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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).

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](mailto:agcod@mi.gov) (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 LAWWM 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

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

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

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

Comprehensive website and state agency that provides information and describes benefits available to Michigan Veterans, and links to the Michigan National Guard (minationalguard.com).

MI Veterans Affairs Agency

3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.

Lansing, MI 48906

Phone: 800-642-4838;

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

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

Women Veterans Call Center:

Phone: 855-829-6636

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

Veterans Crisis Line:

Phone: 800-273-8255, Press 1

Text: 838255

Chat Online: veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/

Board of Veterans Appeals

Phone: 844-678-8979

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

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 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

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).

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

To inquire about a particular organization or to make a complaint, [email the Charitable Trust Section](#) (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).

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).

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).

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

Service Officers Affiliated with Veteran's Organizations

American Legion

212 N. Verlinden Ave.
Lansing, MI 48915
Phone: 517-371-4720
michiganlegion.org
Email: 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

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

Disabled American Veterans Department of Michigan

17779 E.14 Mile Rd
Fraser, MI 48026
Phone: 586-415-8610
mi-dav.org
Email: 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

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48906
Phone: 800-642-4838
michigan.gov/MVAA
Email: 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

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

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

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

SERVICE OFFICERS/COUNSELORS WHO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH VA BENEFITS

Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors | 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

Email: tatkinson@alcona-county.net

Alger

101 Court St.

Munising, MI 49862

Contact: Becky Johns

Phone: 906-387-1635

Email: algervets@algercounty.gov

Allegan

3255 122nd Ave., Ste. 200

Allegan, MI 49010

Contact: Jacquelyn King (jking@allegancounty.org)

Contact: Sherry Owens (sowens@allegancounty.org)

Contact Lauren Patterson (patterson@allegancounty.org)

Phone: 269-673-0501

Alpena

150 B N. State St.

Alpena, MI 49707

Contact: Dan Perge (perged@alpenacounty.org)

Contact: William Stypick (stypickw@alpenacounty.org)

Phone: 989-354-9671

Website: 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

Email: veteransaffairs@antrimcounty.org

Baraga

115 N. Front St.
L'Anse, MI 49946

Contact: Douglas Gray

Phone: 906-524-5454

Email: 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

Benzie

448 Court Place
Beulah, MI 49617

Contact: Karen Korolenko

Phone: 231-882-0034

Email: kkorolenko@benzieco.net

Berrien

701 Main St
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Contact: Maureen Adams (madams@berriencounty.org)

Phone: 269-983-7111 (extension 8510)

Website: berriencounty.org/veterans

Branch

570 Marshall Rd., Ste. F
Coldwater, MI 49036

Contact: Charles Scott

Phone: 517-279-4322

Website: countyofbranch.com/departments/va

Email: cscott@countyofbranch.com

Calhoun

190 E. Michigan Ave., Ste. 397B
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Contact: Luann Cape (lcape@calhouncountymi.gov)

Contact: Aaron Edlefson (aedlefson@calhouncountymi.gov)

Contact: Kristina Higgins (khiggins@calhouncountymi.gov)

Phone: 269-969-6735

Website: calhouncountymi.gov/departments/veterans_affairs

Cass

120 N. Broadway Ste. 215
Cassopolis, MI 49031

Contact: Karee Krause

Phone: 269-445-4472

Website: casscountymi.org/1262/Veterans-Affairs

Email: kareek@cassco.org

Charlevoix

301 State St

Charlevoix, MI 49720

Contact: Josh Galle (gallej@charlevoixcounty.org)

Contact: Kaylee Wells (wellsk@charlevoixcounty.org)

Phone: 231-547-7220

Website: charlevoixcounty.org/veterans_affairs/index.php

Cheboygan

870 S. Main St., Rm. 122

Cheboygan, MI 49721

Contact: Sara Cunningham

Phone: 231-627-8833

Website: cheboygancounty.net/departments-services/veterans-services/veteran-resources

Email: scunningham@cheboygancounty.net

Chippewa

319 Court St 3rd Fl
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Contact: Jacqueline Haske

Phone: 906-635-6370

Website: chippewacountymi.gov/veteran-affairs

Email: veteran@chippewacountymi.gov

Clare

225 W. Main St.
Harrison, MI 48625

Contact: Karl Hauser

Phone: 989-539-3273

Website: clareco.net

Email: hauserk@clareco.net

Clinton

Ingham County Services Clinton County Veterans

Contact: Amy Pocan (apocan@ingham.org)

Contact: John Taylor (taylorj@ingham.org)

Contact: Kenneth Love (klove@ingham.org)

Phone: 517-887-4331

Website: clinton-county.org/458/Veterans-Services

Crawford

Address: 501 Norway St., Ste. #3
Grayling, MI 49738

Contact: John Steele

Phone: 906-387-1635

Fax: 989-344-3265

Website: crawfordco.org/offices-departments/veterans-service

Email: jsteele@crawfordco.org

Delta

3300 Airport Rd., Ste. 3
Escanaba, MI 49829

Contact: David Dziejwior

Phone: 906-786-7228

Email: ddziejwior@deltacountymi.org

Dickinson

800 Crystal Lake Blvd., Ste. 100
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Contact: Denise Formolo

Phone: 906-774-2820

Email: dformolo@ovadickinsoncounty.com

Eaton

1045 Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Contact: Tom Lewis

Phone: 517-543-3740

Website: eatoncounty.org/195/Veterans-Services

Email: tlewis@eatoncounty.org

Emmet

3434 M. 119, Ste. D
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Contact: Jeff Urban

Phone: 231-348-1780

Website: emmetcounty.org/officials-departments/va/

Email: jurban@emmetcounty.org

Genesee

1101 Beach St.
Flint, MI 48502

Contact: William Palmer (wpalmer@geneseecountymi.gov)

Contact: John Stilley (jstilley@co.genesee.mi.us)

Contact: Carrie Wagner (cwagner@co.genesee.mi.us)

Phone: 810-257-3068

Website: gc4me.com/departments/veterans/index

Gladwin

555 W. Cedar Ave.
Gladwin, MI 48624

Contact: Ken Roberts

Phone: 989-426-4891

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Hillsdale, MI 49242

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**GENERAL LEGAL
SERVICES FOR
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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

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

County/Regional Legal Services Programs

Berrien County Legal Services Bureau

901 Port St.

Saint Joseph, MI 49085-1116

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

Website: 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.

Types of cases include: Elder Law, Family and Juvenile, Housing, Life Planning, Public Benefits, and Veterans' Benefits.

Elder Law & Advocacy Center - Redford

12121 Hemingway

Redford, MI 48239

Phone: 313-937-8291

Website: 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

Lakeshore Legal Aid Services is a not-for-profit law firm providing a range of free civil legal services to people who are low income, seniors, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities.

For new clients, the best way to reach us is by phone.

Call: 888-783-8190

Lakeshore Legal Aid

Dearborn

Garrison Place Building
19855 West Outer Drive, Suite 502-E
5th Floor, East Building
Dearborn, MI 48124
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Detroit - Cass Corridor

2727 2nd Avenue, Suite 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, Suite 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 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
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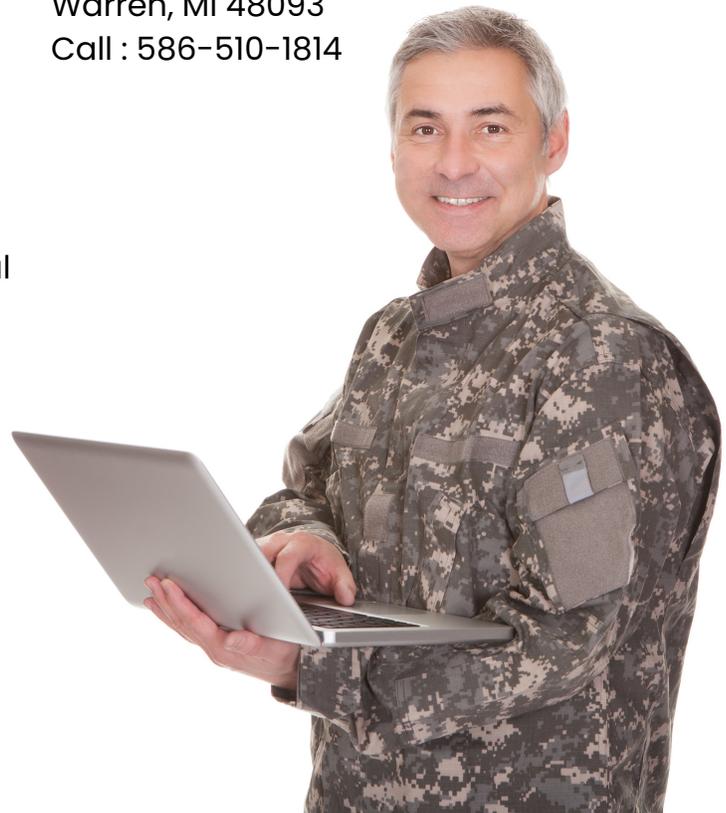
13909 Pennsylvania, Suite A
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Detroit, MI 48226

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Website: 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.

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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

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

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
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Escanaba

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Escanaba, MI 49829
Call: 888-786-2303

Gaylord

1349 S. Otsego Ave., Unit 7B
Gaylord, MI 49735
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Houghton

706 Sharon Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931
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Marquette

112 W. Washington St., Ste. 1
Marquette, MI 49855
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Sault Ste. Marie

130 W. Spruce Street
P.O. Box 710
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
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Traverse City

221 Garland Street, Ste. H
Traverse City, MI 49684
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Legal Services of South-Central Michigan

Website: 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
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Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Call: 888-665-6181

Battle Creek Office

(Barry, Branch & Calhoun
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123 W Territorial Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49015
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Jackson Office

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Counties)
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Jackson, MI 49201
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Lansing Office

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Shiawassee Counties)
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Monroe Office

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Kalamazoo, MI 49009
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Website: farmworkerlaw.org

Western Michigan Legal Services Legal Aid of Western Michigan

Website: lawestmi.org

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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.

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800-442-2777

Holland Office

(serves Allegan & Ottawa Counties)
636 Hastings St.
Holland, MI 49423
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Kalamazoo Office

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450 Morris Ave., Ste. 302
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St. Joseph Office

(serves Berrien County)
901 Port St.
P.O. Box E
St. Joseph, MI 49085
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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
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Housing Advocacy

(Out of Wayne County)
8900 Pardee Road
Taylor, MI 48180
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Elder Law Division

12121 Hemingway
Redford, MI 48239
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7310 Woodward Ave., Ste. 301
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Call: 313-874-5820

Children's Education Division

7310 Woodward Ave., Ste. 301
Detroit, MI 48202
Call: 313-874-5820

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

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

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

**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

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

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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Detroit, MI 48202

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Website: law.wayne.edu/academics/clinics

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Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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Website: michigan.law.umich.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics/veterans-legal-clinic-0

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

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East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

Call: 517-432-6800

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: lawestmi.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

Website: 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/

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

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

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

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

Berrien County Legal Services Bureau

Provides lawyers and legal advice to low-income residents of Berrien County or seniors (60+) in Berrien, Cass, or Van Buren Counties. Types of cases include: Elder Law, Family and Juvenile, Housing, Life Planning, Public Benefits, and Veterans' Benefits.

901 Port St.

Saint Joseph, MI 49085

Call: 616-983-6363

Website: 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

Housing Advocacy - Out Wayne County

8900 Pardee Road

Taylor, Michigan 48180

Call: 313-316-5356

Neighborhood legal Services Michigan (NLSM)

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

Website: nlsmichigan.org

Housing Advocacy

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

Legal Advocacy Center

7310 Woodward Ave., Ste. 301
Detroit, MI 48202
Call: 313-874-5820

Housing Advocacy - Out Wayne Co.

8900 Pardee Road
Taylor, MI 48180
Call: 313-316-5356

Children's Education Division

7310 Woodward Ave., Ste. 301
Detroit, MI 48202
313-874-5820

Elder Law Division

12121 Hemingway
Redford, MI 48239
Call: 313-937-8291

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc.

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. (LAD), 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.

645 Griswold, Ste. 2400
Detroit, MI 48226
Call: 313-967-5555 or 877-964-4700
Website: ladadetroit.org

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

Lakeshore Legal Aid Services

Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing a range of free civil legal services to people who are low income, seniors, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities. For new clients, the best way to reach us is by phone.

Call: 888-783-8190

Website: 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

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

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

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

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

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–Bmadzewen 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

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

Website: gcbalaw.org

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Flint, MI 48502

Call: 810-232-6012

Website: gcbalaw.org

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
525 W. OTTAWA ST.
LANSING, MI 48909
MICHIGAN.GOV/AG

