

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Low-cost legal assistance is available to the general public. The following legal agencies provide assistance to Wayne County residents.

State

State Bar Association

Lawyer Referral and Information Service
306 Townsend St
Lansing, MI 48933
Information.....1-800-968-0738
Website.....www.michbar.org

Michigan Indian Legal Services

215 S Washington Square
Suite C
Lansing, MI 48933
Information.....(517) 316-0934

Provides services in the following legal areas:

- Indian Child Welfare Act
- Treaty and Statutory Rights
- Tribal recognition
- Community Education
- Discrimination

MI Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc

4095 Legacy Parkway
Suite 500
Lansing, MI 48911
Toll-Free.....1-800-288-5923

Provides services in the following legal areas:

- Disability Rights
- HIV/AIDS Rights
- Children's Disability & Special Education Rights

Wayne County

Accounting Aid Society

Tax Assistance Program
18145 Mack Ave
Detroit, MI 48224-1444
Information.....(313) 647-9620

Accounting Aid Society assists low-income taxpayers in preparing their personal income tax returns at no cost.

American Civil Liberties Union Fund of MI

60 W Hancock
Detroit, MI 48201
Information/Intake.....(313) 578-6800

Provides services in the following legal areas:

- Constitutional Issues
- Freedom of Speech
- Due Process
- Privacy

Community/Michigan Legal Resources

900 Michigan Building
220 Bagley Ave
Detroit, MI 48226
Information.....(313) 964-4130

Community Legal Resources provides services to nonprofit organizations serving low-income or distressed neighborhoods in the following legal areas:

- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax and Nonprofit Organizations Law
- Other Business Law or Transactions

Michigan Legal Resources engages in impact-orientated litigation and systemic policy advocacy to address root causes of poverty in the areas of:

- Housing
- Health
- Mental Health
- Public Benefits Law

Federal Civil Pro Bono Project

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
Volunteer Legal Services
645 Griswold Suite 1356
Detroit, MI 48226
Information.....(313) 961-6120
Lawyer Referral.....(313) 961-3545
Website.....www.detroitlawyer.org

Provides services in the following legal areas:

- Civil Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Prisoner Civil Rights
- Provides client meeting location

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First Step Legal Advocacy Project

44567 Pinetree Dr
Plymouth, MI 48170
Information/Crisis.....1-888-453-5900

Provides services in the following areas:

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault

Free Legal Aid Clinic, Inc (FLAC)

5435 Woodward Ave
Detroit, MI 48202
Information.....(313) 831-3444

FLAC's purpose is to render legal assistance to low-income and indigent residents of Wayne County.

Freedom House

2630 W Lafayette
Detroit, MI 48216
Information.....(313) 964-4320

Freedom House is a shelter for refugees seeking political asylum in the United States. The refugees live at Freedom House while their asylum cases are pending before the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Freedom House is an interdenominational, nonprofit charity that provides food, clothing, shelter and social and legal services to people of all races and creeds. Its mission is to extend love and human dignity to people who have been devastated by torture and the denial of human rights. Freedom House works to legally resettle refugees into Canada or the United States, speaks out against injustice and educates for systemic change. All Freedom House residents are indigent. The purpose of Freedom House is to provide legal representation to indigent refugees seeking political asylum in the U.S.

The Legal Department provides services in the following areas:

- Prepares asylum applications for residents
- Represents residents before the US Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals and the federal courts

Immigration Legal Services

Strategic Partnership

Archdiocese of Detroit
305 Michigan Ave 5th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226
English/Spanish.....(313) 237-4646
Arabic/Chaldean.....(313) 237-4699
Other languages.....(313) 237-4694

Provides services in the following areas:

- General consultations
- Family petitions
- Adjustments of status
- Asylum and refugee applications
- Deportation/removal proceedings
- Citizen and nationality law
- Non-immigrant visas and work authorizations

Legal Aid and Defenders Associations

Civil Law Group
645 Griswold
Suite 3466
Detroit, MI 48226
Information.....(313) 964-4111
Intake.....(313) 964-4700
Website.....www.detroitlawyer.org

Civil division provides services in the following areas:

- Family Law
- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Probate
- Debt Counseling
- Consumer

NLS/Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice (Guild Law Center)

733 St Antoine, 3rd Floor
Detroit, MI 48226
Information.....(313) 962-6540
Website.....www.sugarlaw.org

Provides services in the following areas:

- Plant Closings (WARN Act)
- Poverty Rights
- Environmental Justice
- Economic Rights and Living Wage

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The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc
111 E Kirby St
Detroit, MI 48202
Information.....(313) 871-8600

Provides services in the following areas:

- Immigration/Social Services
- Refugee Resettlement
- Ethnic Enrichment
- Languages/ESL Education

The Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic
The Salvation Army
Harbor Light Center
2643 Park Ave
Detroit, MI 48201
Information.....(313) 961-2201

Provides free legal services to people who are pre-screened and referred to them by the Eastern Michigan Division of The Salvation Army in the following areas:

- Divorce/Family Law
- Landlord/Tenant
- Public Benefits and Entitlements
- Juvenile/Guardianships
- Immigration
- Child/Spouse Abuse
- Traffic Offense
- Criminal

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services
Main Office
51 W Hancock
Detroit, MI 48201
Information.....(313) 831-3000
Mediation Center.....(313) 831-3000 ext 225

Housing Placement Center
455 W Fort St
Detroit, MI 48226
Information.....(313) 964-1975

Latin American for Social and Economic Development (LASED)
4138 W Vernor
Detroit, MI 48209
Information.....(313) 554-2025

Suburban Law Center
3715 W Jefferson
Ecorse, MI 48229
Information.....(313) 843-3869

Provides victims of crime, people with disabilities, and other under-resourced persons with legal, law-related education, medication and housing placement services. The following centers are housed at the administrative office on West Hancock:

- AIDS Law Center
- Child & Family Law Center/Domestic Violence Clinic
- Children's Center for Justice and Peace
- Disability Law Clinic
- Mediation Center

West Side Mothers Welfare Rights Organization
23 E Adams
Detroit, MI 48226
Information.....(313) 964-3980

Provides services in the following areas:

- Social Security Hearings
- Family Independence Agency Hearings

Women's Justice Center
615 Griswold
Suite 1520
Detroit, MI 48226
Information.....(313) 961-5528

Provides services in the following legal areas:

- Domestic Violence
- General Family Law; Divorce and Custody Actions, and Paternity
- Landlord/Tenant
- Abuse and Neglect

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Monroe County

Legal Services of South Central Michigan

1118A S Telegraph

Monroe, MI 48161

Toll-Free.....1-888-251-1598

Information.....(734) 241-8310

Provides services in the following legal areas:

- Family Law
- Landlord/Tenant
- Home Ownership
- Probate
- Guardianship
- Consumer
- Health Law

Oakland County

Common Ground Sanctuary Legal Clinic

1410 S Telegraph

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Information/Crisis.....(248) 456-0909

Provides services in the following legal areas:

- Criminal
- Domestic
- Civil
- Eviction
- Wills
- Probate
- Guardian ad litem
- Juvenile
- Custody