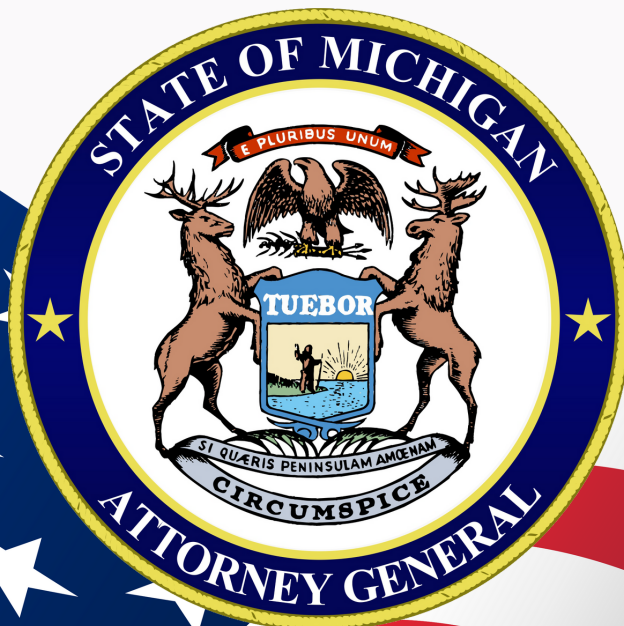


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# **MICHIGAN**

## **MILITARY & VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES GUIDE**





## **Attorney General Dana Nessel**



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 psychological 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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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, which contains legal resources for veterans, and can be found on their website ([michbar.org/programs/probonomanual](http://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 ([agcod@mi.gov](mailto:agcod@mi.gov)), ATTN: Military and Veterans' Guide.



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# 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  
law.udmercy.edu  
Email: 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  
lawestmi.org  
Email: admin@legallaidwestmich.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  
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 assistance with VA denials of service connection for PTSD due to military sexual trauma.

### Public Counsel: Center for Veterans Advancement

Lawyers Serving Warriors Program  
publiccounsel.org/practice\_areas/center\_for\_veterans\_advancement

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### The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

Phone: 888-838-7727; 202-628-8164  
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

[uscourts.cavc.gov/practitioners\\_info.php](http://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

[vetadvocates.org/cpages/home](http://vetadvocates.org/cpages/home)

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

[myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/Army-Recovery-Care-Program-\(ARCP\)-\(formerly-known-as-Army-Wounded-Warrior-Program-\(AW2\)\)](http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/Army-Recovery-Care-Program-(ARCP)-(formerly-known-as-Army-Wounded-Warrior-Program-(AW2)))

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

[michigan.gov/dmva](http://michigan.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](http://minationalguard.com)).

MI Veterans Affairs Agency

3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.  
Lansing, MI 48906

Phone: 800-642-4838;

[michigan.gov/mvaa/](http://michigan.gov/mvaa/)

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*

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

### *Military One Source*

Phone: 800-342-9647  
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.

### *Modern Military Association of America*

1725 I Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20006  
Phone: 202-328-3244  
modernmilitary.org  
Email: legal@modernmilitary.org

Through our legal services program, we assist members of the LGBTQ military and veteran community with discharge upgrades, legal name changes and a wide range of other legal issues.

### *National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)*

1 Archives Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63138  
Phone: 314-801-0800; 866-272-6272  
archives.gov/st-louis  
Email: MPR.Center@nara.gov  
Status Check: 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 W. Century Boulevard, Ste. 350  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
Phone: 310-642-0255;  
888-777-4443 (Counselor)  
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  
safeharborfoundation.org  
Email: 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.

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.

### Stateside Legal

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  
realwarriors.net

### Swords to Plowshares

Phone: 571-970-6369  
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 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 offices and VA medical centers.

### VA Benefits

Website: [ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits](http://ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits)

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.



# Additional Resources

## **VA Health Benefits Enroll by Phone**

Phone: 877-222-8387

## **Veterans Benefits Administration Hotline**

Phone: 800-827-1000

## **VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans**

Phone: 877-424-3838

Chat Online: [va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp](https://va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp)

## **Women Veterans Call Center:**

Phone: 855-829-6636

The call center is available by phone, text, or online chat ([womenshealth.va.gov/wvcc.asp](https://womenshealth.va.gov/wvcc.asp)).

## **Veterans Crisis Line:**

Phone: 800-273-8255, Press 1

Text: 838255

Chat Online: [veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/](https://veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/)

## **Board of Veterans Appeals**

Phone: 844-678-8979

[bva.va.gov](https://bva.va.gov)

## **GI Bill Hotline**

Phone: 888-442-4551





## CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES & RESOURCES

If you believe that your VA-accredited representative acted unethically or violated the law, you may file a complaint about your representative with VA's Office of General Counsel. For more information on filing a complaint, [please review VA's factsheet](#).

[va.gov/OGC/docs/Accred/HowtoFileaComplaint.pdf](http://va.gov/OGC/docs/Accred/HowtoFileaComplaint.pdf)

For information on what VA's Office of General Counsel can do, and what it cannot do, in response to a complaint regarding representation, [please review VA's factsheet](#).

[va.gov/OGC/docs/Accred/EnforcementAuthority.pdf](http://va.gov/OGC/docs/Accred/EnforcementAuthority.pdf) Accreditation Program Enforcement Authority

[MI Department of Attorney General](#)  
Consumer Protection Division  
P.O. Box 30213  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Phone: 517-373-1140; 877-765-8388  
Website: [michigan.gov/ag/consumer-protection](http://michigan.gov/ag/consumer-protection)

### 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](#) ([michigan.gov/agcharity](http://michigan.gov/agcharity)).

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

To inquire about a particular organization or to make a complaint, [email the Charitable Trust Section](#) ([ct\\_email@mi.gov](mailto: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](https://benefits.va.gov/pension) ([benefits.va.gov/pension](https://benefits.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](https://va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp) ([va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp](https://va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp)).

Accredited counselors and other assistance are also available through county VA offices.



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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](https://consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers) ([consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers](https://consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers)).



## **Veterans' Treatment Courts**

Veterans' Treatment Court uses a hybrid integration of drug court and mental health court principles 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.

### **Allegan/Ottawa/Van Buren**

57th District Court  
113 Chestnut St.  
Allegan, MI 49010  
Call: 269-673-0400

### **Calhoun**

10 District Court  
161 E. Michigan Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017  
Call: 269-969-6726

### **Clare/Gladwin**

80th District Court  
225 West Main  
Harrison, MI 48625  
Call: 989-539-7173

### **Dickinson**

95B District Court  
705 S. Stephensen Ave.,  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
Call: 906-774-0506

### **Eaton**

56th Circuit Court  
1045 Independence Blvd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
Call: 517-543-2999

### **Genesee**

7th Circuit Court  
932 Beach St., 2nd Floor  
Flint, MI 48502  
Call: 810-424-4355



**Ingham**

54-B District Court  
101 Linden St.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
Call: 517-351-7000

**Ionia**

64-A District Court  
101 W. Main Street  
Ionia, MI 48846  
Call: 616-527-5344

**Kalamazoo**

9th Circuit Court  
227 W. Michigan Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
Call: 269-383-6468

**Kent**

62A District Court  
2650 Defloop Ave., SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509  
Call: 616-257-9814

**Livingston**

53rd District Court  
204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 1  
Howell, MI 48843  
Call: 517-548-1000

**Macomb**

16th Circuit Court  
40 N. Main Street  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043  
Call: 586-469-5164

41B District Court  
22380 Starks Dr.  
Clinton Twp., MI 48036  
Call: 586-469-9300

**Monroe**

1st District Court  
106 E. 1st Street  
Monroe, MI 48161  
Call: 734-240-7075



**Montmorency**

88th District Court  
719 W. Chisholm, Ste. 3  
Alpena, MI 49707  
Call: 989-785-8035

**Muskegon**

60th District Court  
990 Terrace St.,  
Muskegon, MI 49442

**Oakland**

*6th Circuit Court*  
1200 N. Telegraph Rd.  
Pontiac, MI 48341  
Call: 248-452-2154

*45th District Court*  
13600 Oak Park Blvd.  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
248-691-7532

*51st District Court*  
5100 Civic Center Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48329  
Call: 248-674-4655

*52-1 District Court*  
48150 Grand River Ave.,  
Novi, MI 48374  
Call: 248-305-6144

**Saginaw**

70th District Court  
111 S. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
Call: 989-790-5363

**Washtenaw**

15th District Court  
301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107  
Call: 734-794-6764



## **Wayne**

### *3rd Circuit Court*

1441 St. Antoine  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Call: 313-387-2790

### *17th District Court*

15111 Beech-Daly Rd.  
Redford Twp., MI 48239  
Call: 313-387-2790

### *19th District Court*

16901 Michigan Ave.  
Dearborn, MI 48126  
Call: 313-943-2060

### *28th District Court*

14720 Reaume Parkway  
Southgate, MI 48195  
Call: 734-258-3068

### *36th District Court*

421 Madison St., #3066  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Call: 313-965-3721



## **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.

**Accreditation Search:** [va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp](http://va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp)

### **Service Officers Affiliated with Veteran's Organizations**

#### *American Legion*

212 N. Verlinden Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48915  
Phone: 517-371-4720  
[michiganlegion.org](http://michiganlegion.org)  
Email: [info@michiganlegion.org](mailto:info@michiganlegion.org)

McNamara Federal Bldg., Rm. 1210  
477 Michigan Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Contact: Gary Easterling  
Phone: 313-964-6640  
Email: [al.vbadet@va.gov](mailto:al.vbadet@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  
[amvetstmichigan.org](http://amvetstmichigan.org)

#### *Disabled American Veterans Department of Michigan*

17779 E.14 Mile Rd  
Fraser, MI 48026  
Phone: 586-415-8610  
[mi-dav.org](http://mi-dav.org)  
Email: [headquarters@davmichigan.com](mailto:headquarters@davmichigan.com)

McNamara Federal Building,  
Room 1200  
477 Michigan Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Contact: Kwan Tillman  
Phone: 313-964-6595  
Email: [dav.vbadet@va.gov](mailto:dav.vbadet@va.gov)

#### *Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency*

3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Lansing, MI 48906  
Phone: 800-642-4838  
[michigan.gov/MVAA](http://michigan.gov/MVAA)  
Email: [MVAAResourceCenter@mi.gov](mailto:MVAAResourceCenter@mi.gov)

McNamara Federal Bldg.  
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1221  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Contact: Robert Near  
Phone: 313-471-3985; 313-471-3986  
Email: [MVAA-Outreach@mi.gov](mailto:MVAA-Outreach@mi.gov)



Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America

46701 Commerce Center Dr.  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
Phone: 248-476-9000; 800-638-6782  
michiganpva.org  
McNamara Federal Bldg.  
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1233  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Contact: Stephanie Strickland  
Phone: 313-471-3996; 800-795-3608  
Email: stephanies@pva.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars

924 N. Washington Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48906  
Phone: 517-485-9456  
vfwmi.org  
McNamara Federal Bldg.  
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1228  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Contact: Sidney Love  
Phone: 313-964-6510  
Email: vfwus.vbadet@va.gov

Vietnam Veterans of America

McNamara Federal Bldg.  
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1226  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Contact: Gary Estermyer  
Phone: 313-961-9568  
vva.org  
Email: vva.vbadet@va.gov



## **SERVICE OFFICERS/COUNSELORS WHO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH VA BENEFITS**

Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors | [macvc.net](http://macvc.net)

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.

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

### **County Service Counselors**

#### **Alcona**

106 Fifth St.

P.O. Box 308

Harrisville, MI 48740

**Contact: Tony Atkinson**

Phone: 989-724-9510

[alconacountymi.com/?page\\_id=427](http://alconacountymi.com/?page_id=427)

Email: [tatkinson@alcona-county.net](mailto:tatkinson@alcona-county.net)

#### **Alger**

101 Court St.

Munising, MI 49862

**Contact: Becky Johns**

Phone: 906-387-1635

Email: [algervets@algercounty.gov](mailto:algervets@algercounty.gov)

#### **Allegan**

3255 122nd Ave., Ste. 200

Allegan, MI 49010

**Contact: Jacquelyn King** ([jking@allegancounty.org](mailto:jking@allegancounty.org))

**Contact: Sherry Owens** ([sowens@allencounty.org](mailto:sowens@allencounty.org))

**Contact Lauren Patterson** ([patterson@allegancounty.org](mailto:patterson@allegancounty.org))

Phone: 269-673-0501

#### **Alpena**

150 B N. State St.

Alpena, MI 49707

**Contact: Dan Perge** ([perged@alpenacounty.org](mailto:perged@alpenacounty.org))

**Contact: William Stypick** ([stypickw@alpenacounty.org](mailto:stypickw@alpenacounty.org))

Phone: 989-354-9671

Website: [alpenacounty.org/veterans-affairs](http://alpenacounty.org/veterans-affairs)



**Antrim**

203 E. Cayuga St., Rm 213

P.O. Box 1049

Bellaire, MI 49615

**Contact: Brandon Corbin** (corbinb@antrimcounty.org)

**Contact: Libby Hiser** (hiserl@antrimcounty.org)

**Contact: Tim Cary** (caryt@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: Douglas Gray**

Phone: 906-524-5454

Email: [bcvso@baragacounty.org](mailto:bcvso@baragacounty.org)

**Bay**

515 Center Ave., Rm 212

Bay City, MI 48708

**Contact: Mark Kaczmarek** (kaczmarekm@baycounty.net)

Phone: 989-895-4190

Email: [kaczmarekm@baycounty.net](mailto:kaczmarekm@baycounty.net)

**Benzie**

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

**Contact: Karen Korolenko**

Phone: 231-882-0034

Email: [kkorolenko@benzieco.net](mailto:kkorolenko@benzieco.net)

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Contact: Stoney Summey

Phone: 269-467-5557

Fax: 269-467-5512

Website: [stjosephcountymi.org/veterans](http://stjosephcountymi.org/veterans)

Email: [summeys@stjosephcountymi.org](mailto:summeys@stjosephcountymi.org)

**Tuscola**

1309 Cleaver Rd., Ste. B

Caro, MI 48723

**Contact: Mark Zmierski** ([mzmierski@tchd.us](mailto:mzmierski@tchd.us))

**Contact: John Boggs** ([jboggs@tchd.us](mailto:jboggs@tchd.us))

Phone: 989-673-8148

Website: [tchd.us/programs/veterans-affairs-office](http://tchd.us/programs/veterans-affairs-office)

**Van Buren**

219 Paw Pat St., Ste. 303

Paw Paw, MI 49079

**Contact: David Krzycki** ([kryzckid@vanburencountymi.gov](mailto:kryzckid@vanburencountymi.gov))

**Contact: Dennis Urquhart** ([urquhartd@vanburencountymi.gov](mailto:urquhartd@vanburencountymi.gov))

Phone: 269-657-8200 ext. 1612 or 1613

Website: [vanburencountymi.gov/562/Veterans-Services](http://vanburencountymi.gov/562/Veterans-Services)

**Washtenaw**

2155 Hogback Rd.

P.O. Box 8645

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**Contact: Laura Blakemore** ([blakemorel@washtenaw.org](mailto:blakemorel@washtenaw.org))

**Contact: Molly Cordova** ([cordovam@washtenaw.org](mailto:cordovam@washtenaw.org))

**Contact: David Saims** ([saimsd@washtenaw.org](mailto:saimsd@washtenaw.org))

**Contact: Michael Smith** ([smithmg@washtenaw.org](mailto:smithmg@washtenaw.org))

Phone: 734-973-4540

Website: [washtenaw.org/959/Veterans-Affairs](http://washtenaw.org/959/Veterans-Affairs)

**Wayne**

400 Monroe, Ste. 405

Detroit, MI 48226

**Contact: Randy Walker, Director**

Phone: 313-224-5045

Website: [waynecounty.com/departments/hhvs/veteran-s-services.aspx](http://waynecounty.com/departments/hhvs/veteran-s-services.aspx)

Email: [wcveterans@waynecounty.com](mailto:wcveterans@waynecounty.com)



**GENERAL LEGAL  
SERVICES FOR  
LOW-INCOME  
INDIVIDUALS,  
INCLUDING  
VETERANS**



**Statewide/National Legal Services Programs**

**Michigan Legal Services**

2727 Second Ave., Ste 333

Detroit, MI 48201

Phone: 313-964-4130

Website: [milegalservices.org](http://milegalservices.org)

**Disability Rights Michigan**

**Lansing Office:**

4095 Legacy Parkway, Ste., 500

Lansing, MI 48911

Phone: 517-487-1755; 800-288-5923

**Marquette Office:**

129 W. Baraga Ave., Ste. A

Marquette, MI 49855

Phone: 906-228-5910; 866-928-5910

Website: [drmich.org](http://drmich.org)



## **County/Regional Legal Services Programs**

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901 Port St.

Saint Joseph, MI 49085-1116

Phone: 269-983-6363; 800-310-2798

Website: [berriencounty.org/874/Veterans-Services](http://berriencounty.org/874/Veterans-Services)

Provides lawyers and legal advice to low-income residents of Berrien County or seniors (60+) in Berrien, Cass, or Van Buren Counties.

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12121 Hemingway

Redford, MI 48239

Phone: 313-937-8291

Website: [nlsmichigan.org/contact](http://nlsmichigan.org/contact)

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**

16250 Northland Drive, Suite 363

Southfield, MI 48075

Counsel & Advocacy Law

Phone: 888-783-8190

Website: [lakeshorelegalaid.org](http://lakeshorelegalaid.org)

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Detroit, MI 48216  
Call : 313-246-0822

### *Family Law Assistance Project*

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Pontiac, MI 48342  
Call: 248-530-9330

### *Free Legal Aid Clinic*

3627 W. Vernor Highway  
Detroit, MI 48216  
Call : 313-833-0058

### *LaVida*

Located in Community Health & Social  
Services Center (CHASS)  
5635 W. Fort Street  
Detroit, MI 48209  
Call: 313-849-3920

### *Mt. Clemens*

32 Market Street, Suite 2  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043  
Call: 568-469-5185

### *Pontiac*

35 W. Huron, Suite 701  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
Call: 248-530-9330

### *Port Huron*

80310th Avenue, #C  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
Call: 810-985-5107

### *Riverview*

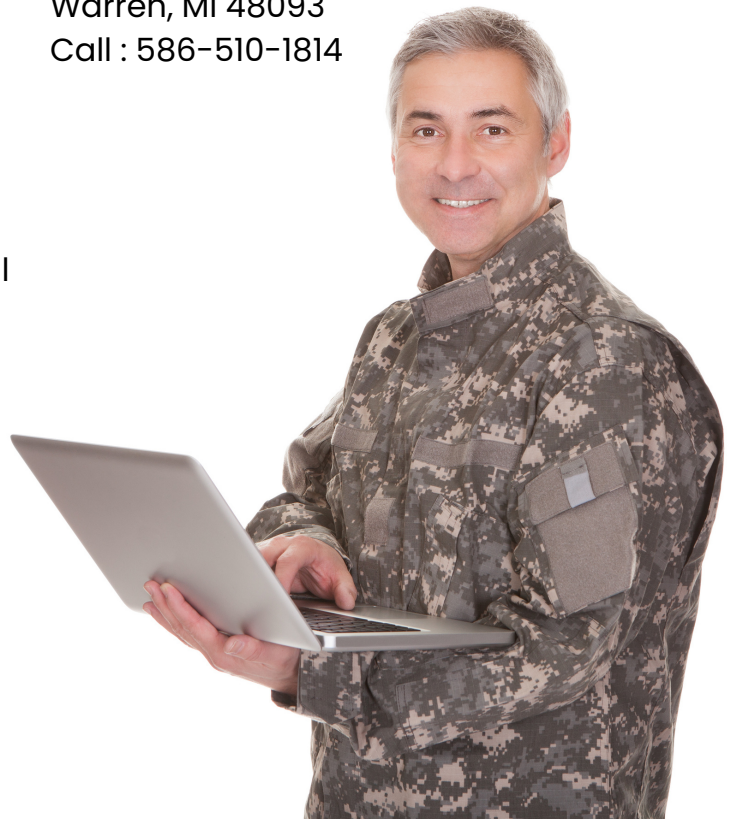
13909 Pennsylvania, Suite A  
Riverview, MI 48193  
Call: 734-561-4091

### *Southfield*

16250 Northland Drive, Suite 372  
Southfield, MI 48075  
Call: 248-530-4455

### *Warren*

30500 Van Dyke, Suite 601  
Warren, MI 48093  
Call : 586-510-1814





**Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc.**

645 Griswold, Ste. 2400

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313-967-5555; 877-964-4700

Website: [ladadetroit.org](http://ladadetroit.org)

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, provides comprehensive civil legal services to residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties who cannot afford an attorney.

All potential clients must complete a screening process to determine their financial eligibility for legal services, as well as lack of conflicts with other clients. Additionally, the screening process will ensure that the client's legal problem falls within the priorities of our organization. For individuals not qualifying for our services, there is a referral system in place to ensure they receive the help they need.

- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Criminal Record Expungement
- Survivors of Domestic Violence,
- Sexual Assault and
- Stalking.

*Legal Aid & Defender Detroit & Wayne County*

1240 Third St.

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313-967-5800; 877-964-4700

*Legal Aid & Defender Macomb County*

32 Market St.

Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Phone: 586-465-1344

*Legal Aid & Defender Oakland County*

Oakland Towne Center

28 North Saginaw St.

Pontiac, MI 48342

Phone: 248-253-1548

*Legal Assistance Program of Macomb County*

Department of Senior Citizens Services

21885 Dunham Rd., Rm. 9

Clinton Twp., MI 48036

Phone: 586-469-6406

Provides assistance to seniors age 60 and older.



### **Legal Services of Eastern Michigan**

Phone: 888-783-8190

Website: [lsem-mi.org](http://lsem-mi.org)

LSEM delivers free legal help in 14 Mid-Michigan counties, Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola.

LSEM offers service from two offices, one in Flint, which also serves as the administrative office, and one in Saginaw. LSEM also provides home visits to the homebound and elderly.

Types of Cases: Family Law, Housing, Fair Housing, Consumer problems, Government Benefits, Education, Employment, Individual Rights, Seniors.

#### *Flint Office*

*Serves Genesee and Lapeer Counties*

436 S. Saginaw Street  
Flint, Michigan 48502

#### *Caro Office*

*Serves Tuscola County*

429 N. State St., Suite 108  
Caro, Michigan 48723

#### *Saginaw Office*

*Serves Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, and Midland Counties.*

301 E. Genesee Ave.  
5th Floor of the Commerce Building  
Saginaw, Michigan 48607

### **Legal Services of Northern Michigan**

Website: [lsnm.org](http://lsnm.org)

Serves the following counties in Northern Michigan -Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, Wexford.

Provides a full range of legal services in most areas of civil law for people who meet Federal poverty guidelines or who are 60 years of age or older. These services include: basic discussion of client rights; counseling; preparation of letters, documents, deeds, and pleadings; negotiations; administrative hearings; trials; and, in some cases, appeals, and community legal education presentations.



## **Legal Services of Northern Michigan**

### *Alpena*

110 N. Third Ave.  
Alpena, MI 49707  
Call: 888-356-9009

### *Escanaba*

806 Ludington Street  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
Call: 888-786-2303

### *Gaylord*

1349 S. Otsego Ave., Unit 7B  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
Call: 888-645-9993

### *Houghton*

706 Sharon Avenue  
Houghton, MI 49931  
Call: 888-482-2343

### *Marquette*

112 W. Washington St., Ste. 1  
Marquette, MI 49855  
Call: 888-228-5590

### *Sault Ste. Marie*

130 W. Spruce Street  
P.O. Box 710  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Call: 888-632-9313

### *Traverse City*

221 Garland Street, Ste. H  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Call: 888-941-9599

## **Legal Services of South-Central Michigan**

Website: [lsscm.org](http://lsscm.org)

Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income individuals, families, and older adults in Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties.

LSSCM provides free civil legal assistance to low income persons with emphasis on homelessness prevention, domestic violence prevention, assisting in accessing health care, food, and needs-based income programs.

### *Washtenaw County Office*

(Includes Michigan  
Advocacy Program  
Administration)  
15 S. Washington Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
Call: 888-665-6181

### *Battle Creek Office*

(Barry, Branch & Calhoun  
Counties)  
123 W Territorial Rd.  
Battle Creek, MI 49015  
Call: 800-688-3951

### *Jackson Office*

(Jackson & Hillsdale  
Counties)  
540 N. Jackson St.  
Jackson, MI 49201  
Call: 517-787-6111

### *Lansing Office*

(Ingham, Eaton, Clinton,  
Livingston, and  
Shiawassee Counties)  
3490 Belle Chase Way,  
#SO  
Lansing, MI 48911  
Call: 888-783-8190

### *Monroe Office*

(Monroe & Lenawee Counties)  
898 S. Telegraph Rd.  
Monroe, MI 48161  
Call: 888-251-1598

### **Farmworker Legal Services**

3030 S. 9th St Ste. 1A  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
Call: 269-492-7190  
Website: [farmworkerlaw.org](http://farmworkerlaw.org)



## **Western Michigan Legal Services Legal Aid of Western Michigan**

Website: lawestmi.org

Email: admin@legalaidwestmich.net

Areas of Legal Assistance: Civil Rights, Consumer, Debt/Credit/Bankruptcy, Disability, Education, Elder Law, Employment, Family & Juvenile, Health, Homeless, Housing, Life Planning, Prisoners, Public Benefits, Veterans' Benefits. Legal Aid of Western Michigan serves people in 17 counties in the lower Western part of Michigan with offices in Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Niles and St. Joseph.

### *Grand Rapids Office*

(serves Kent, Ionia, Mecosta, & Montcalm Counties)  
25 Division Ave., Ste. 300  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Call: 616-774-0672;  
800-442-2777

### *Holland Office*

(serves Allegan & Ottawa Counties)  
636 Hastings St.  
Holland, MI 49423  
Call: 616-394-1380

### *Kalamazoo Office*

(serves Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren Counties)  
201 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Rm. 308  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
Call: 269-344-8113

### *Muskegon Office*

(serves Lakes, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana & Osceola Counties)  
Hume Building  
450 Morris Ave., Ste. 302  
Muskegon, MI 49440  
Call: 231-726-4887

### *St. Joseph Office*

(serves Berrien County)  
901 Port St.  
P.O. Box E  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
Call: 269-983-6363

## **Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan (NLSM)**

Website: nlsMichigan.org

Abused and homeless individuals, children, seniors and those with life-challenging illness can sometimes qualify to receive services free of charge.

### *Housing Advocacy*

7310 Woodward Ave., Ste. 301  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Call: 313-964-1975

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## **Law School Clinics & Related Programs**

### **Michigan State University College of Law**

The MSU Law Clinic is a law firm staffed by dedicated clinical educators and second and third-year law students that offers free legal services in specific areas of practice: Chance at Childhood, Civil Rights, First Amendment, Housing, Immigration, Indian Law, Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurial Law, Alvin. L. Storrs Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic.

648 N. Shaw Lane  
East Lansing, MI 48824-1300  
Call: 517-432-6800  
Website: [law.msu.edu/index.html](http://law.msu.edu/index.html)

### **Wayne State University – Legal Clinics**

Wayne State Law School Advocates for Warriors free legal service for veteran's program.

471 W. Palmer Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Call: 313-577-4015  
Website: [law.wayne.edu/academics/clinics](http://law.wayne.edu/academics/clinics)

### **University of Michigan – Veterans Legal Clinic**

The Veterans Legal Clinic at Michigan Law School is a clinical offering in which veterans and, in some cases, their immediate families will receive legal help in civil matters such as family law (divorce, custody, support and visitation), eviction, consumer problems, foreclosure, and employment cases.

625 S. State St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
Call: 734-763-6750  
Website: [michigan.law.umich.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics/veterans-legal-clinic-0](http://michigan.law.umich.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics/veterans-legal-clinic-0)



## REFERRAL SERVICES FOR FEE-BASED LEGAL HELP FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS



*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: [lrs.michbar.org](http://lrs.michbar.org)

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  
Call: 586-468-8300  
Website: [macombbar.org](http://macombbar.org)



**Oakland County Bar Association**

Lawyer Referral Service  
1760 S. Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
Call: 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  
Call: 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  
Call: 616-454-5550  
Website: grbar.org

**Genesee County Bar Association**

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

***Other Lawyer Referral Sources*****American Immigration Lawyers Association**

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

**National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys**

Website: naela.org

**National Organization of Social Security Claimant's Representatives**

Call: 800-431-2804  
Website: nossr.org



## LEGAL AID CLINICS



*Legal Aid Clinics provide advice from attorneys and possible referrals. However, attorneys who assist at Legal Aid Clinics rarely represent the individual after providing advice to him or her at the Clinic.*

### **Legal Clinics at Wayne State University**

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### **Veterans Law Clinic at the University of Detroit Mercy Law**

Provides educational and legal assistance to homeless, indigent and low-income veterans on disability and pension benefit appeals.

651 E. Jefferson Ave.

Detroit, MI 48226

Call: 313-596-0235

Website: [lawschool.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-education/clinics.php](http://lawschool.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-education/clinics.php)

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Website: <https://www.law.msu.edu/centers-institutes/index.html>

## **Legal Aid and Pro Bono Programs**

### **Western Michigan Legal Services**

Provides assistance to veterans' families who are homeless, in transitional housing or at risk of homelessness. Cases are referred to LAWWM when there is a legal issue that can either prevent homelessness or remove an obstacle to permanent housing.

Website: [lawwestmi.org](http://lawwestmi.org)

#### **Grand Rapids**

(Kent, Ionia, Mecosta & Montcalm)

25 Division Ave S, Ste 300

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

#### **Kalamazoo**

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

201 W Kalamazoo Ave, Ste 427

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

#### **Holland (Allegan & Ottawa)**

636 Hastings Ave

Holland, MI 49423

#### **Muskegon**

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

450 Morris Ave, Ste 104

Muskegon, MI 49440

#### **St. Joseph (Berrien)**

901 Port St

St. Joseph, MI 49085



### **National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP)**

NVLSP's Lawyers Serving Warriors® program offers pro bono (that is, free) legal help with disability issues to veterans from all eras. Since the CAVC was created in 1988, NVLSP has represented thousands of veterans before the Court – all at no charge to the veteran. Through class action lawsuits, NVLSP brings claims on behalf of a group of individuals who have been wrongfully denied the benefits they have earned through their service to our country.

Individual Representation

Call: 202-265-8305

Email: [info@nvlsp.org](mailto:info@nvlsp.org)

Website: [www.nvlsp.org](http://www.nvlsp.org)

### **Center for Veterans' Advancement**

Offers pro bono legal help to assist low-income veterans from all eras and their caregivers with VA Benefits claims and Discharge Upgrades.

Call: 213-385-2977 x301

Website: [publiccounsel.org/programs/center-for-veterans-advancement/areas-of-expertise/](http://publiccounsel.org/programs/center-for-veterans-advancement/areas-of-expertise/)

### **The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program**

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (Pro Bono Program) was created in 1992, with a dual mission: to aid unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court).

2101 L Street NW, Suite 840

Washington, DC 20037

Call: 888-838-7727

Website: [vetsprobono.org/apply](http://vetsprobono.org/apply)

### **Michigan Legal Services**

Provides help with housing, health and public benefits particularly in low-income communities.

2727 Second Ave., Ste 333

Detroit, MI 48201

Call: 313-0964-4130

Website: [milegalservices.org](http://milegalservices.org)



### **Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services**

DRM provides information, referrals, and possible direct representation to people with disabilities. DRM also serves children under age 10 who are identified as being at risk of having a disability.

Website: [drmich.org](http://drmich.org)

#### **Lansing:**

4095 Legacy Pkwy., Suite 500

Lansing, MI 48911

Call : 517 487-1755

#### **Marquette:**

129 W Baraga Ave, Ste A

Marquette, MI 49855-4644

Call: 866-928-5910

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Website: [berriencounty.org/874/Veterans-Services](http://berriencounty.org/874/Veterans-Services)

### **Elder Law of Michigan**

Elder Law of Michigan promotes and protects the rights, health, and economic well-being of older adults and people with disabilities by providing information, advocacy, and professional services.

Call: 866-400-9164

Website: [elderlawofmi.org](http://elderlawofmi.org)

### **Housing Advocacy - Out Wayne County**

8900 Pardee Road

Taylor, Michigan 48180

Call: 313-316-5356



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Call: 888-783-8190

Website: [lakeshorelegalaid.org](http://lakeshorelegalaid.org)

### **Counsel & Advocacy Law Line**

16250 Northland Dr., Ste. 363

Southfield, MI 48075

Call: 248-443-8068

### **Dearborn**

Garrison Place Building

19855 W. Outer Drv., Ste. 502-E

5th Floor, East Building

Dearborn, MI 4824

Call: 313-314-1500

### **Detroit – Cass Corridor**

2727 2nd Ave., Ste. 301

Detroit, MI 48201

Call: 313-242-0811

### **Southwest Detroit**

3627 W. Vernor Highway

Detroit, MI 48216

Call: 313-246-0822

### **Family Law Assistance Project**

35 W. Huron, Ste. 701

Pontiac, MI 48342

Call: 248-530-9330

### **Free Legal Aid Clinic**

3627 W. Vernor Highway

Detroit, MI 48216

Call: 313-833-0058

### **LaVida**

Located in Community Health & Social Services Center (CHASS)

5635 W. Fort Street

Detroit, MI 48209

Call: 313-849-3920

### **Mt. Clemens**

32 Market St., Ste. 2

Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Call: 586-469-5185

### **Pontiac**

35 W. Huron, Ste., 701

Pontiac, MI 48342

Call: 248-530-9330

### **Port Huron**

803 10th Ave., #C

Port Huron, MI 48060

Call: 810-985-5107

### **Riverview**

13909 Pennsylvania, Ste. A

Riverview, MI 48193

Call: 734-561-4091

### **Southfield**

16250 Northland Dr., Ste 372

Southfield, MI 48075

Call: 248-530-4455

### **Warren**

30500 Van Dyke, Ste. 601

Warren, MI 48093

Call: 586-510-1814



## **Legal Services of Northern Michigan**

Serving the Following counties in Northern Michigan –Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, Wexford.

Provides a full range of legal services in most areas of civil law for people who meet Federal poverty guidelines or who are 60 years of age or older. These services include: basic discussion of client rights; counseling; preparation of letters, documents, deeds, and pleadings; negotiations; administrative hearings; trials; and, in some cases, appeals, and community legal education presentations.

Website: [lsnm.org](http://lsnm.org)

### **Alpena**

110 N. Third Av.,  
Alpena, MI 49707  
Call: 888-356-9009

### **Escanaba**

806 Ludington Street  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
Call: 888-786-2303

### **Gaylord**

1349 S. Otsego Ave., Unit 7B  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
Call: 888-645-9993

### **Houghton**

706 Sharon Ave.,  
Houghton, MI 49931  
Call: 888-482-2343

### **Marquette**

112 W. Washington St., Ste. 1  
Marquette, MI 49855  
Call: 888-228-5590

### **Sault Ste. Marie**

130 W. Spruce Street  
P.O. Box 710  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Call: 888-632-9313

### **Traverse City**

221 Garland St., Ste. H  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Call: 888-941-9599



## **Legal Services of South-Central Michigan**

Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income individuals, families, and older adults in Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties. LSSCM provides free civil legal assistance to low income persons with emphasis on homelessness prevention, domestic violence prevention, assisting in accessing health care, food, and needs-based income programs.

Website: <https://lsscm.org/>

### **Washtenaw County**

*(includes Michigan Advocacy Program Administration)*

15 S. Washington St.,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Call: 888-665-6181

### **Battle Creek**

*(serves Barry, Branch & Calhoun Counties)*

123 W. Territorial Rd.

Battle Creek, MI 49015

Call: 800-688-3951

### **Jackson**

*(serves Jackson & Hillsdale Counties)*

540 N. Jackson St.

Jackson, MI 49201

Call: 517-787-6111

### **Lansing**

*(serves Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Livingston, and Shiawassee Counties)*

3490 Belle Chase Way, #50

Lansing, MI 48911

Call: 888-783-8190

### **Monroe**

*(serves Monroe & Lenawee Counties)*

898 S. Telegraph Rd.,

Monroe, MI 48161

Call: 888-251-1598

### **Farmworker Legal Services**

3030 S. 9th St., Ste. 1A

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Call: 269-492-7190

Website: [farmworkerlaw.org](http://farmworkerlaw.org)

### **Detroit Bar Association**

*Detroit Legal Services Clinic*

The Detroit Legal Services Clinic provides information and advice from volunteer attorneys in the areas of: Divorce, Child Support, Domestic Relations Issues, Expungements, Self-Representation, General Civil Law.

645 Griswold St., Suite 3550

Detroit, MI 48226

Call: 313-961-6120 (Ext. 206)

Website: [detroitlawyer.org/clinic](http://detroitlawyer.org/clinic)



### **Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan**

The Free Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) is an opportunity for individuals to receive private, free, and confidential legal advice and problem clarification from the attorneys from the Grand Traverse–Leelanau–Antrim Bar Association.

***You must call ahead to register.***

3785 Veterans Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
Call: 231-922-4800  
Website: [cfsnwmi.org/flac](http://cfsnwmi.org/flac)

### **Michigan Indian Legal Services Private Attorney Involvement Program**

Michigan Indian Legal Services provides legal services statewide to income-eligible individuals and Tribes, advocates for the rights of individuals, which advances systems of justice, and works to preserve Indian families through state and tribal courts.

Website: [mils3.org](http://mils3.org)

***To conduct a new intake, please call: 231-947-0122.***

#### **Traverse City**

814 S. Garfield Ave., Ste. A  
Traverse City, MI 49686

#### **Pokagon Office**

27043 Potawatomi Trail  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

#### **NHBP – Pine Creek Office**

Community Center  
Mno-Bmadzewan Way  
Fulton, MI 49052

#### **NHBP Grand Rapids Office**

311 State Street  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



## LEGAL REFERRAL SERVICES FOR FEE- BASED HELP



*Referral services connect the general public to an attorney who practices in a specific area of law regarding a legal issue.*

### **State Bar of Michigan**

The State Bar of Michigan Modest Means Program connects moderate-income people with attorneys who offer reduced cost legal assistance. The Modest Means Program is not a free program. If one cannot afford to pay for services, contact the legal aid office in their County of residence. Use this interactive Guide to find the best available legal information and lawyer referrals.

306 Townsend St.

Lansing, MI 48933

Call: 800-968-0738

Website: [lrs.michbar.org](http://lrs.michbar.org)

### **Genesee County Bar Association**

The Lawyer Referral Service determines the general legal problem you have described. Then, for a prepaid fee of \$30 it arranges an appointment with an attorney who handles your kind of legal problem. The attorney will provide you with a half-hour consultation for this charge. The \$30 fee is waived for personal injury and social security matters.

315 E. Court St.

Flint, MI 48502

Call: 810-232-6012

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### **Grand Rapids Bar Association**

The Lawyer Referral Service can help those in need of legal services find an attorney. The referred attorney is one who works in the particular area of law required by the client. The Lawyer Referral Service arranges the half-hour appointment between client and attorney. For this service, the LRIS charges a \$25.00 administrative fee.

161 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 203B

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Call: 616-454-5550

Website: [grbar.org](http://grbar.org)

### **Macomb County Bar Association**

Almost all initial consultations are completed over the phone with the lawyer or sometimes with their intake staff.

40 N. Main St., Suite 435

Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Call: 586-468-8300

Website: [macombbar.org](http://macombbar.org)



**Oakland County LRS**

The OCBA's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) provides callers with referrals to qualified lawyers who can help them with their legal issue. The LRS staff cannot give legal advice, but can provide referrals in more than 100 areas of law.

1760 S. Telegraph Rd., Suite 100

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Call: 248-338-2100

Website: [ocba.org](http://ocba.org)

**Washtenaw County Bar Association**

There is a \$30 administrative fee for the service which must be prepaid. We will then give you the name and contact information of the attorney. The attorney will provide an up to 30-minute consultation. The LRIS is not an emergency service.

101 E. Huron St., Suite 1111

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Call: 734-996-3229

Website: [washbar.org](http://washbar.org)



**DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
**525 W. OTTAWA ST.**  
**LANSING, MI 48909**  
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