

LEGAL RESOURCES DIRECTORY

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY



- Reference Assistance 713-323-1108; Email: lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Harris County Law Library 713-755-5183
<https://www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/self-help-information-resources>
- TexasLawHelp.org
<https://texaslawhelp.org/>

LEGAL CLINICS AT THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

- **Earl Carl Institute** 713-313-1139
www.earlcarlinstitute.org
Opal Mitchell Lee Property Preservation Project provides free legal services to low-income Texans on inheritance issues, foreclosures, title to property, and potential land loss due to a failure to plan estates. The Juvenile Justice Project provides free legal representation to children who are in the criminal justice system, disparate educational systems, mental health system, and foster care system, students seeking to have their criminal records sealed, students in school disciplinary and special education hearings, students with cases pending in Justice of the Peace and Municipal Courts and the Juvenile Delinquency courts.
- **Thurgood Marshall School of Law – Legal Clinic** 713-313-7275
www.tsulaw.edu/legal_clinic
Offers limited assistance through the law school legal clinics, including criminal misdemeanors, probate, guardianship (incapacitated adults), simple wills, simple divorces, immigration matters and family law.

FREE AND LOW-COST LEGAL RESOURCES

- **Lone Star Legal Aid** 800-733-8394
www.lonestarlegal.org
Provides free legal assistance in a wide range of civil matters to eligible, low-income Texans.
- **Access Justice Houston** 832-772-6743
www.accessjusticehouston.org
Serves modest means clients, providing legal services on a reduced fee calculated on a sliding scale. If you make too much to qualify for legal aid, but can't find an affordable lawyer, we'll work with you to get you a lawyer you can afford. Helps with your Family law, Criminal Defense, Landlord Tenant, Consumer law issues.
- **Advocate Legal Senior Center** 832-393-4074
www.senioradvocatetx.org
Provides legal services in the area of guardianships, probate, land issues, and tenant issues on a pro bono and sliding scale basis to senior citizens residing in and around Harris County.
- **Aid To Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)** 713-224-9911
www.avda-tx.org
Provides free legal representation to domestic violence victims; handles family law cases including protective orders, divorce and child custody.

- **Bay Area Turning Point** 281-286-2525
www.bayareaturningpoint.org
 Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, emergency shelter, casework, victim advocacy, assistance with applying for protective orders, assistance with applying for crime victims compensation, individual and family counseling, support groups, housing assistance, information and referrals, victim accompaniment to criminal justice entities, medical facilities, and law enforcement agencies and assistance with accessing resources to recover from trauma and abuse. 24-hour hotline: 281-286-2525.
- **Beacon Law, Formerly Cathedral Justice Project** 713-220-9780
www.beaconhomeless.org
 Non-profit legal aid, geared towards helping the homeless and indigent population of Houston. Beacon Law focuses on ID restoration, record clearing/sealing, pro se divorce, child support modifications, immigration documents, SSI/SSDI appeals, evictions.
- **Boat People SOS, Inc.** 281-530-6888
www.bpsos.org
 Provides civil legal assistance for low-income Vietnamese Texans in the areas of domestic violence, human trafficking, family law, immigration and wills.
- **The Bridge Over Troubled Waters** 281-420-5600 (Baytown); 713-473-2801 (Main Office & 24-hour hotline)
www.tbotw.org
 Provides legal advocacy and support services for victims of domestic violence/sexual assault, and the homeless.
- **Consejos Legales** 713-759-1133
www.hba.org
 Offers free, simple legal advice in Spanish for Harris County residents. Consejos Legales usually takes place on the first Thursday of every month. Confirm the date and time of the next Consejos Legales by consulting the website calendar or calling 713-759-1133.
- **Disability Rights Texas** 713-974-7691 (Houston); 800-252-9108 (Apply For Services)
www.DRTx.org
 Legal representation and advocacy for disability rights issues; to apply for services call toll free 800-252-9108. Intake Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm or apply online at: intake.DRTx.org
- **Family Time Crisis and Counseling Center** 281-446-2615 (24-hour crisis hotline)
www.familytimeccc.org
 Provides legal advocacy for survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault, emergency shelter access, free individual and group counseling, hospital and court accompaniment.
- **Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.** 281-342-4357 (24-hour hotline)
www.fbwc.org
 Partners with AVDA and Lone Star Legal Aid to assist domestic violence victims through the legal process; offers counseling, information and legal referral services.
- **GANO/CARECEN Central American Refugee Center** 713-665-1284
 Provides clients with orientation on immigration services within US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Help clients with form filing and documentation intakes such as family petitions, adjustment of status, citizenships, renewal of residency cards, work permits through TPS, and DACA, etc.

- **Harris County Domestic Relations Office** 713-274-7300
www.dro.hctx.net
 Provides the following services to families with cases in the Harris County Family District Courts: parenting coordination, child custody evaluations, mediations, community supervision, adoption evaluations, parent conferences, supervised visitation, child support enforcement, possession/access enforcement and paternity establishment. No income cap exists. Fees are either free, sliding scale or reduced cost.
- **Harris County Public Defender's Office** 713-274-6700
www.harriscountypublicdefender.org
 Provide trial and appellate representation to clients charged with, or convicted of, felonies and misdemeanors, to juveniles and to clients who are mentally ill or intellectually disabled
- **Houston Area Women's Center** 800-256-0551 (Domestic violence hotline)
www.hawc.org
 Works to end domestic and sexual violence. Offers advocacy, counseling, education, shelter and support services. Services are free, confidential and available to everyone. Sexual assault hotline 800-256-0661.
- **Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative** 833-468-4664 (Immigrant Hotline)
www.houstonimmigration.org
 Network of legal services providers for low-income immigrants; Provides resources about immigration law; Offers referrals to free, low-cost or sliding scale legal assistance; Does not provide direct legal services; Immigrants can call the immigrant hotline to be referred to a legal services provider.
- **Houston Volunteer Lawyers** 713-228-0735
www.MakeJusticeHappen.org
 Provides free legal services to low-income residents of Harris County by linking qualified applicants with volunteer attorneys; offers a variety of free legal advice clinics on a walk-in basis; areas of service include family law, wills, estate planning and probate, tax, guardianship, Social Security appeals and consumer matters; does not provide representation for criminal, traffic or fee-generating matters; Runs pro se advice clinics at the Harris County Law Library (9am – 5pm) and the Harris County Civil Courthouse (8:30am – 2pm) offering legal information to pro se individuals on a first come first serve basis; Serves Harris County.
- **Kids In Need of Defense (KIND)** 832-779-4030
www.supportkind.org
 Provides pro bono representation to unaccompanied children in deportation proceedings. Ensures that the children have access to counseling, education support, and medical care. Services children who are detained in Harris and Montgomery counties, who are 17.5 years old and under, who are fleeing violence.
- **LegalLine – Houston Bar Association** 713-759-1133
www.hba.org/legalline
 Register online at www.hba.org/index.cfm?pg=LegalLine to receive a phone call from an attorney for 20 minutes of free legal advice.
- **Memorial Assistance Ministries** 713-468-4516 ext. 187 (call and leave a message)
www.maministries.org/legal
 Assists low-income immigrants with family-based petitions, Renewal or Replacement of Lawful Permanent Residency card, Adjustment of Status to Lawful Permanent Residency, Naturalization /Citizenship, Humanitarian-based petitions for victims of crime (U visa/VAWA), DACA Renewals: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

- **Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics at South Texas College of Law Houston** 713-646-2990
www.stcl.edu/academics/legal-clinics
 Offers legal assistance through the law school's legal clinics, including family law, probate/estate planning, landlord/tenant, driver license restoration, expunction/non-disclosure, guardianship, veteran's issues, tax, immigration; and mediation through the school's mediation department.
- **Refugee And Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)** 210-226-7722
www.raicestexas.org
 Provides immigration-related legal services for asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors, immigration detainees, and victims of domestic violence, crime and human trafficking.
- **St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance** 713-595-4100
www.catholiccharities.org
 Provides immigrants with low to moderate income legal services such as family visa petitions, citizenship applications, asylum proceedings, adjustment of status, employment authorization, immigration relief for victims of crime, domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking as well as removal defense for unaccompanied minors. Holds a meeting the first 3 Tuesday mornings of each month to provide immigration information, Know Your Rights training, updates on immigration policies as well as one-on-one legal consultation to the public.
- **Tahirih Justice Center** 713-496-0100
www.tahirih.org
 Provides immigration legal representation to survivors of gender-based violence.
- **University Of Houston Clinical Programs** 713-743-2094
www.law.uh.edu/clinic
 Offers very limited legal assistance in family law, probate, guardianship, immigration, consumer law, transactional, criminal defense, and mediation. Does not offer legal advice; all cases accepted are pro bono and for students.
- **Veterans Legal Initiative** 713-228-0735
www.MakeJusticeHappen.org
 Provides advice and counsel to any veteran or spouse of a deceased veteran every Friday, from 1pm-5pm, at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, 2002 Holcombe Blvd, Houston 77030; clinic is held in Building 108 A, no appointment is necessary; conducts veterans clinics in surrounding areas.
- **Workers Defense Project** 832-998-0564 (Austin); 512-289-7634 (Main Office)
www.workersdefense.org
 Provides advocacy, leadership development, trainings and orientations around workplace safety and workers' rights, and provide legal services, particularly to construction workers who have experienced wage theft, retaliation, or unsafe working conditions.
- **YMCA International Services** 713-399-9015 (Houston); 713-758-9280 (Main Office)
www.ymcahouston.org/locations/ymca-internationalservices
 The Immigration Legal Department of the YMCA International Services provides counseling or representation to individuals seeking immigration assistance. Assistance is available for asylum seekers, crime survivors, survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. Services also include family reunification visas, adjustment of status and naturalization applications. Individuals can discuss their immigration case with an Immigration Attorney, Department of Justice Accredited Representative or an Immigration Case Manager. Handles immigration matters only. Call 713-758-9280 for more information.