

## Criminal Law Referrals

1. **Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD)** – <http://wispd.org/>

Contact the SPD office in the county in which you live to determine if that office can represent you. In Milwaukee, the Public Defender's Office for:

- Adult cases is located at 819 North Sixth Street, Room 908, (414) 227-4130.
- Juvenile and mental health cases is located at 10930 W. Potter Road, Suite D, (414) 266-1182.

2. **Court Appointed Representation.** If the Public Defender's Office cannot represent you, you may apply to the court for the appointment of an attorney at the county's expense. You must complete the [Petition for Appointment of An Attorney, Affidavit of Indigency and Order form GF-152A](#). The form should be filled out completely and then signed in front of a notary BEFORE you go to court.

3. **Retain a Lawyer.** If you are not appointed an attorney by the court, you can contact:

- **For Veterans Only.** Dryhootch (4801 W. National, 414-988-9828, [www.Dryhootch.org](http://www.Dryhootch.org)) offers a free legal clinic for veterans, active duty personnel, reservists, and National Guard members and their families. Hours: 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 5:00–6:30 p.m. by appointment
- **Centro Legal** (611 W. National Ave., #103, (414) 384-7900, [www.centrolegalwisconsin.org](http://www.centrolegalwisconsin.org)) provides low cost representation for criminal misdemeanors, diversions, and deferred prosecution agreements. Services in English and Spanish. Free consultations by appointment only. Call to schedule.
- **Civitas Law Group** (2816 W. Greenfield Ave., (414) 949-5266, [www.clgmke.org](http://www.clgmke.org)) provides low cost criminal defense representation. Services in English and Spanish. Leave a message at 414-949-5266 or email [info@clgmke.org](mailto:info@clgmke.org) to make an appointment. No walk-ins.
- **Lagmann Inc.** (230 W. Wells St., #201, (414) 755-3419, [www.Lagmann.org](http://www.Lagmann.org)) provides low cost sliding-scale (based on a client's income) misdemeanor and felony defense representation in adult and juvenile court.
- **Nonprofit Legal Referral Services** (414) 435-0636, provides low cost criminal (misdemeanor & traffic) representation. Clients are seen by appointment only. Call to make an appointment.
- **State Bar Association Modest Means Panel** is designed to assist people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services, but too low to pay a lawyer's standard rate. The panel assists on criminal law cases. For more information and to see if you qualify for these reduced fee services, fill out the questionnaire on their website: <https://www.wisbar.org/forpublic/ineedalawyer/pages/modest-means.aspx>
- **Milwaukee and State Bar Associations.** When receiving a referral from one of these organizations, clients are guaranteed an initial consult of ½ hour for no more than \$20.00. After that, the fee would be determined by the attorney.
  - Milwaukee Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service: (414) 274-6768 or [iris@milwbar.org](mailto:iris@milwbar.org); Monday to Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM
  - State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service: (800) 362-9082