Michigan Military & Veterans Legal Service Guide

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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,

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Attorney General

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Introduction

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 (agcod@mi.gov), ATTN: Military and Veterans’ Guide.
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
  - Website: 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.

**Pro Bono Programs**

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

- Lawyers Serving Warriors Program
  - Website: 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
  - Website: 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
- Website: 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 Services Programs**

**Western Michigan Legal Services**

- Legal Aid of Western Michigan
  - Website: lawestmi.org
  - Email: admin@legalaidwestmich.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.
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
Website: 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
Website: vetadvocates.org/veterans-help

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
Website: wtc.army.mil/modules/veterans/v2-aw2EligibilityEnrollment.html
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.

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency provides information and describes benefits available to Michigan Veterans, and links to the Michigan National Guard (minationalguard.com).

MI Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
Phone: 517-481-8000
Website: mi.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
Phone: 800-642-4838; 800-Mich-Vet
Website: michiganveterans.com

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
Website: 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
Website: 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, reintegreation 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.

National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)
1 Archives Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63138
Phone: 314-801-0800; 866-272-6272
Website: 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 West Century Boulevard, Ste. 350
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Phone: 310-642-0255; 888-777-4443 (Counselor)
Website: 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
Website: 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.

Stateside Legal
Website: 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
Website: realwarriors.net

The Silver Spring, Maryland-based Real Warriors Campaign is part of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE OI). The mission of the Real Warriors Campaign is to help those injured in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families understand and access the resources available to them to promote improved care and better outcomes.

The campaign’s primary goals are to engage the military community, create awareness about the issues facing veterans and their families, and promote the Defense Department’s efforts to provide the best possible care for injured service members. The Real Warriors Campaign uses a variety of methods to make information easy to find and accessible, including print, websites, social media, direct contact and public relations outreach.

The campaign has helped to bring awareness to many issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), amputee care, caregiver support, and the availability of care for couples and families. For more information, visit the website for DCoE OI at www.defense.gov/traumaticbraininjury and the Real Warriors Campaign at www.realwarriors.net or call the toll-free hotline at 888-777-4443.
Legal & Legal-Related Programs for All Veterans & Active Duty Military Personnel

Swords to Plowshares
Phone: 571-970-6369
Website: 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)
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
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.

VA Health Benefits Enroll by Phone
Phone: 877-222-8387
VA Hotline for Women Veterans
Phone: 855-829-6636
Status of Pending VA Claims
Phone: 800-827-1000
Veterans Crisis Line
Phone: 800-273-8255 (press 1)
VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
Phone: 877-424-3838
Board of Veterans Appeals Ombudsman
Phone: 202-461-8032
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 (mi.gov/ag charities). Search the Attorney General’s online charities database. 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

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 (consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers).

Veterans’ Treatment Courts

Veterans’ Treatment Courts are authorized by Michigan statute, and generally use a hybrid of drug court and mental health court concepts and approaches 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/Berry/ Van Buren County
57th District Court
113 Chestnut St.
Allegan, MI 49010
Phone: 269-673-0400

Calhoun County
10th District Court
Calhoun County Justice Ctr.
161 E. Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49014
Phone: 269-969-6666

Genesee County
7th Circuit Court
900 S. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48502
Phone: 810-424-4426

Ionia County
64A District Court
101 W. Main St.
Ionia, MI 48846
Phone: 616-527-5396

Ingham County
54B District Court
101 Linden St.
Lansing, MI 48922
Phone: 517-351-7000

Macomb County
16th Circuit Court
40 N. Main St.
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
Phone: 586-469-5016

Muskegon County
60th District Court
990 Terrace St.
Muskegon, MI 49442
Phone: 231-724-6694

Oakland County
49th District Court
13600 Oak Park Blvd.
Oak Park, MI 48237
Phone: 248-685-7460

Redford County
17th District Court
15111 Beech Daly
Redford, MI 48239
Phone: 313-387-2790

Saginaw County
70th District Court
111 S. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
Phone: 989-790-5378

Wayne County
36th District Court
421 Madison
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: 313-965-6200

Washtenaw County
15th District Court
301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Phone: 734-794-6759

Michigan Department of Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
P.O. Box 30213
Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: 517-373-1140; 877-765-8388
Website: mi.gov/ag

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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 (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 (va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp). Accredited counselors and other assistance are also available through county VA offices.

Veterans can seek to have pending cases in Michigan District and Circuit Courts transferred to a Veterans’ Treatment Court by requesting the presiding judge to transfer the matter.
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.

Service Officers Affiliated with Veterans’ Organizations

**American Legion**
212 N. Verlinden Ave., Ste. A
Lansing, MI 48915
Phone: 517-371-4720
Website: michiganlegion.org/veteran-support.html
Email: info@michiganlegion.org
McNamara Federal Bldg., Rm. 1210
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Gary Easterling
Phone: 313-964-6460
Email: Gary.easterling@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
Website: amvetsmichigan.org
McNamara Federal Bldg., Rm. 1227
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Derrick Moss
Phone: 313-471-3982
Fax: 313-471-3679

**Disabled American Veterans Department of MI**
17779 E. 14 Mile Rd.
Fraser, MI 48026
Phone: 586-415-8610
Website: mi-dav.org

**Marine Corps League Department of MI**
5377 Durfee Rd.
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
Phone: 248-390-5481
Website: michigannmarines.org
McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1232
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Billy Traylor
Phone: 313-964-6830
Email: billy.traylor@va.gov

**Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency**
McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1233
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Rob Price
Phone: 800-642-4838; 313-471-3985; 313-471-3986
Email: pricer5@michigan.gov

**Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America**
Chapter Office
40550 Grand River Ave.
Novi, MI 48375
Phone: 248-476-9000; 800-638-6782
Website: 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

**Military Order of the Purple Heart**
McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave., Ste 1215
Detroit, MI 48226
Contact: Paul Kaiser
Phone: 313-964-6888
Website: purpleheart.org
Email: paul.kaiser@va.gov

**Vietnam Veterans of America**
Chapter Office
40550 Grand River Ave.
Novi, MI 48375
Phone: 248-476-9000; 800-638-6782
Website: vva.org
Email: phil.smith@va.gov
Service Officers/Counselors Who Provide Assistance with VA Benefits

**County Service Counselors**

**Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors (MACVC)**

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.

Website: macvc.net

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

**Alcona**

106 Fifth St.
P.O. Box 308
Harrisville, MI 48740
Contact: Art Winter
Phone: 989-724-3242
Email: alvets@alconacountymi.com

**Alger**

101 Court St.
Munising, MI 49862
Contact: Glenn Marshall
Phone: 906-387-1635
Email: algervets@algercourthouse.com

**Allegan**

3255 122nd Ave., Ste. 200
Allegan, MI 49010
Contact: Jeremy Binder (jbinder@allegancounty.org)
Contact: Jacquelyn King (jking@allegancounty.org)
Contact: Sherry Owens (sowens@allegancounty.org)
Phone: 269-673-0501

**Alpena**

150 B N. State St.
Alpena, MI 49707
Contact: George Stevens
Phone: 989-354-9671
Email: stevensg@alpenacounty.org

**Antrim**

Antrim County Bldg., Rm. 205
P.O. Box 1049
Bay City, MI 48708
Contact: Arthur Schupback
Phone: 989-895-4190
Email: w.schupback@hotmail.com

**Bay**

515 Center Ave., 2nd Floor, Rm. 212
Bay City, MI 48708
Contact: Arthur Schupback
Phone: 989-895-4190
Email: w.schupback@hotmail.com

**Benzie**

2650 Lafanier Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49686
Phone: 231-995-6070
Email: veterans@grandtraverse.org

**Berrien**

701 Main St
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Contact: Lee Lull
Phone: 269-983-7111 (extension 8118)
Website: berriencounty.org/veterans
Email: llull@berriencounty.org

**Branch**

570 Marshall Rd., Ste. F
Coldwater, MI 49036
Contact: Charles Scott
Phone: 517-279-4322
Email: cscott@countyofbranch.com

**Calhoun**

190 E. Michigan Ave., 3rd Fl.
Battle Creek, MI 49014
Contact: Kristina Higgins
(khiggins@calhountcGovernment.com)
Contact: Scott Losey
(slosey@calhountcGovernment.com)
Phone: 269-969-6737

**Cass**

120 N. Broadway Ste. 215
Cassopolis, MI 49031
Contact: Thomas Green
Phone: 269-969-6735; 269-445-4472
Website: casscountymi.org/veteransaffairs.aspx
Email: tomsg@cassco.org

**Charlevoix**

301 State St
Charlevoix, MI 49720
Contact: Cheryl Young
Phone: 231-547-7220
Website: charlevoixcounty.org
Email: youngc@charlevoixcounty.org

**Cheboygan**

870 S. Main St., Rm. 122
Cheboygan, MI 49721
Contact: Rick Wiles
Contact: Sara Cunningham
Phone: 231-627-8833
Website: cheboygancounty.net/veterans-services-101/
Email: veterans@chippewacounty.net

**Chippewa**

319 Court St 3rd Fl
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
Contact: Beth Yeack
Contact: Jacqueline Haskie
Phone: 906-635-6845; 906-635-6370
Website: chippewacounty.gov/veteran-affairs
Email: veteran@chippewacounty.gov

**Clare**

225 W. Main St.
Harrison, MI 48625
Contact: Renee Haley
Phone: 989-539-3273
Website:clareco.net
Email: haleyre@clareco.net
Service Officers/Counselors Who Provide Assistance with VA Benefits

**Clinton**
- **Contact:** Natrenah Blackstock  
  (nblackstock@ingham.org)
- **Contact:** Amy Pocan (va.pocan@ingham.org)
- **Contact:** John Taylor  
  (taylorj@ingham.org)
- **Contact:** Kenneth Love  
  (klove@ingham.org)
- **Phone:** 517-887-4331

**Crawford**
- **Address:** 501 Norway St., Ste. #3  
  Grayling, MI 49738
- **Contact:** Judy Umlor
- **Phone:** 906-387-1635
  **Fax:** 989-344-3265
  **Email:** jumlor@crawfordco.org

**Delta**
- **Address:** 3300 Airport Rd., Ste. 3  
  Escanaba, MI 49829
- **Contact:** David Dziewior  
  (ddziewior@isupward.org)
- **Phone:** 906-786-7228

**Dickinson**
- **Address:** 800 Crystal Lake Blvd., Ste. 100  
  Iron Mountain, MI 49801
- **Contact:** Michael Miller  
  (mmiller@ovadickinsoncounty.com)
- **Phone:** 906-774-2820
  **Email:** ddxier@isupward.org

**Eaton**
- **Address:** 1045 Independence Blvd.  
  Charlotte, MI 48813
- **Contact:** Tom Lewis
  **Phone:** 517-543-3740
  **Email:** twlesw@eatoncounty.org

**Emmet**
- **Address:** 3434 M. 119, Ste. D  
  Harbor Springs, MI 49740
- **Contact:** James Attoo  
  (jalttoo@emmetcounty.org)
- **Contact:** Richard Wiertalla  
  (rwiertall@emmetcounty.org)
  **Phone:** 231-348-1780; 231-348-1783

**Geneesee**
- **Address:** 1101 Beach St.  
  Flint, MI 48502
- **Contact:** John Nelson (jnelson@co.genesee.mi.us)
- **Contact:** Jeannie Thick (jthick@co.genesee.mi.us)
- **Phone:** 810-257-3068

**Huron**
- **Address:** 250 E. Huron Ave., Rm. 101E  
  Bad Axe, MI 48413
- **Contact:** Judy Reimann  
  (reimannj@co.huron.mi.us)
- **Contact:** Stephen Young  
  (youngs@co.huron.mi.us)
- **Phone:** 989-269-8911

**Ingham**
- **Contact:** Natrenah Blackstock  
  (nblackstock@ingham.org)
- **Contact:** Amy Pocan (va.pocan@ingham.org)
- **Contact:** John Taylor  
  (taylorj@ingham.org)
- **Contact:** Kenneth Love  
  (klove@ingham.org)
- **Phone:** 517-887-4331
  **Website:** va.ingham.org

**Hillsdale**
- **Address:** 61 McCollum St., Rm. 200  
  Hillsdale, MI 49242
- **Contact:** Kenneth Bengt  
  (k.bengt@co.hillsdale.mi.us)
- **Contact:** Renea Shirliff (rls1265@yahoo.com)
- **Phone:** 517-437-3630
  **Website:** co.hillsdale.mi.us/index.php/vets

**Iosco**
- **Address:** P.O. Box 778  
  Tawas City, MI 48764
- **Contact:** Henry Altman
- **Phone:** 989-362-6571; 989-254-1041
  **Email:** veterans@ioscoannex.com

**Iron**
- **Address:** 106 W. Genesee St., Ste. 101  
  Iron River, MI 49935
- **Contact:** Gerald Williams
- **Phone:** 906-265-3819
  **Email:** icvso@att.net

**Isabella** (also serves Montcalm)
- **Address:** 200 N. Main St., Rm. 120  
  Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Contact:** Jan B. Welch  
  **Phone:** 989-317-4093
  **Fax:** 989-779-0565
  **Website:** isabellacounty.org/dept/va  
  **Email:** veterans@isabellacounty.org

**Jackson**
- **Address:** 1715 Lansing Ave., Rm. 251  
  Jackson, MI 49101
- **Contact:** David Welihan
  **Phone:** 517-788-4425
  **Email:** dweilhan@co.jackson.mi.us

**Kalamazoo**
- **Address:** 3299 Gull Rd.  
  Kalamazoo, MI 49048
- **Contact:** James Mike Hoss  
  (jmhoss@kalkalcity.com)
- **Contact:** Terry Groves  
  (tlgrov@kalcounty.com)
- **Phone:** 269-373-5284; 269-373-5304

**Kalkaska**
- **Address:** 890 Island Lake Rd., Rm. 8  
  Kalkaska, MI 49646
- **Contact:** Melanie Pauch  
  (mpauch@kalkaska.org)
- **Contact:** Phillip Babcock  
  (pbabcock@michiganlegion.org)
- **Phone:** 231-258-3370; 231-590-6200
  **Website:** kalkaska.org/departments/ 
  veterans_affairs/index.php

**Kalamazoo**
- **Address:** 3299 Gull Rd.  
  Kalamazoo, MI 49048
- **Contact:** James Mike Hoss  
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Marquette
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General Legal Services for Low-Income Individuals, Including Veterans
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Statewide/National Legal Services Programs

**Michigan Legal Services**

2727 Second Ave., Ste. 333
Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: 313-964-4130
Website: mileage.org

Michigan Legal Services provides help with housing, health and public benefits particularly in low-income communities.

**Michigan Protection & Advocacy Services (MPAS)**

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: mpas.org

MPAS provides information, referrals, and possible direct representation to persons with disabilities.

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/legalservices

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

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**

Phone: 888-783-8190 (Counsel & Advocacy Law)
Website: lakeshorelegalaid.org


**Macomb County Office**

32 Market St., Ste. 2
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
Phone: 586-469-5185

**Auburn Hills (FLAC)**

2630 Featherstone Rd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Phone: 248-335-0125

**Oakland County Office**

16130 Northland Dr.
Southfield, MI 48075
Phone: 248-443-8068

**St. Clair County Office**

803 10th Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-985-5107

**Tuscola County Office**

429 North State St., Ste. 103
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Caro, MI 48723
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**Legal Aid & Defender Association**

613 Abbott St.
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: 313-967-5555; 877-964-4700
Website: ladadetroit.org

Areas of legal assistance: Consumer, housing, education, family (limited services), expungements (adult and juvenile), and public benefits. The Legal Aid and Defender Association serves Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

**Legal Aid & Defender Detroit & Wayne County**

1240 Third St.
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: 313-967-5800; 877-964-4700

**Legal Aid & Defender Oakland County**

Oakland Towne Center
28 North Saginaw St.
Pontiac, MI 48342
Phone: 248-253-1548

**Legal Aid & Defender Macomb County**

32 Market St.
Mount Clemens, MI 48043
Phone: 586-465-1344

**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**

Website: lsem-mi.org

Areas of Legal Assistance: Consumer cases; family matters; housing problems; government benefits, such as SSI, Food Stamps and Medicaid; other “non-fee-generating” cases. LSEM does not handle criminal matters.

**Flint Office** (serves Genesee & Lapeer)

436 S Saginaw St
Flint, MI 48502
Phone: 800-322-4512
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Port Huron Office
(serves Huron, St. Clair, Sanilac & Tuscola)
511 Fort St., Ste. 500
Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 800-322-4512

Saginaw Office
(serves Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, & Midland)
320 S. Washington Ave., Third Floor
Saginaw, MI 48607
Phone: 800-322-4512

Legal Services of Northern Michigan
Website: lsnm.org
Services include: Basic discussion of legal rights; counseling; preparation of letters, documents, deeds, and pleadings; negotiations; administrative hearings; trials; and, in some cases, appeals. LSNM does not provide service for criminal cases, traffic tickets or “fee-generating” cases. LSNM serves the following counties: 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 and Wexford.

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Escanaba Office
806 Ludington St.
Escanaba, MI 49789
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Gaylord Office
1349 S. Otsego Ave., Unit 78
Gaylord, MI 49735
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Houghton Office
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Houghton, MI 49931
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Marquette Office
112 W. Washington St., Ste. 1
Marquette, MI 49855
Phone: 906-228-5620; 888-228-5590

Sault Ste. Marie
130 W. Spruce St.
P.O. Box 710
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
Phone: 906-632-3361; 888-632-9313

Traverse City Office
221 Garland St., Ste. H
Traverse City, MI 49684
Phone: 231-941-0771; 888-941-9599

Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM)
Website: lsscm.org
LSSCM provides services to low-income and senior citizens of Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, and Washtenaw Counties. Areas of legal assistance: Obtaining and retaining housing, public benefits, consumer matters, healthcare, special legal needs, elder law, and family law.

Battle Creek Office
123 W. Territorial Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49015
Phone: 269-965-3951; 800-688-3951; 877-203-5000

Clarkston Office
10450 N. Telegraph Rd.
Clarkston, MI 48348
Phone: 248-658-0500

Hillsdale Office
1900 E. Main St.
Hillsdale, MI 49242
Phone: 269-655-8090

Jackson Office
540 N. Jackson St.
Jackson, MI 49201
Phone: 517-787-6111

Lansing Office
3490 Belle Chase Way, #50
Lansing, MI 48911
Phone: 800-968-0044

Monroe Office
1118 S. Telegraph Rd., Ste. A
Monroe, MI 48161
Phone: 888-251-1598; 734-241-8310

Saginaw Office
(serves Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, & Midland)
320 S. Washington Ave., Third Floor
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Washtenaw County Office
420 N. Fourth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Western Michigan Legal Services Legal Aid of Western Michigan
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Phone: 616-774-0672; 800-442-2777

Holland Office
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636 Hastings St.
Holland, MI 49423
Phone: 616-394-1380

Kalamazoo Office
(serves Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren)
Van Buren Counties
201 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Rm. 308
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
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Muskegon Office (serves Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana & Osceola)

Hume Building
450 Morris Ave., Ste. 302
Muskegon, MI 49440
Phone: 231-726-4887

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

Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan (NLSM)
Free Legal Aid Clinic
5425 Woodward
Detroit, MI 48202
Phone: 313-833-0058
Website: nlsmichigan.org

Areas of legal assistance: Bankruptcy, Domestic Violence/PPO, Disability, Housing, Elder Law Advocacy, HIV and AIDS Advocacy, Crime Victim Advocacy, and Children’s Justice Center - (Youth Enrichment and Parent Support Services). Provides assistance to residents of metropolitan Detroit

Law School Clinics & Related Programs

Michigan State University College of Law
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East Lansing, MI 48824
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Legal Clinic
610 Abbot Rd
Lansing, MI 48823
Phone 517-336-8088
Website: law.msu.edu/clinics

- Civil Rights Clinic - The Civil Rights Clinic focuses on assisting prisoners incarcerated in Michigan prisons with litigating violations of their rights under the U.S. Constitution.
- Pleas & Sentencing Clinic - The Plea and Sentencing Clinic collaborates with the State Appellate Defender Office, which represents indigent criminal defendants on appeal.
- Housing Clinic - The Housing Clinic provides services – from educational information to courtroom representation – to citizens who have some type of issue related to housing.

Sixty Plus, Inc. Elderlaw Clinic
- The Elderlaw Clinic provides assistance to clients who are 60 years old and older.

Michigan Innocence Clinic
- The Michigan Innocence Clinic focuses on innocence cases where there is no DNA evidence.

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Criminal Trial Clinic
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- Cooley Innocence Project - The project’s mission is to identify, provide legal assistance to, and secure the release of persons who are wrongfully imprisoned for crimes they did not commit. The clinic also accepts cases where DNA evidence may establish innocence.
- Public Defenders Clinics - The Public Defenders Clinics provide assistance with a variety of criminal and juvenile cases in Washtenaw County.
- Sixty Plus, Inc. Elderlaw Clinic - The Elderlaw Clinic provides assistance to clients who are 60 years old and older.

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- The Tax Clinic provides tax-related legal services to Michigan taxpayers who are in Oakland County Circuit Court only.

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- The Alvin L. Storrs Low-Income Taxpayers Clinic - The Tax Clinic provides tax-related legal services to Michigan taxpayers who are in Oakland County Circuit Court only.
- FLAP represents individuals in family law and domestic violence matters in Oakland County Circuit Court only.

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- The Florida Bar Legal Services Corporation of Michigan (FLAP) - FLAP represents individuals in family law and domestic violence matters in Oakland County Circuit Court only.

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- The Low-Income Tax-Payer Clinic provides assistance to taxpayers to resolve issues when the amount is $50,000 or less per tax year. The clinic assists with issues such as: IRS notices, liens and levies, offers and compromise, installment agreements, spouse relief, hearings and appeals conferences, tax audits, tax credit eligibility and denials, and taxpayer identification number issues.

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- The Pediatractic Advocacy Clinic seeks to improve the health and quality of life of low-income pediatric patients and their families by integrating high-quality legal advocacy to unite health care providers, attorneys, and social workers.

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- The Housing Clinic provides services – from educational information to courtroom representation – to citizens who have some type of issue related to housing.

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- The Sixty Plus, Inc. Elderlaw Clinic - The Elderlaw Clinic provides assistance to clients who are 60 years old and older.

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- The Estate Planning Clinic - The Estate Planning Clinic provides assistance with drafting wills, powers of attorney, and medical directives.

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University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

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Pro Bono Programs

Legal Aid Bureau of Southwestern Michigan

Pro Bono Program (serves Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren)

201 W. Kalamazoo Ave, Ste. 308
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Phone: 800-819-0773

Case Types include: Adoption, Bankruptcy, CED, Consumer, Custody, Dissolution of Marriage, Domestic Violence, Elder Law, Housing, Public Benefits, Real Estate, Wills, and Estates

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Cornerstone Building
89 Ionia Ave, NW, Ste. 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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Website: lawestmi.org

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Elder Law of Michigan

Phone: 517-485-9164; 866-400-9164
Website: elderlawofmi.org
Email: info@elderslaw.org

The hotline provides free legal advice to clients age 60 and over on Social Security, Medicare, Consumer Law, Wills/Probate, Long Term Care and related issues. There is no income requirement, and disabled individuals of any age are eligible.

The legal hotline is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Legal Hotline for Michigan Citizens

115 W. Allegan, Ste. 720
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: 800-347-5297; 517-372-5959

Michigan Legal Aid

3815 West St. Joseph, Ste. C200
Lansing, MI 48917
Phone: 1-888-875-2964
Website: michiganlegalaid.org

The Legal Hotline for Michigan Citizens offers free access to experienced attorneys for Michigan residents age 60 and older. The hotline provides advice on issues such as Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, medical bills, wills and probate, Long Term Care and related issues. There is no income requirement, and disabled individuals of any age are eligible.

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State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral

State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service
306 Townsend St.
Lansing, MI 48933
Website: michbar.org/LRS/Intro

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
Phone: 586-468-8200
Website: macombbar.org

Oakland County Bar Association
Lawyer Referral Service
1750 S. Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
Phone: 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
Phone: 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
Phone: 616-454-5550
Website: grbar.org

Genesee County Bar Association
Phone: 810-232-6012; 810-232-6000
Website: gcbalaw.org

Other Lawyer Referral Sources

American Immigration Lawyers Association
Phone: 202-507-7600
Website: ailalawyer.com

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
Website: aela.org
National Organization of Social Security Claimant’s Representatives
Phone: 800-431-2804
Legal Aid Clinics
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Clinics held on alternate Tuesdays. Attorneys provide advice, document preparation and some follow-up.

No income requirement, but must be a Southfield, MI resident. Areas in which legal advice is provided: Landlord/tenant disputes; divorce and family law matters; wills; probate matters; traffic violations.

Third Level Crisis Intervention Center

Legal Services Program
3785 Veterans Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684
Phone: 231-922-4802
Website: cfsnwmi.org/thirdlevel
Email: info@thirdlevel.org

The Free Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) is held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for individuals to receive private, free and confidential legal advice and problem clarification from attorneys from the Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Bar Association.


William Booth Legal Aid Clinic of the Salvation Army

3737 Lawton St.
Detroit, MI 48208
Phone: 313-361-6340
Website: centralusa.salvationarmy.org/emi/williamboothlegalaidclinic
Email: wblac@aol.com

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Cabrini Clinic of Most Holy Trinity Church

1050 Porter St
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: 313-961-7863
Website: cabriniclinic.org
Free legal clinic on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Common Ground Legal Clinic

Phone: 248-451-3753
Website: commongroundhelps.org

Open to all Michigan residents. Consultations, recommendations and referrals provided on all legal issues.

Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at:
Common Ground
1410 South Telegraph Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at:
Oakland County Courthouse
Adams-Pratt Law Library; 2nd Floor
1200 North Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341

Southfield Legal Clinic

26000 Evergreen
Southfield, MI 48076
Phone: 248-796-4540
Website: cityofsouthfield.com

WBLAC provides free legal services to people from Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties who live at or below national poverty guidelines.

The clinic provides legal services in the following areas: divorce/family law, landlord/tenant, public benefits and entitlements, employment and workplace law, juvenile/guardianship, immigration, general advocacy and child/spousal abuse.

The clinic does not handle lawsuits.
Self-Help Resources for Pro Se Assistance
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Michigan Courts: One Court of Justice
Website: courts.mi.gov/self-help/pages/default.aspx
The Michigan Courts Self-Help Center helps individuals to find legal assistance, learn about Michigan law, and to represent themselves in some legal matters.

Resources that can be found on the site include brochures, other public information materials, and self-help forms and instructions packets to help access the Michigan court system and to provide guidance to trial courts in areas such as sexual harassment, racial and gender bias, general discrimination, interpreters and self-help services.

Michigan Legal Help / Michigan Legal Aid
Website: michiganlegalhelp.org
Website: michiganlegalaid.org
The Michigan Legal Help website was created to help people who have to handle simple civil legal problems without a lawyer.

The website provides articles, toolkits, forms, lawyer referral, self-help centers and community services.