

Disability Network Directory – Montgomery County, Maryland

Legal Services – Free, Low Cost & Pro Bono

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Bar Association of Montgomery County

27 West Jefferson Street Rockville, MD 20850 301-424-3454 (V)

www.barmont.org

Assist low-income residents of Montgomery County obtain free legal representation and consultation.

• Lawyer Referral Service

301-279-9100 (V)

Referral service to attorneys in Montgomery County. A fee will be charged by the attorney for a 30 minute in-office consultation. Reduced fee services available for low-income eligible residents. Telephone intakes only from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, Monday through Friday. No walk-ins. For after hour referrals, please use the online referral link: https://barmont.community.lawyer/

• Family Law Self-Help Center

Montgomery County Circuit Court 50 Maryland Avenue Room 1500 South Tower Rockville, MD 20850

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/family-law-selfhelp-center.html

Free walk-in clinic, staffed by attorneys, that provides either general legal information or limited legal advice in family law disputes involving divorce, custody, visitation, guardianship, and child support. Assists individuals who want to represent themselves in SIMPLE family matters only. Center open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. for sign-ins. Sign-ins continue throughout the day until capacity is reached. It is recommended that you come early in the day if you want to see a lawyer. Additionally, you may call 240-777-9145 and a lawyer will call you back within 24 hours for a consultation, or to schedule an appointment, if appropriate. Offer extended hours every Thursday for consultations. Self-represented litigants must sign in by 5:45 p.m. in order to be seen by a lawyer, however, if capacity for the day has been reached, meeting with a lawyer is not guaranteed.

• Pro Bono Program 301-424-7651 (V)

https://barmont.org/page/116

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Assists low-income residents of Montgomery County. Maryland obtain free legal representation. Volunteer private practice attorneys are solicited by the Program to provide free legal guidance and/or representation in the areas of absolute divorce, custody, name changes, adoption/guardianship, landlord/tenant (security deposits only), bankruptcy/debt collection matters wills, powers of attorney, and in limited circumstances immigration and employment cases. \$25.00 processing fee. Program depends on volunteers; therefore, it may take several months to find an attorney who is available to represent you in court. Program cannot assist individuals who have emergency cases.

Bar Association of Montgomery County Pro Bono Legal Advice Clinics

https://barmont.org/page/In-PersonLegalClinics

Residents are served a first-come first-serve basis due to limited staffing. You must sign-in at each location during the first half hour of service to speak to an attorney that evening. Any residents needing specialized services or accommodations should contact the Pro Bono Office in advance. Always check website prior to visiting clinic to ensure clinic is still taking place. Must be a resident of Montgomery County and meet the Maryland income eligibility guidelines

- Tess Community Action Center 8703 Flower Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Registration time: 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center Gaithersburg Library 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20879 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month Registration: 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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 East County Community Recreation Center 3310 Gateshead Manor Way Silver Spring, MD 20904 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Registration time: 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center Westfield South Building

11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 506 Wheaton, MD 20902 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month Registration time: 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Maryland Legal Aid - Montgomery County Office

600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 430 Rockville, MD 20852 240-314-0373 (V) 1-855-880-9487 (Toll Free) 1-888-465-2468 (Intake - Toll Free) www.mdlab.org

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-in Intake Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Telephone Intake Hours: Monday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Provides a full range of free civil legal services to financially eligible individuals. Assist with collection and debt; bankruptcy; predatory lending practics; wage claims and other FLSA issues; custody/visitation; divorce/separation; domestic abuse; long-term health care; homeownership; mortgage foreclosures; private landlord/tenant; social security (SSI/SSDI); unemployment; food stamps; veterans benefits; wills and estates; and fraud and elder abuse. Legal help information and self-help materials available at www.peoples-law.org.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

201 North Charles Street, Suite 1400 Baltimore, MD 21201 410-547-6537 (Intake) 1-800-510-0050 (Toll Free) E-mail: info@mvlslaw.org www.mvlslaw.org

Phone Intake Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free or low-cost legal representation in civil matters to Marylanders with limited income. Each eligible client is matched with a volunteer lawyer who has the appropriate skills and expertise to provide quality representation. Accept the family cases: family (divorce, custody, adoption, guardianship - adult and child, name changes/birth certificate corrections. unaccompanised youth project); housing (landlord/tenant disputes, foreclosure and tax sale, deed changes, ground rent,

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other property issues); consumer (bankruptcy chapter 7, collections, contract and other consumer disputes): and other (expundement/shielding/vacatur. income tax disputes, estate planning and administration - small estates, uninsured motorist tort, non-profit organizations).

University of Maryland

School of Law Clinic Program

510 West Baltimore Street, Suite 360 Baltimore, MD 21201 410-706-3295 (V)

www.law.umaryland.edu/academics/clinics

Law students practice under supervision of law school faculty and provide legal representation to low-income clients in family law matters before district, circuit and appellate courts. Child custody, child support, divorce and protection from domestic violence. Clinic does not have any type of "walk-in" consultation facilities and they do not give legal advice over the phone. Studentattorneys represent qualifying taxpayers in interactions with the IRS as well as in the U.S. Tax Court in the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. Handle tax collection matters as well as tax litigation. Do not prepare current-year tax returns.

JustAdvice Project

16 S. Poppleton St. 3rd Floor Baltimore, MD 21230 410-929-4809 (V)

Email: justadviceclinic@gmail.com

Provide free legal advice to Maryland residents on a broad range of legal issues including matters concerning family law, housing, employment, expungement, insurance, consumer law, taxes, civil actions, and social security. Clients can meet with JustAdvice attorneys in person, online, or via phone.

Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and **Urban Affairs**

700 14th Street NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20005 202-319-1000 (V) 202-319-1000 ext. 8001 (Spanish) 1-800-361-8361 (Toll Free) Email: justice@washlaw.org www.washlaw.org

Represent both individuals and groups seeking to vindicate their civil rights on issues pertaining to equal opportunity employment, fair housing, equitable access to public accommodations, prisoner rights, immigrant and refugee rights, public education, and handle discrimination complaints including MetroAccess complaints.

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