizations offering *free* or *reduced cost* help in a wide variety of legal matters.

Most organizations have income and case-type requirements that must be met in order to qualify for services.

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