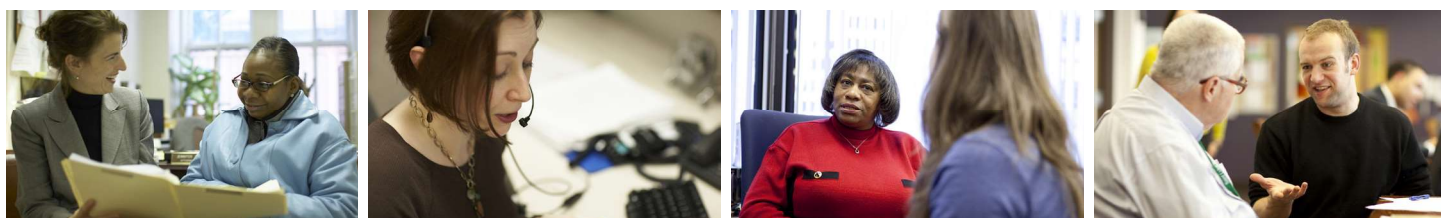




Free and Affordable Legal Help **in the** **Chicago Area**



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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide will help you connect with:

- Free and affordable legal help in Cook County
- Free online legal information and court forms
- Fee-based lawyer referral services, including those that offer limited scope representation and other affordable options
- Court-based help desks and other resources for people without lawyers
- Commonly asked questions about getting legal help

GETTING STARTED

In most cases, the best place to start is by calling the CARPLS Legal Advice Hotline at (312) 738-9200.

CARPLS is Cook County's legal aid hotline. It is staffed by lawyers who can give free legal advice by phone. If there is a legal aid or pro bono organization that might be able to offer more help, the CARPLS lawyers will tell you who else to call. You can learn more about the CARPLS Legal Advice Hotline and other options for getting legal help in this guide.

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GETTING STARTED – MORE INFORMATION

Call CARPLS Legal Advice Hotline (312-738-9200)

- The CARPLS Legal Advice Hotline is open from Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 4:30pm (7:30pm on Monday/Wednesday). CARPLS lawyers give legal advice and other help, and if an organization might be able to take your case, CARPLS lawyers will tell you where to call.
- Many people call CARPLS for free legal help. If you get a busy signal, call back at another time, but keep trying. If the wait time is more than 20 minutes, you may be asked to leave your number and a CARPLS attorney will call you back.
- For \$25, you can avoid waiting and set a time for a lawyer to call you. You need a credit card and access to the internet. Visit www.carpls.org to make an appointment.
- CARPLS helps people up to 350% of the Federal Poverty Level. You can find the current poverty levels at: <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/federal-poverty-levels>.

Learn More with Illinois Legal Aid Online (www.IllinoisLegalAid.org) (www.IllinoisLegalAid.org/es en Español)

- Find information, forms, visual aids, and videos on over 30 areas of law (civil and criminal). You can also use easy form prep programs to complete and print or save your court forms.
- You can apply for legal services at a limited number of legal aid organizations. Look for the pop-up screen when you visit a page to learn more.
- Free and available 24/7. Navigational assistance is also available during the daytime.

Affordable Options

There are good lawyers who charge reasonable fees. They may be able to handle just part of your case or coach you on handling your case to make it more affordable.

- **JEP Lawyers**
 - JEP lawyers provide affordable, quality legal services that often include set fees and flexible representation options.
 - Learn more at jepchicago.org or 312-546-3282.
- **Greater Chicago Legal Clinic**
 - The Greater Chicago Legal charges clients sliding scale fees based on their ability to pay.

- Learn more at www.gclclaw.org or call 773-731-1762.

The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

- The Lawyer Referral Services connects people to experienced lawyers who charge fees for their time and services.
- Some kinds of cases allow lawyers to earn fees, but clients do not pay for those services. Some examples are personal injury and consumer fraud cases.
- Learn more or find a lawyer at lrs.chicagobar.org or 312-554-2001.

Other Lawyer Referral Services

- Cook County Bar Association (www.cookcountybar.org)
- Illinois State Bar Association (www.zeebeek.com/isba or 800-252-8908)
- North Suburban Bar Association (new.ilnsba.org/home.html)
- South Suburban Bar Association (www.southsuburbanbar.org or 708-633-9700)
- Southwest Bar Association (www.southwestbar.org)
- West Suburban Bar Association (www.westsuburbanbar.org)

Other Helpful Websites and Information

- **Circuit Clerk of Cook County**
www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org
 - Court forms, online dockets, and case information
- **Circuit Court of Cook County**
www.cookcountycourt.org
 - Information about court operations and services (including disability access)
 - Information for people without lawyers
 - Information about help desks and other free court-based resources
- **Illinois Supreme Court Access to Justice**
www.illinoiscourts.gov/CivilJustice/AccessToJustice.asp
 - Statewide standardized forms, language access resources, and e-filing guides

COMMON QUESTIONS

Can I get a free lawyer?

It depends on the type of help you need. In non-criminal or "civil" cases, you usually do not have the right to a free lawyer, but there are many legal aid and pro bono programs that provide free legal help if you meet their income and other eligibility criteria.

What types of cases do free lawyers take?

Pro bono and legal aid organizations provide free (sometimes called pro bono) legal help in many kinds of cases, including:

- Family (divorce, child custody and support, domestic violence, guardianship)
- Housing (evictions, foreclosure, condition of property)
- Money and Debt (bills, debt, utility shutoff, bankruptcy)
- Public Benefits (food stamps, unemployment, Social Security, Social Security disability, Medicaid, TANF)
- Immigration (citizenship, asylum, visas)
- Most organizations do not take criminal cases. If you have a criminal case, you may need to hire a lawyer or ask for a public defender (312-603-0600 in Cook County).

Do I need a lawyer?

Lawyers are trained to know what the law says about your legal problem, what your options are, how to help you decide what's best for your case, and how to present your case. For many legal issues, it is best to have help from a lawyer. For simpler matters, you may be able to handle the matter on your own with help from legal information. To help decide whether you need a lawyer, consider the following questions:

1. How important is the matter to you? The more important the matter, the more important it is to have a lawyer.
2. How much is at stake if you do not win? If a lot is at stake, it is important to have a lawyer.
3. How complicated is your legal issue? If your matter is complicated, legal assistance may be needed.
4. How comfortable are you filling out forms and appearing in court? If you are not comfortable with forms or speaking in public, assistance from a lawyer is important.
5. Does the other side have a lawyer? If so, it may be more important for you to have a lawyer.

COURT-BASED HELP DESKS

Court-based help desks provide same-day legal information or advice and help with forms. Help desks do not generally provide in-court representation.

Most help desks are first-come, first served and often fill up early. Plan to arrive early and be prepared to wait for an appointment.

Learn more about court-based help desks online:

State Court Matters in Cook County

- www.cookcountycourt.org (Information available under “For People without Lawyers”)
- www.chicagobarfoundation.org/category/resources/courts/ (Lists of resources at the Daley Center, the Markham Courthouse, and the Leighton Criminal Courthouse)

Bankruptcy Advice Desk in the Northern District of Illinois

- www.ilnb.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy-assistance-desk

U.S. District Court Advice Desk (federal civil cases; by appointment only)

- www.ilnd.uscourts.gov (Information and online appointments under “Information for People without Lawyers”)

City of Chicago Administrative Hearings Advice Desk

- www.carpls.org/client-services/administrative-desk/

Learn more about court-based help desks at court:

At the Daley Center, visit the Resource Center for People without Lawyers on the Concourse Level (CL-16) next to the Starbucks to learn more about the many help desks at court. The Resource Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:00.

At the other Cook County courthouses, visit the Law Library or Information Desk to learn about available resources.

NOTE: Many help desks are temporarily operating remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic. You can learn more about accessing help desks by phone [here](#).

ILLINOIS FREE LEGAL ANSWERS (INCLUDING CIVIL APPEALS)

Illinois Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal clinic. You can ask a question on a secure website, and a lawyer will email you the answer. You can ask about any civil (non-criminal) legal problem, including questions about appealing a court decision. To ask a question, follow these steps:

1. Visit il.freelegalanswers.org
2. Click “Get Started”
3. Complete the registration
4. Verify the email address
5. Login and ask your question

DIRECTORY OF LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS

The legal aid organizations listed in this Guide provide free or affordable legal services. Many websites have helpful information about their services, including the type of cases they accept, the areas they serve, and income eligibility criteria.

Accidents/Personal Injury

*Note: Private lawyers may take these cases in exchange for part of the money awarded at the end of the case. **Go to page 7 for more information about finding a private lawyer.***

For defendants in small cases:

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
charges fees based on ability to pay
773.731.1762
www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
312.332.1624
www.cvls.org

Adoption

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
charges fees based on ability to pay
773.731.1762
www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
312.332.1624
www.cvls.org

For families adopting children from the foster care system:

Department of Child and Family Services
800.572.2390
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/lovinghomes/adoption/Pages/default.aspx>

For families impacted by HIV/AIDS:

Legal Council for Health Justice
312.427.8990
www.legalcouncil.org

Artists & Arts Organizations

Lawyers for the Creative Arts
312.649.4111
www.law-arts.org

Bankruptcy/Debt Collection

Bankruptcy Assistance Desk
(Dirksen Federal Building, 219 S. Dearborn)
advice and help with forms only
Call 312-435-6032 or visit
www.ilnb.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy-assistance-desk to learn more.

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
charges fees based on ability to pay
773.731.1762
www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
312.332.1624
www.cvls.org

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

For elderly and disabled persons (debt collection assistance only):

Center for Disability & Elder Law
312.376.1880
www.cdclaw.org

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Child Abuse And Neglect

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

For families in the child welfare system:

Ascend Justice

charges fees based on ability to pay

312.325.9155

www.ascendjustice.org

Child Custody

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance

312.948.6821

www.catholiccharities.net

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

312.332.1624

www.cvls.org

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

Legal Aid Society of Metro. Family Services

312.986.4200

<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

For individuals who are incarcerated, serving a sentence or facing a pending criminal case:

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

312.738.2452

www.cgla.net

Child Guardianship

Minor Guardianship Assistance Desk (69 W. Washington, Room 1020)

walk-in or call for an appointment

312-603-0135

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance

312.948.6821

www.catholiccharities.net

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

312.332.1624

www.cvls.org

For individuals who are incarcerated, serving a sentence or facing a pending criminal case:

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

312.738.2452

www.cgla.net

Child Support/Child Visitation

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance

312.948.6821

www.catholiccharities.net

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

312.332.1624

www.cvls.org

Legal Aid Society of Metro. Family Services
312.986.4200
<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

For individuals who are incarcerated, serving a sentence or facing a pending criminal case:

Cabrini Green Legal Aid
312.738.2452
www.cgla.net

Civil Rights

For discrimination based on race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age or gender in housing or employment:

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
312.630.9744
www.clccrul.org

For people with disabilities:

Access Living
discrimination based on disability in housing, government programs and access to businesses
800.613.8549 voice
888.253.7003 TTY
www.accessliving.org

Equip for Equality
discrimination based on disability in employment, special education, transportation settings and voting rights
800.537.2632 voice
800.610.2779 TTY
www.equipforequality.org

For persons with HIV/AIDS:

Legal Council for Health Justice
312.427.8990
www.legalcouncil.org

For homeless persons:

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
312.641.4140
800.940.1119 toll free
www.chicagohomeless.org

For discrimination based on sexual orientation:

Lambda Legal
312.663.4413
www.lambdalegal.org

For employment discrimination:

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

For immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers:

National Immigrant Justice Center
312.660.1370
www.immigrantjustice.org

For discrimination in housing:

John Marshall Fair Housing Clinic
312.786.2267
www.jmls.edu/clinics/fairhousing

For prisoner civil rights:

Uptown People's Law Center
773.769.1411
www.uplcchicago.org

Community-Based Organizations

SEE SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS (PAGE 19)

Consumer Issues

*Note: In this area, the law sometimes requires the other side to pay your lawyer's fees if you win the case. **Go to page 7 for more information about finding a private lawyer.***

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance
312.948.6821
www.catholiccharities.net

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
charges fees based on ability to pay
773.731.1762
www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
312.332.1624
www.cvlcs.org

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
312.986.4200
<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

For individuals with HIV/AIDS:

Legal Council for Health Justice
312.427.8990
www.legalcouncil.org

For the elderly or the disabled:

Center for Disability & Elder Law
312.376.1880
www.cdclaw.org

Criminal Law

Note: The public defender is the main provider of free criminal defense. If you don't get a public defender, most of the time, you will need to pay for a criminal lawyer to take your case.

Cook County Public Defender
312.603.0600

Federal Defender Program
312.621.8300

Office of the State Appellate Defender
217.782.7203
www2.illinois.gov/osad

Chicago Bar Association Bar Attorney Program
lawyers in traffic and criminal courts provide legal help for a reasonable fee or a cash bond
312.554.2001 voice
312.554.2055 TTY
<https://lrs.chicagobar.org/>

Cabrini Green Legal Aid
criminal defense program that helps a limited number of people (excludes arrests for DUI, traffic cases, murder, manslaughter, sex crimes or animal cruelty)
312.738.2452
www.cgla.net

For youth 24 and younger in North Lawndale:

Lawndale Christian Legal Center
773-762-6381
www.lclc.net

For youth 26 and younger in Evanston:

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
847.492.1410
www.moran-center.org

If you or someone you know is arrested, detained or called in for questioning by the Chicago Police, call any time, 24/7:

First Defense Legal Aid

1.800.LAW.REP4 (1.800.529.7374)

www.first-defense.org

Disability

For discrimination based on disability in employment, special education, transportation settings and voting rights:

Equip for Equality

800.537.2632 voice

800.610.2779 TTY

www.equipforequality.org

For discrimination based on disability in housing accommodation, government programs and access to businesses:

Access Living

800.613.8549 voice

888.253.7003 TTY

www.accessliving.org

For public benefits, employment discrimination and special education:

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

For social security disability benefits:

Uptown People’s Law Center

773.769.1411

www.uplcchicago.org

Divorce (Dissolution of Marriage)

Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.clclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

312.332.1624

www.cvlvs.org

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

Legal Aid Society of Metro. Family Services

312.986.4200

<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

For individuals who are incarcerated, serving a sentence or facing a pending criminal case:

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

312.738.2452

www.cgla.net

For the elderly or the disabled:

Center for Disability & Elder Law

312.376.1880

www.cdela.org

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault

Need help now? Call the IL Domestic Violence Helpline at 1.877.863.6338 (open 24/7)

Ascend Justice

312.325.9155

www.ascendjustice.org

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

773.244.2230

www.caase.org

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

Legal Aid Society of Metro. Family Services

312.986.4200

<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

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Life Span Center for Legal Services & Advocacy
312.408.1210
www.life-span.org

*For victims of domestic violence/sexual assault
with immigration needs:*

Ascend Justice
312.325.9155
www.ascendjustice.org

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

Legal Aid Society of Metro. Family Services
312.986.4200
<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

National Immigrant Justice Center
312.660.1370
www.immigrantjustice.org

Education

Equip for Equality Special Education Helpline:
help getting appropriate education services
1-866-KIDS-046 (1-866-543-7046)

Access Living
*failure to serve or accommodate students with
disabilities in educational setting*
800.613.8549 voice
888.253.7003 TTY
www.accessliving.org

Equip for Equality
special education
800.537.2632 voice
800.610.2779 TTY
www.equipforequality.org

Legal Aid Chicago
*special education, school discipline, vocational
colleges*
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
school discipline
312.630.9744
www.clccrul.org

Evanston residents:

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
*school discipline cases and special education in
Evanston*
847.492.1410
www.moran-center.org

Elderly

Center for Disability & Elder Law
312.376.1880
www.cdelaw.org

CBA Senior Citizens Will Program
*at various Chicago area senior centers; costs
range from \$50 to \$125*
312.554.2001
lrs.chicagobar.org/pages/senior-wills

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
charges fees based on ability to pay
773.731.1762
www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
312.332.1624
www.cvlsl.org

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

Legal Aid Society of Metro. Family Services
312.986.4200
<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

Employment

Note: In this area, the law sometimes requires the other side to pay your lawyer's fees if you win the case. Go to page 7 for more information about finding a private lawyer.

Illinois Department of Human Rights
312.814.6200 voice
866.740.3953 TTY
<http://www2.illinois.gov/dhr>

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
1.800.669.4000 voice
312.869.8001 TTY
www.eeoc.gov

Access Living
employment discrimination based on a disability
800.613.8549 voice
888.253.7003 TTY
www.accessliving.org

Lambda Legal
employment discrimination based on sexual orientation
312.663.4413
www.lambdalegal.org

Legal Council for Health Justice
employment discrimination based on HIV/AIDS
312.427.8990
www.legalcouncil.org

Equip for Equality
employment discrimination based on disability
800.537.2632 voice
800.610.2779 TTY
www.equipforequality.org

Eviction/Landlord-Tenant

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing
312.347.7600
www.lcbh.org

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
charges fees based on ability to pay
773.731.1762
www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
Represents both landlords and tenants
312.332.1624
www.cvlcs.org

For evictions and voucher terminations for people with Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers and people living in public housing or project-based Section 8 housing:

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

Uptown People's Law Center
773.769.1411
www.uplcchicago.org

For evictions, voucher terminations or denials of admission based on criminal legal involvement:

Cabrini Green Legal Aid
312.738.2452
www.cgla.net

For the elderly or the disabled:

Center for Disability & Elder Law

312.376.1880

www.cdela.org

Expungement/Sealing Of Criminal Records

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

312.738.2452

www.cgla.net

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

For Juvenile Expungement:

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

For Evanston youth and their families:

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

847.492.1410

www.moran-center.org

Foreclosure

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

312.332.1624

www.cvls.org

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

For tenants facing eviction due to a foreclosure:

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing

312.347.7600

www.lcbh.org

Guardianship For Disabled Adults

Center for Disability & Elder Law

312.376.1880

www.cdela.org

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

312.332.1624

www.cvls.org

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

For guardianship defense:

Equip for Equality

800.537.2632 voice

800.610.2779 TTY

www.equipforequality.org

Housing

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Immigration

There are many community-based immigration service providers in Chicago. For a complete list, visit: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org>.

National Immigrant Justice Center

312.660.1370

www.immigrantjustice.org

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Centro Romero
773.508.5300
www.centroromero.org

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
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773.731.1762
www.gclclaw.org

Latinos Progresando
773.542.7077 Ext: 10
www.latinospro.org

World Relief – Immigration Legal Services
773.583.9191
<https://worldreliefchicago.org/>

For victims of domestic and sexual violence:

Ascend Justice
312.325.9155
www.ascendjustice.org

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

Legal Aid Society of Metro. Family Services
312.986.4200
<https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/>

Life Span Center for Legal Services & Advocacy
312.408.1210
www.life-span.org

Insurance Benefits

SEE ALSO PUBLIC BENEFITS (PAGE 18)

Legal Council for Health Justice
312.427.8990
www.legalcouncil.org

Chicago Legal Clinic
charges fees based on ability to pay
773.731.1762
www.clclaw.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
312.332.1624
www.cvl.org

Intellectual Property

The Community Law Project
312.630.9744
www.clccrul.org/community-law-project/

For artists and arts-based organizations:

Lawyers for the Creative Arts
312.649.4111
www.law-arts.org

Child Abuse and Neglect

Legal Aid Chicago
312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

For families in the child welfare system:

Ascend Justice
charges fees based on ability to pay
312.325.9155
www.ascendjustice.org

Mediation

Center for Conflict Resolution
312.922.6464
www.ccrchicago.org

Prisoner Issues

For civil rights issues on behalf of prisoners:

Uptown People’s Law Center
773.769.1411
www.uplcchicago.org

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For disabled persons:

Equip for Equality

312.341.0022

800.537.2632 voice

800.610.2779 TTY

www.equipforequality.org

For incarcerated mothers:

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

312.738.2452

www.cgla.net

For wrongful convictions:

**Northwestern Law School Bluhm Legal Clinic,
Center on Wrongful Convictions**

312.503.8576

312.503.4472 TTY

www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic

Public Benefits

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070

www.legalaidchicago.org

Legal Council for Health Justice

312.427.8990

www.lawcouncil.org

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

For social security disability benefits:

Uptown People's Law Center

773.769.1411

www.uplcchicago.org

For homeless persons:

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

312.641.4141

800.940.1119 toll free

www.chicagohomeless.org

For veterans benefits:

Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network

855.IL.AFLAN (855.452.3526)

<https://ilaflan.org/>

John Marshall Law School Veterans Clinic

312.427.2737

www.jmls.edu/veterans

Real Estate Closings

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

charges fees based on ability to pay

773.731.1762

www.gclclaw.org

Small Businesses and Non-Profits

The Community Law Project

312.630.9744

www.clccrul.org/community-law-project/

For organizations with an arts focus:

Lawyers for the Creative Arts

312.649.4111

www.law-arts.org

Taxes

Ladder Up

312.409.1555

www.goladderup.org

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Veterans

*Note: The Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (<https://ilaflan.org/>) is a statewide hotline for veterans and active duty service members. **Call 855.IL.AFLAN (855.452.3526) for free legal help.***

Center for Disability & Elder Law

monthly clinics at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center and Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital
312.376.1880
www.cdela.org

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

312.332.1624
www.cvl.org

Legal Aid Chicago

312.341.1070
www.legalaidchicago.org

John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Clinic

veteran benefit claims
312.427.2737
www.jmls.edu/veterans

GETTING HELP OUTSIDE OF COOK COUNTY

Free or low cost legal assistance is also available outside Cook County. Visit <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/get-legal-help> for more information.

In Northern and parts of Central Illinois:

Prairie State Legal Services

visit the website for information and locations of the regional offices

800.531.7057

www.pslegal.org

In Southern and parts of Central Illinois:

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

visit the website for information and locations of the regional offices

877.342.7891

www.lollaf.org