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LEGAL RESOURCES

Free Legal Help for Low-Income Wisconsin Residents

In southern Wisconsin, contact:

Legal Action of Wisconsin

Milwaukee office

230 W. Wells Street, Room 800
Milwaukee, WI 53203-1866
414-278-7722, FAX: 414-278-7156
Toll free: 1-888-278-0633
Service Area: Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties

Madison office

31 S. Mills Street
P.O. Box 259686
Madison, WI 53725-9686
608-256-3304, FAX: 608-256-0510
Outside Dane County: 1-800-362-3904
Service Area: Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rock and Sauk Counties

Racine office

521 6th Street
Racine, WI 53403
262-635-8836, FAX: 262-635-8838
800-242-5840
Service Area: Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties

Green Bay Office

201 West Walnut Suite 203
Green Bay, WI 54303
920-432-4645, FAX: 920-432-5078
800-236-1127

Oshkosh Office

404 North Main Street, Suite 702
Oshkosh, WI 54901
920-233-6521, FAX: 920-233-0307
800-236-1128

La Crosse Office

205 Fifth Avenue S, Suite 300
La Crosse, WI 54602-2617
608-785-2809, FAX: 608-782-0800
800-873-0927



Service Area: Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, Jackson, Juneau,
La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties

[Neighborhood Law Project](#): From an office on the South Side of Madison, law students from the University of Wisconsin Law School, supervised by faculty, provide free legal assistance to low-income clients, community legal education, and other services principally in the areas of housing, workers' rights, and consumer credit.

Or

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee Inc.

229 East Wisconsin Avenue - Suite 200
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
414/727-5300

In northern Wisconsin, contact:

Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.
300 Third Street, Suite 210
PO Box 6100
Wausau, WI 54402-6100
715-842-1681 (Voice or TDD)
800-472-1638 (Voice or TDD)
Fax: 715-848-1885

Counties Served:

Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn, Waupaca, and Wood.

Portage County Legal Aid Society, Inc.

1608 West River Drive
Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481
715-345-5208

Or

Legal Aid Society of Door County

131 S. 3rd Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
920-743-3934

Free Legal Help for Senior Citizens:



SeniorLAW Serves Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin residents aged 60 and older. There are no income restrictions. (414-278-7722 for general legal help; 414-278-1222 for benefits issues)

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups--Elder Law Center

2850 Dairy Drive, Suite 100
Madison, WI 53718-6751
Phone (608) 224-0660

Native American Elders Outreach Project - Contact Wisconsin Judicare Staff Attorneys Karen Z. Eri (Menominee, Mole Lake, Forest County Potawatomi, Stockbridge-Munsee, Oneida) or Ellyn Fuchsteiner (Ho-Chunk, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Bad River, Red Cliff, St. Croix) at (800) 472-1638

Free Legal Help for the Disabled:

Disability Rights Wisconsin

In Madison:

16 North Carroll Street, Suite 400
Madison, Wisconsin 53703
608-267-0214 Voice/TTY
800-928-8778 Voice/TTY toll-free for consumers and family members

In Milwaukee:

2040 W. Wisconsin Ave, Suite 678
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233
414-342-8700 Voice/TTY
800-708-3034 Voice/TTY toll-free for consumers and family members

In Northern Wisconsin:

113 North Main Street
Rice Lake, WI 54868
715-736-1800 Voice/TTY

Free Legal Help On Immigration Issues

Catholic Charities of Greater Milwaukee
Legal Services for Immigrants Project
2057 South 14th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204-3847
Phone: 414-643-8570

Reduced Fee Legal Assistance

Community Justice, Inc. – Provides reduced fee legal representation in civil matters (not criminal) to people in and around Dane County whose income is less than 300% of the federal poverty level. Fees are based on household income. Call 608-204-9642 Monday-Thursday from 1 pm to 4 pm.
www.communityjusticeinc.org

Centro Legal – Provides reduced fee legal representation in family law and misdemeanor criminal matters for low income people in and around Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Call 414-384-7900. www.centrolegalwisconsin.org/

Self-Help Resources

Waukesha County Family Court Self Help Center - The Family Court Self Help Center is located in room C108 of the Waukesha County Courthouse. The courthouse is located in the City of Waukesha at the intersection of Highway J (Pewaukee Road) and Moreland Boulevard. The Center is open from 8:15 A.M until 4:15 P.M. Monday through Friday. The Center is closed whenever the Courthouse is closed.
<http://courtsselfhelp.waukeshacounty.gov/default.asp?pcontent=default>

PRO SE Inc. – Janesville nonprofit group shares information with people throughout the State of Wisconsin on how to prepare and file papers and represent themselves in actions relating to divorce, paternity, child support modifications, non-contested agreements in custody matters, and contempt. This is a paralegal service and does not dispense legal advice. The charge for service ranges from \$25-300 depending on the service. (608) 757-2922.

<http://www.courts.state.wi.us/services/public/prose.htm> - the pro se assistance website of the Wisconsin Court System. Here, you can complete an online interview process or print all the forms you need for an initial divorce or legal separation filing in any Circuit Court in Wisconsin. Forms for modifications of custody, placement and child support will be added soon along with small claims.

[Tenant Resource Center](#) – provides forms and educational materials on landlord-tenant issues, including evictions, security deposits and repairs. They also offer a mediation service for tenants and landlords. (608) 257-0006 or (877) 238-RENT (7368).

Legal Clinics

Eau Claire – Sponsored by the Eau Claire County Bar Association, the Free Legal Clinic meets the third Wednesday of every month, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, located at 400 Eau Claire Street.

Milwaukee – Marquette University Law School sponsors a Legal Clinic at House of Peace. They provide basic legal information, advice and referrals using law students and practicing attorneys. They do not provide ongoing representation. The Clinic is open Tuesday evenings from 4-7 pm at House of Peace Community Center, 1702 W. Walnut Street.

Milwaukee – Family Law Clinic has attorneys available for brief assistance with forms, procedures and explanation of rights Monday through Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and every Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Small Claims Self-Help Clinic operates every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They do not provide ongoing representation.

Dane County - Family Law Assistance Center uses Dane County Bar Association (DCBA) attorneys available on a first-come-first-served basis for brief assistance from noon-1:30 every Wednesday afternoon in Room 226 of the City County Building in Madison. Small Claims Assistance Program has DCBA attorney volunteers available to provide free legal information to unrepresented small claims litigants every Tuesday morning from 9-11 a.m. Neither of these programs provides ongoing representation.

Web Sites

www.legalexplorer.com - consumer website of the State Bar of Wisconsin with a searchable database under “Resources” of free publications on issues like divorce, custody, guardianship, etc. Under “Need a Lawyer?”, you can also find a link to a description of the State Bar’s Lawyer Referral and Information Service (800) 362-9082 or (Dane County) (608) 257-4666)

<http://www.courts.state.wi.us/services/public/prose.htm> - the pro se family law assistance website of the Wisconsin Court System. Here, you can complete an online interview process or print all the forms you need for an initial divorce or legal separation filing in any Circuit Court in Wisconsin. Forms for modifications of custody, placement and child support will be added soon.

<http://library.law.wisc.edu/guides/bibliographies/lowcost.htm> - links to low cost legal resources for low income Dane County residents

<http://legalhelpmilwaukee.org/> - links to legal services offices, including eligibility guidelines, hours and locations with a particular emphasis on the Milwaukee area. The site also provides links to legal information resources in Wisconsin.

<http://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/index.htm> - Wisconsin Court System’s self-help resources for the general public with information on representing yourself, online forms to prepare your divorce filing and contact information for court officials

<http://courtselfhelp.waukeshacounty.gov/default.asp?pcontent=default> – Waukesha County Court Self-Help center with useful information specific to that county as well as good general information and resources on representing yourself.

<http://www.legalaction.org/publications.htm> - Published by Legal Action of Wisconsin, this site has useful information on Medicaid, unemployment, child custody, and W-2 as well as some information for senior citizens.



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<http://www.seniorlaw.org/> - Information on how senior citizens in Milwaukee County can obtain free legal help from Legal Action of Wisconsin with many issues: Older persons who want to know more about their public benefits; Older persons who have been denied a benefit that they think they are entitled to receive; Older persons who have benefits which have been lowered or stopped; Older persons with legal issues involving elder rights, consumer scams, or housing. There are no income or asset limits for seniors.

<http://www.judicare.org/> - Describes the free legal representation available to low-income northern Wisconsin residents, including members of Native American tribes.

<http://www.cwag.org/Home%20Page.htm> – Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups provides a large variety of information for older Wisconsin Residents.

<http://www.w-c-a.org/> - Disability Rights Wisconsin (formerly Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy) is a private, nonprofit agency chosen by Wisconsin's Governor to provide protection and advocacy for people with disabilities throughout the state. DRI is completely independent of state government and direct service providers.

<http://www.co.saint-croix.wi.us/Departments/ClerkOfCourt/10thDistrict.htm> - divorce forms for St. Croix County and the surrounding 10 Judicial District.