








# MILWAUKEE FREE AND LOW-COST LEGAL AID PROVIDERS

## I NEED HELP FILLING OUT FORMS

 <p><b>Milwaukee Justice Center Family Forms Clinic</b> 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Room G-9 (414) 278-2910 (info only) <a href="http://www.MilwaukeeJusticeCenter.org">www.MilwaukeeJusticeCenter.org</a></p>	<p>Free forms assistance on family issues such as <b>divorce, child support/placement/ custody modifications, and name changes</b>. See the website for <a href="#">most up-to-date hours of operation</a>. Walk-in and appointment options available. For walk-ins, please come at the beginning of a shift for the best chance to be seen.</p>
 <p><b>Milwaukee Justice Center Adult Guardianship Forms Clinic</b> 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Room G-9 (414) 278-2910 (info only) <a href="http://www.MilwaukeeJusticeCenter.org">www.MilwaukeeJusticeCenter.org</a></p>	<p>Free adult guardianship forms assistance for uncontested adult guardianship cases. To request an appointment, email <a href="mailto:mjclegalhelp@gmail.com">mjclegalhelp@gmail.com</a> (preferred) or visit the MJC desk in-person at the address listed to the left. The Examining Physician's or Psychologist's Report (<a href="#">Form GN-3130</a>) must be completed before scheduling an appointment.</p>
 <p><b>Bankruptcy Pro Se Help Desk and Remote Clinic</b> 517 E. Wisconsin Ave., Room 153 <a href="http://www.wieb.uscourts.gov/pro-se-help-desk">www.wieb.uscourts.gov/pro-se-help-desk</a></p>	<p>Assistance with filing chapter 7 bankruptcy cases for those who cannot afford an attorney. Provides initial consultations and assistance completing bankruptcy forms. In-person services offered Thursdays at the address indicated from 9-10:30AM.</p>
<p><b>Restraining Order Clinic</b> 901 North 9th Street, Room 711, (414) 278-5079 <a href="https://www.familypeacecenter.org/restraining-orders">https://www.familypeacecenter.org/restraining-orders</a></p>	<p>Assists with (1) completing and filing harassment, domestic violence, juvenile harassment, child abuse, and individual at-risk restraining orders, (2) creating safety plans, and (3) accessing community resources and referrals. The court requires individuals seeking a temporary restraining order (TRO) to file electronically. Advocates are available by phone to assist with this process. Visit <a href="https://app.waitwhile.com/checkin/sojourner">https://app.waitwhile.com/checkin/sojourner</a> to schedule an appointment and/or join our live daily virtual waitlist to speak with an advocate for help.</p>
<p><b>MVLC Mobile Legal Clinic Estate Planning Clinics</b></p> 	<p>This in-person clinic can prepare a basic will, power of attorney for finances, power of attorney for health care, and a living will. This program does not assist with Medicaid planning, living trusts, special needs trusts, or transferring property owned by someone who has passed away. Request an appointment: <a href="https://waitwhile.com/locations/mvlcmjcappointments/time?registration=booking&amp;service=2ohnoYkVSXlbwW6vGdKM">https://waitwhile.com/locations/mvlcmjcappointments/time?registration=booking&amp;service=2ohnoYkVSXlbwW6vGdKM</a></p>

## I NEED LEGAL ADVICE

 <p><b>Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics</b> (414) 288-6912 <a href="http://www.MarquetteLegalClinic.org">www.MarquetteLegalClinic.org</a></p> <p><b>Remote Clinics on Zoom or by Phone</b> <u>Mondays</u> - Waitlist opens at 11AM <u>Thursdays</u> - Waitlist opens at 11AM</p> <p>Join the waitlist: <a href="https://waitwhile.com/locations/mvlc">https://waitwhile.com/locations/mvlc</a></p>	<p>Free brief legal advice and referral on civil legal matters including but not limited to family law including divorce, child support, placement, custody; evictions and housing law; probate; debt/collections; small claims, and more. No criminal or employment discrimination. These services fill up quickly. Arrive early for the best chances of being seen. Closure dates listed on website. <b><u>LINES FORM BEFORE START TIME &amp; CLINICS OFTEN FILL QUICKLY.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (for veterans and active-duty service members only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign in at 3:30PM, services from 4-6PM</li> <li>○ No family attorney at this location</li> <li>○ Milwaukee Co. Veterans Service Office, 6401 W. Greenfield Ave.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tuesdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign-up starts with a random draw for those present at NOON, then goes by arrival order after noon. Services from 1-3PM</li> <li>○ House of Peace, 1702 W. Walnut Street</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wednesdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign in around 4-4:30PM, services from 5-7PM</li> <li>○ Services in Spanish at this location</li> <li>○ Immigration lawyers available</li> <li>○ United Community Center Senior Center, 730 W. Washington St.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Thursdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign in at 8:30AM, services from 9-11AM</li> <li>○ Milwaukee Justice Center, Milwaukee Co. Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St, G-9</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Mobile Legal Clinic Expungement/Pardon Clinic</b> <a href="http://www.mkemobilelegalclinic.com">www.mkemobilelegalclinic.com</a>   <a href="mailto:expungemke@gmail.com">expungemke@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>For assistance with the pardon application (must know you are eligible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mondays 1-3pm on Zoom</li> <li>• First-come, first-served. To attend, register Mondays at 12:45pm on the website.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic Small Business and Nonprofit Clinic</b> Thursdays: waitlist opens at 11AM. Join the waitlist: <a href="https://waitwhile.com/locations/smallbusinessandnonp/r/closed">https://waitwhile.com/locations/smallbusinessandnonp/r/closed</a></p>	<p>Brief legal advice on a wide variety of business and nonprofit law matters, including, but not limited to, entity formation; finance and lending; insurance claims and coverage; commercial leases and contracts; taxes; labor and employment; real estate; commercial debtor/creditor; and regulatory compliance.</p>

 <b>Voces de la Frontera</b> 1027 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St., (414) 643-1620 <a href="http://vdlf.org/">http://vdlf.org/</a>	Rotating between <b>immigration, family, and workers' rights</b> , the free Saturday clinic provides answers to basic legal questions. Appointments are required – call 414-643-1620 to schedule an appointment. Additional immigration services are provided at reduced cost.
<b>Wisconsin Free Legal Answers</b> <a href="https://wi.freelegalanswers.org">https://wi.freelegalanswers.org</a>	A virtual legal advice clinic for qualifying users to post civil legal questions to volunteer attorneys at no cost.
 <b>Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association Federal Legal Assistance Program</b> <a href="https://edwba.org">https://edwba.org</a>	Free legal guidance (up to two hours) in federal civil lawsuits in which you represent yourself, including: <b>civil rights violations, Social Security, employment discrimination</b> . This <a href="#">form</a> must be submitted before you can receive assistance: No walk ins.





## I NEED A LAWYER TO REPRESENT ME AND CANNOT AFFORD ONE

### Free Services

 <b>Community Advocates</b> 728 N. James Lovell St. (414) 449-4777 <a href="https://communityadvocates.net/">https://communityadvocates.net/</a>	<b>RENT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: up to 18 months of rent paid if loss of income due to COVID-19 is demonstrated.</b> Free assistance to <b>tenants needing repairs</b> , families at risk of becoming homeless, tenants in need of a payment plan for <b>security deposits, tenants needing mediation with landlords</b> . Information, representation, referrals, and advocacy for individuals seeking <b>Social Security disability benefits related to the Milwaukee County Interim Disability Assistance Program</b> . Referrals for legal representation in <b>SSD and SSI appeals</b> . The Milwaukee Women's Center emergency shelter is operating. Tenant/landlord/housing questions can be directed to 414-270-4646 or <a href="mailto:renthelp@communityadvocates.net">renthelp@communityadvocates.net</a> . During the temporary closure, please call 414-270-2941 for general help. For other services & contact info, please refer to the website.
 <b>Disability Rights Wisconsin</b> 6737 W. Washington St., #3230 (414) 773-4646 <a href="http://www.DisabilityRightsWI.org">www.DisabilityRightsWI.org</a>	Free services and referrals <b>for individuals and families with disabilities</b> including <b>disability related abuse and neglect; employment/housing discrimination due to disability; special education advocacy; family care/IRIS and children's long-term care advocacy; SSI-Medicaid managed card advocacy; Medicare Part D assistance; and victim advocacy for people with disabilities that experience crime</b> . See website for self-advocacy tools.
 <b>Legal Aid Society's Eviction Free MKE</b> (414) 892-7368 <a href="https://www.evictionfreemke.org">https://www.evictionfreemke.org</a>	Connects qualifying tenants (those at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level) facing eviction or having trouble paying rent with free legal assistance, including representation.
 <b>Kids Matter Inc.</b> 1850 N. Martin Luther King, #202 (414) 344-1220 <a href="http://www.KidsMatterInc.org">www.KidsMatterInc.org</a>	Free services and referrals <b>for non-parents caring for a child</b> with issues such as <b>guardianship, power of attorney for minors, and denial of benefits</b> . Phone intake open and new clients accepted. Call the main number at 414-344-1220 during normal business hours to complete an initial intake.
 <b>Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee</b> 728 N. James Lovell St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl. North (414) 727-5300 <a href="https://legalaidsmke.com">https://legalaidsmke.com</a>	Free legal representation in <b>landlord-tenant cases, expungement, consumer law, municipal matters, unemployment insurance, bankruptcy, wills, powers of attorney, foreclosure, and tax issues</b> . Clients can fill out the online intake form at <a href="https://legalaidsmke.com">https://legalaidsmke.com</a> or leave a voice message at (414)727-5300.
 <b>Legal Action of Wisconsin</b> 633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2000 (414) 278-7722 or 855-947-2529 <a href="http://www.legalaction.org">www.legalaction.org</a>	Free representation for low-income people related to: maintaining safe and affordable <b>housing</b> ; removing <b>barriers to employment</b> ; resolving <b>consumer finance issues</b> ; accessing and maintaining <b>public benefits</b> ; and providing services to <b>certain populations</b> like veterans, seniors, farmworkers, domestic violence survivors, and those recently released from prison. Call (414) 278-7722 or 855-947-2529 Monday to Friday, 9:00-5:00PM. For <b>tax matters</b> call (414) 274-3400; leave a message with name/ number.
<b>Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability</b> MATC Downtown Campus, 700 W. State St., Room S215 (414) 297-6407 <a href="https://www.wiscs.org/cdlre/">https://www.wiscs.org/cdlre/</a>	Free case management and legal services to assist qualified individuals with a suspended or revoked Wisconsin license in obtaining their driver's license. Monday – Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. (pre-approved appointments required).
 <b>Legal Action of Wisconsin</b> Eviction Defense Project 901 N. 9th Street, Room 406 <a href="https://legalaction.org/services/housing/">https://legalaction.org/services/housing/</a>	Legal Action's Eviction Defense Project may be able to provide limited scope representation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Milwaukee County Small Claims Court for qualifying clients on 1 <sup>st</sup> cause hearings. Arrive at 12:30PM for the best chance of being signed in.
 <b>LOTUS Legal Clinic</b> 2515 N. 124th Street, Suite 201 (414) 885-1469 <a href="https://www.lotuslegal.org/">https://www.lotuslegal.org/</a>	Free legal counsel to survivors of <b>gender-based violence and human trafficking</b> regardless of income. Services in English and Spanish. As of June 1, virtual and remote work is still preferable, if possible, but the office is open, requiring masks for all and following CDC and health professionals' guidelines for necessary client/partner meetings; all other operations/intakes are fully staffed and operating remotely. Legal staff available for any court appearances.
 <b>Vivent Health (formerly ARCW)</b> 1311 N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street (414) 225-1578 or (800) 359-9272 <a href="http://www.viventhealth.org">www.viventhealth.org</a>	Free representation and counseling to <b>people with HIV/AIDS on a wide array of legal matters</b> , including <b>HIV-related confidentiality, disability benefits appeals, powers of attorney, simple wills, HIV-related discrimination, and landlord-tenant matters</b> . Call for intake information.

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### Low Cost or Sliding Scale Services

 <b>MEDIATEMILWAUKEE</b> Housing help through mediation  <b>Mediate Wisconsin</b> (414) 939-8800 <a href="http://www.mediatemilwaukee.com">www.mediatemilwaukee.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free <b>landlord/tenant</b> mediation available by phone for both matters filed in Milwaukee County eviction court and those not yet filed. Call or email <a href="mailto:apply@mediatemilwaukee.com">apply@mediatemilwaukee.com</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Foreclosure</b> mediation available by phone for matters filed in participating county courts (see website for more information). Applications are available <a href="#">online</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No cost to request mediation or to work with a housing counselor.</li> <li>○ Both parties must pay a one-time fee before the case is scheduled for mediation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Small Claims Court Mediation Clinic</b> (414) 376-8025 <a href="mailto:mulsmmediationclinic@gmail.com">mulsmmediationclinic@gmail.com</a>	Free <b>small claims</b> mediation (for money judgments—not eviction cases) available by phone or Zoom for matters filed in Milwaukee Co. Small Claims Court or referred from Milwaukee Co. Civil Court. Mediation sessions are scheduled for Monday mornings starting at 9:00AM.
 <b>Civitas Law Group</b> 2618 W. Greenfield Ave. <a href="http://www.clgmke.org">www.clgmke.org</a>	Low-cost legal representation for <b>family law</b> . Contact via the website to make an appointment.
<b>Nonprofit Legal Referral Services</b> (414) 435-0636	Low-cost legal representation in <b>family law</b> . Potential clients should call to have their eligibility screened and for intake information.
 <b>Centro Legal</b> 611 W. National Ave., 103 (414) 384-7900 <a href="http://www.centrolegalwisconsin.org">www.centrolegalwisconsin.org</a>	Low-cost legal representation in <b>family law</b> cases. Services in English and Spanish. Free family law advice and intake via phone appointment. Call main office line and leave a voicemail to be scheduled for an appointment.
 <b>Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants</b> 1233 South 45th Street (414) 643-8570 <a href="https://risccmke.org/">https://risccmke.org/</a>	Low-cost representation for <b>immigrants</b> in the ten counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee related to <b>Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)</b> . Free assistance with <b>affirmative and defensive asylum, deportation defense for both lawful permanent residents and non-lawful permanent residents, family-based immigration, special juvenile status for abused and abandoned children, and "U" nonimmigrant status for victims of crime and the Violence Against Women Act for certain domestic violence victims</b> . Free one-on-one citizenship tutoring. Services in English, Spanish, Burmese, Somali, Spanish, French, Swahili, Benbe, Dari, Pashto, and Rohingya. Call for an appointment.
<b>International Institute of Wisconsin</b> 1110 N. Old World Third St., Ste. 420 (414) 225-6220 <a href="http://www.iwisconsin.org/">http://www.iwisconsin.org/</a>	The Institute provides low-cost legal <b>immigration and citizenship services</b> , such as adjustment of status for refugees and non-refugees, travel documents, petitions for family members and naturalization. Immigration continues to process cases but is not doing intake for new cases unless it is an emergency. Refugee Resettlement provides services and will do in person visits to clients for emergencies only. Translation and Interpretation can process requests. Call 414-225-6220 and leave a message. A staff member will get back to you.
<b>Central Wisconsin Community Law</b> 2266 N. Prospect Ave., Suite 312, Milwaukee, WI (414) 755-3419	Low-cost sliding-scale representation in <b>criminal defense and juvenile law (including CHIPS, TPR)</b> . Call for intake information.

### I NEED TO HIRE AND CAN PAY FOR A LAWYER

The Milwaukee and State Bar Associations offer referral services. When receiving a referral from one of these services, clients are offered an initial consult of ½ hour for no more than \$20.00. After that initial consultation, the hourly or flat fee is determined by the attorney.

- [Milwaukee Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service](#): (414) 274-6768 or [lris@milwbar.org](mailto:lris@milwbar.org); Monday to Friday, 8:30–4:30PM
- [State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service](#): (800) 362-9082

**State Bar Association Modest Means Panel** (phone: 888-529-7599) is designed to assist people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services, but too low to pay a lawyer's standard rate. The panel assists on **bankruptcy, foreclosure defense, criminal/traffic/municipal, consumer, small claims, power of attorney/wills, guardianship, and family law** cases. For more information and to see if you qualify for these reduced fee services, fill out the questionnaire on their website: <https://www.wisbar.org/forpublic/ineedalawyer/pages/modest-means.aspx>

### ADDITIONAL RENT AND HOUSING RESOURCES

#### Eviction Records Forms



Scan the QR code and fill out the form to see if you may be eligible to have your eviction record sealed or obtain information about eviction judgments.

#### Milwaukee County Eviction Diversion Initiative

Brief information and connections to resources for landlords and tenants facing eviction.

901 N. 9th St., Room G-9, (414) 305-0557

Intake forms available at: <https://www.milwaukeejusticecenter.org/landlord-tenant.html>

**Impact 2-1-1** - Central access point for stability resources (housing, food, etc.). Just dial 2-1-1