

Where to go for Help

ATTORNEY/LANGUAGE REFERRALS

Dakota County Attorney Referral (LADC) 952-431-3200

MN State Bar Association Lawyer Referral <http://mnfindalawyer.com>

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio

651-379-4200 (St. Paul) 651-379-4280 (WSP-limited hours) 612-746-3500 (Mpls) <http://www.clues.org/>

Monday thru Thursday 8:30-7:00 pm Friday 8:30-5:00 pm closed on Sat and Sun

Legal hotline for low-income Spanish-speaking individuals

Spanish Legal Services (Volunteer Legal Network)

612-752-6677 Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,

Legal intake line for low-income Spanish-speaking individuals

BANKRUPTCY

VLN

612-752-6677 <http://www.vlnmn.org/>

Full representation or advice – depending on income

Bankruptcy Advice Clinic

<http://www.mnb.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy-advice-clinics>

First come first serve basis. Free 8 slots of 15 minutes of basic information and bankruptcy-related advice.

CONSUMER

Attorney General's Office

651-296-3353, www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/ContactUs.asp

Hotline staff can answer questions on a variety of topics. They cannot provide legal advice. The office can also take consumer complaints.

LADC

952-431-3200

Clinics held on Tuesdays starting at 1 pm. Please call to schedule an appointment.

VLN

612-752-6677 <http://www.vlnmn.org/>

Attorneys will assist in drafting answers. Must meet with attorney before 20 day period to answer ends.

SMRLS

651-222-4731 www.smrls.org 1-888-575-2954

Assists with cases dealing with the purchase of goods, loans, insurance, bill collection, repossession, garnishment, etc

CRIMINAL EXPUNGEMENT

Dakota County Law Library
651-438-8080

Clinics are offered in partnership with VLN on the Fourth Tuesday of each month. No appointment is necessary.

Mitchell Hamline Pro Se Clinic

<http://mitchellhamline.edu/self-help-clinic/> contact selfhelpclinic@mitchellhamline.edu

Free help with uncontested divorce, modification of child support, custody and parenting time issues or criminal expungement.

VLN

612-752-6677 <http://www.vlnmn.org/>

Full representation or brief advice depending on income.

Neighborhood Justice Center

651-222-4703 <http://www.njcinc.org/>

Provides comprehensive criminal defense services to assist low-income persons, largely persons of color.

The FATHER Project

612-724-5359, www.goodwilleasterseals.org/fatherproject

Legal consultation services for family law and criminal expungement. Must be low income, unemployed or underemployed

DOMESTIC ABUSE

360 Communities <https://www.360communities.org/>

24/7 Sexual Assault Services Hotline: 651-405-1500

Burnsville 952-985-5300

Lewis House shelter – Eagan: 651-452-7288 or Hastings: 651-437-1291 CALL HERE FOR ADVOCATE (will accompany person to court)

Tubman- Family Crisis & Support Services

612-825-0000 (crisis line) <http://www.tubman.org/>

Clinic opportunities: 612-870-2426 free for low-income individuals; others \$15 prepay or \$20 at door

DISCRIMINATION

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

1-800-669-4000, www.eeoc.gov/field/minneapolis/index.cfm

If you believe you have been discriminated against by an employer, labor union or employment agency when applying for a job or while on the job because of your race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information, or believe that you have been discriminated against because of opposing a prohibited practice or participating in an equal employment opportunity matter, you may file a charge of discrimination with the EEOC.

MN Human Rights Department

651-539-1100; 1-800-657-3704, <http://mn.gov/mdhr/>
File a complaint about illegal discrimination

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Legal Walk-in Clinic <http://parkavechurchmpls.com/outreach/walk-in-legal-clinic/>

Thursdays, 3-5pm, Park Ave. Methodist Church, 3400 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis

Family, Immigration, and Employment Law. Interpreters available in Spanish, French, Russian, Polish, Portuguese, and Igbo.

VLN <http://www.vlnmn.org/>

612-752-6677

Phone advice on most employment law questions.

MN Department of Labor & Industry

651-284-5005, <http://www.dli.mn.gov/>

Information about MN employment issues

FAMILY LAW

Legal Assistance of Dakota County

952-431-3200, www.dakotalegal.org

Assistance for low income persons.

Dakota County Family Court Self Help Center

3 locations Hastings 651-438-8080, Apple Valley 952-891-7135, West St. Paul 952-891-7241

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/LawJustice/LawLibrary/LawClinics/Pages/default.aspx>

Free 30 minute consultation with an attorney.

Southern MN Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)

651-222-4731, www.smrls.org 1-888-575-2954

Assistance for low income persons with: family law, government benefits, consumer issues, landlord/tenant, senior rights, migrant issues

The FATHER Project

612-379-5800, www.goodwilleasterseals.org/fatherproject

Legal consultation services for family law and criminal expungement. Must be low income, unemployed or underemployed

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Law Center

612-879-9165, www.icwlc.org

Provides legal representation to parents, family members, Indian custodians and children, involved in legal matters governed by ICWA.

MN Kinship Caregivers Association has become part of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota's Raising Relative's Children program in 2013

651-917-4640, 877-917-4640; warmline@lssn.org <http://www.lssmn.org/raising-relative-children/mkca/>

Resource for people raising their relative's children

FORECLOSURE

Dakota County Community Development Agency Foreclosure Hotline
651-675-4555

VLN <http://www.vlnmn.org/>
612-752-6677

Attorneys meet with clients with these issues: equity stripping, foreclosure, predatory lending, association liens, and others.

MN Home Ownership Center
651-659-9336, 866-462-6466 www.hocmn.org

IMMIGRATION

Immigrant Law Center of MN <http://ilcm.org/>
1-800-223-1368; 651-641-1011 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Thursdays: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., www.immigrantlawcentermn.org
Brief legal advice and full legal representation to eligible immigrants and refugees. Immigration law only.

Advocates for Human Rights
612-341-9845 <http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/>
Provides help with asylum and related appeals

Migrant Legal Services (SMRLS)
651-222-4731 www.smrls.org
Provides legal assistance and community education services to low-income migrant farmworkers

Walk-in Clinic <http://parkavechurchmpls.com/outreach/walk-in-legal-clinic/>
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Family, Immigration, and Employment Law. Interpreters available in Spanish, French, Russian, Polish, Portuguese, and Igbo.

LANDLORD TENANT

HOMELine
612-728-5767, www.homelinemn.org
Free legal advice for tenants

Southern MN Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)
651-222-4731, www.smrls.org
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Minnesota Multi Housing Association (MHA)
952-854-8500 (landlord or tenant can call) <http://www.mmha.com/>

SENIORS

Senior Linkage Line

651-431-2500 or toll-free 1-800-333-2433 <http://www.mnaging.net/>

Minnesota Board on Aging's free statewide information and assistance service. The Senior LinkAge Line® has expertise in the areas of: Medicare; Prescription Drug Expense assistance; Health Insurance Counseling; Forms assistance, including help applying for Medical Assistance and Medicare options; Long-term Care Insurance; Caregiver planning and support; Grandparents raising Grandchildren. Senior LinkAge Line® can connect you with: Financial Assistance, Home Care, Housekeeping and Chore services, Indian Elder Program, Legal Assistance, Long-term Care Ombudsman, Meal Delivery and Nutrition, Transitional Consultation, Transportation

Estate & Elder Law Services (Volunteers of America) <http://www.voa.org/>

612-676-6300

Assists clients with wills, trusts, estate planning, probate, powers of attorney, health care directives, guardianship, conservatorship, special needs trusts, Medical Assistance planning, and real estate matters. Individuals with disabilities or those age 60 or older may qualify to receive our services at subsidized rates based on monthly income and asset levels.

Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

651-431-2555 or 800-657-3591 <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/services/ombudsman/contact-us/regional-ombudsman-directory.jsp>

Senior Law Project (SMRLS)

651-224-7301 www.smrls.org

Assists with issues commonly faced by people over 60, including social security, Medicare, Medical Assistance, nursing home, and other subjects.

OTHER

Children's Law Center

651-644-4438, www.clcmn.org

Pro bono service representing youth

Disability Law Center

612-334-5970, www.mndlc.org

Free civil legal assistance to individuals with disabilities on legal issues that are related to their disabilities

Farmers' Legal Action Group

651-223-5400, www.flaginc.org

Provides legal services to family farmers and their rural communities

Legal Assistance to MN Prisoners (LAMP)

651-695-7672, <https://mitchellhamline.edu/clinics/lamp-legal-assistance-to-minnesota-prisoners/>

Help for inmates all types of legal matters to inmates.

Legal Corps

612-206-0780, <http://legalcorps.org>

Free legal help for Minnesota small businesses and nonprofits

Upper Midwest Pension Rights Project

866-783-5021 or 651-641-8612 or <http://www.midwestpensions.org/>

Providing free of charge counseling, claims help, and advice on pensions and retirement income in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota regardless of age, income or value of claim.

Pro Bono Unemployment Appeals Program

Minnesota State Law Library

2nd Thursday of the month 1-3 pm phone; 4th Thursday of the month in person Call for appt. 651-297-7651. Assistance in appealing a decision to deny unemployment benefits.

Tax Project

612-752-6677

Advice and representation for clients who have MN Department of Revenue issues (NOT IRS or IRS/DOR). Hearing must be in St. Paul Tax Court.