

Resource: Legal Aid & Advocacy

1. Legal Action of Wisconsin-31 South Mills Street, Madison, WI

608-256-3304 (local)
800-362-3904 (toll free)

Intake times for different legal issues:
http://www.legalaction.org/content/index.cfm?cm_id=61

<http://www.legalaction.org/>

If you can't afford a lawyer, you often can't afford justice.

This lack of justice threatens the most basic human needs of many low-income people: food, shelter, health care and personal safety.

Legal Action of Wisconsin provides free legal services to low-income people who would be denied justice without our help.

We deliver top-quality, personalized legal service to each and every client we serve. We also emphasize legal work with a broader reach, aimed at systemic changes that will help more people achieve a decent quality of life.

Our priority practice areas and special projects include: Benefits and Health programs, Family Law, Housing Law, Licenses, Criminal Records & Employment, SeniorLAW, Migrant Farmworkers, Social Security and the DOES Project.

Legal Action of Wisconsin: civil legal aid for qualifying low income persons in public benefits, housing, consumer law, family, and elder law.

2. Community Justice Inc. -214 N. Hamilton St. Suite 101 Madison, WI 53703

Phone
608.204.9642

communityjusticeinc@communityjusticeinc.org

Website: <http://www.communityjusticeinc.org/>

Legal representation in Madison municipal court persons for qualifying homeless persons, sliding scale services available for low income persons in other legal matters. Family Law, Criminal Defense, Domestic Violence Support and Landlord/tenant law.

3. Legal Assistance Self-Help Clinics –215 S Hamilton St. Madison, WI 53703

Phone 608.262.2301

<https://courts.countyofdane.com/prepare/assistance>

Legal Assistance self-help clinics promoted by the Dane County Clerk of Court, including Foreclosure Assistance Clinic, Family Law Assistance Center, Family Court Clinic, Small Claims Assistance Project,

Legal Assistance Programs

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Family Court Clinic (FCC): Room L1022

- Help with family court procedures and forms from UW Law School students.
- Appointments strongly encouraged and scheduled by calling: 608.262.2301
- Voluntarios que hablan español están disponibles sólo con cita previa: 608.262.2301

Monday

9:00AM — 12:00PM

Tuesday

1:00PM — 4:00PM

Thursday

9:00AM — 12:00PM

Friday

9:00AM — 12:00PM

Family Law Assistance Center (FLAC): Room L1022

- Help with family court procedures and forms.
- Staffed by volunteer attorneys and paralegals.
- Voluntarios que hablan español están disponibles los Miercoles dias primeros y terceros de cada mes.

Wednesday

11:30AM — 1:30PM

Small Claims Assistance Program (SCAP): Room L1022

- Help with small claims procedures and forms.
- Staffed by volunteer attorneys and paralegals.
- Voluntarios que hablan español están disponibles el primero y tercer Martes de cada mes.

Tuesday

9:00AM – 11:00AM

Foreclosure Answer Clinic: Room L1000

- For homeowners who have received a Foreclosure Summons & Complaint; Some Consumer Law
- Staffed by volunteer UW Law School students; Drop-in only.

Tuesday

9:00AM – 11:00AM

**4. Veteran’s Law Center-Vetran’s Service Office -210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.,
Madison, WI 53703**

Phone: (608) 266-4158. <https://law.wisc.edu/probono/veteranslawcenter/>

The Veterans Law Center (VLC) is a free walk-in legal clinic that serves low-income veterans and their families. Volunteer attorneys, along with paralegals and law students, provide brief legal advice, information and referrals on a variety of civil legal matters. Additionally, staff from the Dane County Veterans Service Office provides information about military benefits and other resources available to veterans.

The University of Wisconsin Law School Pro Bono Program, in collaboration with the Dane County Bar Association, the Dane County Veterans Service Office, and Porchlight, Inc. developed the Veterans Law Center in 2012. Major funding is provided by the State Bar of Wisconsin and Habush, Habush & Rottier.

Having a central resource for veterans seeking legal assistance helps alleviate the challenges faced by local veterans. Many veterans miss out on receiving quality legal information simply because they are not sure where to go for help. VLC serves as this central resource and it consistently provides accurate legal information for veterans in need.

Note: If you have concerns regarding veterans' benefits, your county Veterans' Service Office (VSO) should be your first point of contact. Every county in WI has a Veterans' Service Office. In Dane County, the VSO is located in the City-County Building (210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53703), and can be reached at (608) 266-4158.

Dane County Bar Association Advocacy Resource Numbers

<https://www.dcba.net/services/resources>

Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health) 608 261-6939

Services include Health Benefits Counseling, Legal Services for Health Care Financing, Covering Kids and Families MAP Projects, Professional Training and Consultation, Public Information Services, Health System Research and Advocacy. Children and families especially those with special health care needs or with problems accessing health care. Free services if income levels are met. If income levels are not met, fees are determined on a sliding scale basis.

AIDS Resource Center 608-316-8607

This service is for people living with HIV/AIDS living below 300% of the federal poverty level. Eligible clients are assisted by legal staff or referred to volunteer or reduced rate attorneys when available, depending on agency resources and the legal issue. Information and referral is provided with respect to a wide range of issues, including housing, employment, public benefits, estate planning, health benefits, family, bankruptcy/debt, consumer, civil rights, and confidentiality.

Center for Patient Partnerships 608-890-0321

A project at the UW Law School that helps advocate for patients with life threatening or serious chronic illness make informed decisions and get the health care they need and deserve. It provides information and services that are intended to empower the patient.

Centro Hispano 608-255-3018

Provides information and referral services, employment help, translation, and housing assistance with an emphasis on serving the Latino community.

City of Madison Foreclosure Prevention Program 608-261-5677**Community Immigration Law Center 608-257-4845**

Every 2nd & 4th Friday from 2-5 PM at First Presbyterian Church. Volunteer law students and attorneys provide case evaluation/assessment, referrals, assistance with basic immigration-related forms, and “know your rights” information/presentations. Spanish interpreters available. Interpreters for other languages may not be available, so it is best to bring one.

Community Justice, Inc. 608-204-9642

Non-profit law firm serving people with lower incomes in a wider range of legal issues.

Consumer Law Clinic 608-263-6283

Provides legal services to low-income individuals with consumer law issues.

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services Legal Program 608-251-4445

Provides legal advocacy to help victims of domestic violence with restraining orders, family law, criminal law, immigration, attorney referrals, and more.

Disability Rights Wisconsin 608-267-0214; TTY: 888-758-6049

Disability Rights Wisconsin serves people of all ages, including people with developmental disabilities, people with mental illness, people with physical or sensory disabilities, and people with traumatic brain injury.

Domestic Violence Immigration Clinic 608-890-3753

UW law students assist immigrant survivors of abuse in petitions for submission to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act of 2000, also known as the U Visa,

Elder Law Center-Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups 608-224-0606

Provider of legal services and resources to citizens 60 years and older with special emphasis on the frail and vulnerable elderly in need of long-term care.

Family Court Assistance Project 608-262-2301

Information and assistance from UW-Madison law students to people without lawyers. Will assist clients with restraining orders, divorce, and other family law related paperwork.

Family Court Counseling Services 608-266-4607

Assists with court-ordered mediation, family studies, and runs parenting classes for those with family law cases in Dane County.

Family Law Assistance Center

Wednesdays 11:30am -1:30pm; Spanish speakers available 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Volunteer attorneys provide family law information and assistance. Room L1000, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison

Foreclosure Answer Clinic

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. First come, first serve. For more information, contact the UW Law School's Consumer Law Clinic at (608) 263-6283.

Lawyer Referral & Information Services Hotline- State Bar of Wisconsin 608-257-4666

If you are looking for general legal information or an answer to a simple legal question (i.e., landlord/tenant, small claims court, simple family law, basic probate questions and traffic violation questions), you can get help through this program. LRIS will make an appointment for a lawyer to call you back, free of charge, within a few days to briefly discuss your question.

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. 608-256-3304/ 800-362-3904

Provides free legal assistance to low-income persons in the following areas: family law, housing (landlord-tenant, section 8, public and subsidized housing), consumer, foreclosures, and public benefits (disability and SSI, Medical Assistance and Badger Care, Food Stamps, W2, child care, unemployment insurance). For intake information: http://www.legalaction.org/content/index.cfm?cm_id=13

Legal Resource Center – Dane County M-F 8:30 -4:30 608-266-6316

Room L1007, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison
Legal forms available here and online: www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit.htm

Modest Means Program www.wisbar.org/modestmeans

A program from the State Bar of Wisconsin that may be able to help individuals get legal representation at a reduced rate. Individuals must fill out an application.

Neighborhood Law Clinic 608-265-2441

Free legal services in three areas: landlord/tenant, public benefits, and unpaid wages. Must be low-income. Call for an appointment.

Small Claims Assistance Center

Tuesdays, 9:00am – 11:00am: Information and assistance with small claims.
Room L1000, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison.
Check <http://www.countyofdane.com/clrkort/prepare/assistance.aspx> for Spanish schedule.

State Public Defender 608- 266-9150

Legal services for indigent defendants in Dane County criminal account, juveniles in Dane County, and clients involved in mental commitment proceedings.

Tenant Resource Center Helpline 608-257-0006 or Information about tenant rights and responsibilities. 877-238-7368 (outside Dane Co.)**Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic 608- 246-4357**

The only way to schedule an appointment with the clinic is through the United Way (dial 2-1-1 from any local Phone or the above listed number) Help with the pursuit of unemployment compensation benefits.

UW-Madison Legal Information Center 608-263-3243

UW-Madison law students provide legal information. Not available in summer or over breaks.

Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center 800-488-2596

Answers questions about Wisconsin law relating to adult guardianships, living wills, and Do Not Resuscitate orders.

Wisconsin State Law Library Circulation 608-266-1600, Reference 608-267-9696, 800-322-9755

Legal reference and research assistance including help locating statutes, court forms, court procedures, primary and secondary practice materials such as local, state, or federal treatises, electronic reference sources and more.