

# COVID-19 AVAILABILITY OF MILWAUKEE FREE AND LOW-COST LEGAL AID PROVIDERS

## I NEED HELP FILLING OUT FORMS

 <p><b>Milwaukee Justice Center</b> Milwaukee Co. Courthouse 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Room G-9 (414) 278-2910 (info only) <a href="http://www.MilwaukeeJusticeCenter.org">www.MilwaukeeJusticeCenter.org</a></p>	<p>Free <b>forms assistance on family issues</b> such as divorce, child support/placement/custody modifications, and name changes. To request an appointment, submit this <a href="#">brief form</a>. If you cannot complete the form online, call 414-278-3965 to leave a voicemail requesting an appointment.</p>
 <p><b>Bankruptcy Pro Se Help Desk</b> 517 E. Wisconsin Ave., Room 153 <a href="http://www.wiebc.uscourts.gov/pro-se-help-desk">www.wiebc.uscourts.gov/pro-se-help-desk</a></p>	<p>CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.</p>
<p><b>Estate Planning Clinic</b> Call to schedule an appointment – (414) 288-5378 <a href="http://law.marquette.edu/mvlc/estate-planning-clinic">http://law.marquette.edu/mvlc/estate-planning-clinic</a></p>	<p>Free basic estate planning services (<b>will, living will, powers of attorney</b> for healthcare and finances) to low income clients and veterans. Remote appointments are available for those with email access and ability to have documents witnessed/notarized on their own. Video call ability via Zoom is strongly preferred but not required for these appointments. Two appointment slots are required for spouses or partners.</p>
<p><b>Restraining Order Clinic</b> 901 North 9th Street, Room 711, (414) 278-5079 <a href="https://familypeacecenter.org/resources/getting-help/">https://familypeacecenter.org/resources/getting-help/</a></p>	<p>Assists with (1) completing and filing <b>harassment, domestic violence, juvenile harassment, child abuse, and individual at-risk restraining orders</b>, (2) creating safety plans, and (3) accessing community resources and referrals. Office is closed, but advocates are working remotely. Individuals seeking to file a temporary restraining order (TRO) must do so online. For assistance, call Sojourner at (414) 278-5079. Leave a message that includes full name and a safe call-back number. An advocate will call back to assist with filing a TRO online during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.</p>
<p><b>State Bar of Wisconsin Appellate Help Desk</b> (414) 671-9041 <a href="mailto:appellatehelp@gmail.com">appellatehelp@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Assists unrepresented parties in Wisconsin civil appeals on Tuesdays and Thursdays to answer questions on how state appellate courts work, provide info. on rules/procedures/terms/pending cases/deadlines, direction to forms, and checking forms for completeness.</p>

## I NEED LEGAL ADVICE

 <p><b>Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics</b> (414) 288-6912 <a href="http://www.MarquetteLegalClinic.org">www.MarquetteLegalClinic.org</a></p>	<p>Free brief legal advice on civil matters. <b>No criminal or employment discrimination.</b> Remote legal advice appointments available in partnership with the Milwaukee Justice Center. To request an appointment, submit this <a href="#">brief form</a>. If you cannot complete the form online, call 414-278-3965 to leave a voicemail requesting an appointment.</p>
<p><b>Mobile Legal Clinic – Expungement &amp; Pardons</b> (414) 278-2046 <a href="mailto:expungemke@gmail.com">expungemke@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Clinic appointments on <b>expungement, pardon and arrest removal options</b> can be scheduled by calling 414-278-2046 or by <a href="#">completing this online form</a>.</p>
<p><b>Marquette Nonprofit Legal Clinic (M-LINC)</b> <a href="https://law.marquette.edu/mvlc/m-linc-clinic-nonprofits">https://law.marquette.edu/mvlc/m-linc-clinic-nonprofits</a></p>	<p>Free brief legal advice for <b>Wisconsin nonprofits and organizations seeking tax exempt status.</b> Request a remote services appointment via the request form on the website.</p>
 <p><b>Voces de la Frontera</b> 1027 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., (414) 643-1620 <a href="http://vdlf.org/">http://vdlf.org/</a></p>	<p>CAMINOS consultation legal clinics on Saturdays from 9-11 am are available via phone. Rotating between <b>immigration, family, and workers' rights</b> legal consultations. Call Worker Center Organizer at 414-643-1620 to schedule.</p>
 <p><b>Dryhootch</b> 4801 W. National Ave. (414) 988-9828 <a href="http://www.Dryhootch.org">www.Dryhootch.org</a></p>	<p>CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.</p>
<p><b>ELCA Outreach Center</b> 6218 26th Ave., Kenosha (262) 652-5545 <a href="https://elcaoutreachcenter.org/">https://elcaoutreachcenter.org/</a></p>	<p>CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.</p>
<p><b>IP Clinic: A Project of LegalCORPS</b> Milwaukee Public Library Central 814 Wisconsin Ave., Rm. 2B</p>	<p>CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.</p>
<p><b>Wisconsin Free Legal Answers</b> <a href="https://wi.freelegalanswers.org">https://wi.freelegalanswers.org</a></p>	<p>A virtual legal advice clinic for qualifying users to post civil legal questions to volunteer attorneys at no cost.</p>
 <p><b>Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association Federal Legal Assistance Program</b> <a href="https://edwba.org">https://edwba.org</a></p>	<p>Free legal guidance (up to two hours) in federal civil lawsuits in which you represent yourself, including: <b>civil rights violations, Social Security, employment discrimination.</b> This <a href="#">form</a> must be submitted before you can receive assistance: No walk ins.</p>

## I NEED A LAWYER TO REPRESENT ME AND CANNOT AFFORD ONE

### Free Services

 <p><b>Vivent Health (formerly ARCW)</b> 820 N. Plankinton Ave. (414) 225-1578 or (800) 359-9272 <a href="http://www.viventhealth.org">www.viventhealth.org</a></p>	<p>Free representation and counseling to <b>people with HIV/AIDS on a wide array of legal matters</b>, including <b>HIV-related confidentiality, disability benefits appeals, powers of attorney, simple wills, HIV-related discrimination, and landlord-tenant matters.</b> Call for intake information. No client visits at this time.</p>
 <p><b>Disability Rights Wisconsin</b> 6737 W. Washington St., #3230 (414) 773-4646 <a href="http://www.DisabilityRightsWI.org">www.DisabilityRightsWI.org</a></p>	<p>Free services and referrals for <b>individuals and families with disabilities</b> including <b>disability related abuse and neglect; employment/housing discrimination due to disability; special education advocacy; family care/IRIS and children's long-term care advocacy; SSI-Medicare managed card advocacy; Medicare Part D assistance; and victim advocacy for people with disabilities that experience crime.</b></p>
 <p><b>Kids Matter Inc.</b> 1850 N. Martin Luther King, #202 (414) 344-1220 <a href="http://www.KidsMatterInc.org">www.KidsMatterInc.org</a></p>	<p>Free services and referrals for <b>non-parents caring for a child</b> with issues such as <b>guardianship, power of attorney for minors, and denial of benefits.</b> Remains open for phone consults and phone intakes but has suspended the onsite guardianship clinic at Children's Court, all in-person meetings and therapy sessions, office and home visits. If someone has an immediate safety concern, they are encouraged to call 414-220-SAFE, the child abuse and neglect reporting line for Milwaukee County.</p>



**Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee**  
728 N. James Lovell St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. North  
(414) 727-5300  
[www.lasmilwaukee.com](http://www.lasmilwaukee.com)

Free legal representation in **landlord-tenant cases, expungement, consumer law, municipal matters, unemployment insurance, bankruptcy, wills, powers of attorney, foreclosure, and tax issues**. Clients can fill out the online intake form at [www.lasmilwaukee.com](http://www.lasmilwaukee.com) or leave a voice message at (414)727-5300.



**Legal Action of Wisconsin**  
633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2000  
(414) 278-7722 or 855-947-2529  
[www.legalaction.org](http://www.legalaction.org)

Free legal representation in **consumer cases, chapter 7 bankruptcy, landlord-tenant, expungement, unemployment insurance, disability benefit denials, senior law, public benefits, criminal record assistance (barriers to employment), and small business assistance**. Call (414) 278-7722 or 855-947-2529 Monday to Friday, 9:00-5:00PM. For assistance with **tax matters** call (414) 274-3400; leave a message with name/number.

**Legal Action of Wisconsin**  
Eviction Defense Project  
Milwaukee County Courthouse  
901 N. 9th Street, Room 411

Legal Action's Eviction Defense Project is operating remotely and currently has the capacity to provide brief advice where an eviction has not yet been filed and representation on cases where the eviction is already pending. To request representation from the EDP, simply call Legal Action at 414-278-7722. When calling, it is helpful to have any court papers that you have received nearby.



COMMUNITY ADVOCATES  
Where Meeting Basic Needs Inspires Hope

**Community Advocates**  
728 N. James Lovell St.  
(414) 449-4777  
<https://communityadvocates.net/>

Free assistance to **tenants needing repairs**, families at risk of becoming homeless, tenants in need of a payment plan for **security deposits**, **tenants** needing mediation with landlords. Information, representation, referrals, and advocacy for individuals seeking **Social Security disability benefits related to the Milwaukee County Interim Disability Assistance Program**. Referrals for legal representation in **SSD and SSI appeals**. The Milwaukee Women's Center emergency shelter is operating. Tenant/landlord/housing questions can be directed to 414-270-4646 or [renthelp@communityadvocates.net](mailto:renthelp@communityadvocates.net). During the temporary closure, please call 414-270-2941 for general help. For other services & contact info, please refer to the website.



**LOTUS Legal Clinic**  
2515 N. 124th Street, Suite 201  
(414) 885-1469  
<https://www.lotuslegal.org/>

Free legal counsel to survivors of **gender-based violence and human trafficking** regardless of income. Services in English and Spanish. As of June 1, virtual and remote work is still preferable if possible, but the office is open, requiring masks for all and following CDC and health professionals' guidelines for necessary client/partner meetings; all other operations/intakes are fully staffed and operating remotely. Legal staff available for any court appearances.

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**Low Cost or Sliding Scale Services**



**Metro Milwaukee Mediation Services**  
(414) 939-8800  
[www.mediatemilwaukee.com](http://www.mediatemilwaukee.com)

- Free **landlord/tenant** mediation available by phone for both matters filed in Milwaukee County eviction court and those not yet filed. Call or email [apply@mediatemilwaukee.com](mailto:apply@mediatemilwaukee.com).
- **Foreclosure** mediation available by phone for matters filed in participating county courts (see website for more information). Applications are available [online](#).
  - No cost to request mediation or to work with a housing counselor.
  - Both parties must pay a one-time fee before the case is scheduled for mediation.



**Civitas Law Group**  
2618 W. Greenfield Ave.  
(414)949-5266 [www.clgmke.org](http://www.clgmke.org)

Low cost legal representation in the areas of **criminal defense, family law, immigration and citizenship** cases. Services in English and Spanish. Call to leave a message or email [info@clgmke.org](mailto:info@clgmke.org) to make an appointment. Open by appointments only.

**Nonprofit Legal Referral Services**  
(414) 435-0636

Low cost legal representation in **family law** and **criminal law** (misdemeanor, municipal, and traffic). Clients are seen by appointment only. Call to make an appointment.



**Centro Legal**  
611 W. National Ave., 103  
(414) 384-7900  
[www.centrolegalwisconsin.org](http://www.centrolegalwisconsin.org)

Low cost legal representation in **family law** and **criminal misdemeanor** cases. Services in English and Spanish. Staff is working remotely and offering free family law advice and intake via phone appointment. Call main office line and leave a voicemail to be scheduled for an appointment.



**Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants**  
731 W. Washington Ave.  
(414) 643-8570  
<https://risccmke.org/>

Low cost representation for **immigrants** in the ten counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee related to **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), affirmative and defensive asylum, deportation defense for both lawful permanent residents and non-lawful permanent residents, family based immigration, special juvenile status for abused and abandoned children, and "U" nonimmigrant status for victims of crime and the Violence Against Women Act for certain domestic violence victims**. Services in English and Spanish. Call for an appointment.

**International Institute of Wisconsin**  
1110 N. Old World Third St., Ste. 420  
(414) 225-6220 <http://www.iwisconsin.org/>

The Institute has a multi-lingual staff that assists individuals and families by providing a variety of low-cost legal **immigration and citizenship services**, such as adjustment of status for refugees and non-refugees, travel documents, petitions for family members and naturalization. All departments are working remotely. Immigration continues to process cases but is not doing intake for new cases unless it is an emergency. Refugee Resettlement is still providing services and will do in person visits to clients for emergencies only. Translation and Interpretation can still process requests. Please call 414-225-6220 and leave a message and a staff member will get back to you in a timely manner.



**Lagmann Inc.**  
230 W. Wells St., #201  
(414) 755-3419 [www.Lagmann.org](http://www.Lagmann.org)

Low cost sliding-scale representation in **adult and minor guardianships, landlord/tenant, probate, traffic/municipal, criminal defense, juvenile law (including CHIPS, TPR), and wills/powers of attorney**. Call for intake information.

## I NEED TO HIRE AND CAN PAY FOR A LAWYER

The Milwaukee and State Bar Associations offer referral services. When receiving a referral from one of these services, clients are offered an initial consult of ½ hour for no more than \$20.00. After that initial consultation, the hourly or flat fee is determined by the attorney.

- [Milwaukee Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service](https://www.milwaukeebar.org/lawyer-referral-and-information-service): (414) 274-6768 or [lr@milwbar.org](mailto:lr@milwbar.org); Monday to Friday, 8:30–4:30PM; <https://findmilwaukeeattorneys.org/>
- [State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service](https://www.wisconsinbar.org/lawyer-referral-and-information-service): (800) 362-9082

**State Bar Association Modest Means Panel** (phone: 888-529-7599) 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 **bankruptcy, foreclosure defense, criminal/traffic/municipal, consumer, small claims, power of attorney/wills, guardianship, and family 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>

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABILITY

  <b>MCTS Administration Building</b> 1942 North 17th Street (414) 937-3218 <a href="https://www.ridemcts.com/about-mcts/contact">https://www.ridemcts.com/about-mcts/contact</a>	CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Seniors and persons with disabilities, many of whom are at high risk for COVID-19 complications, should not worry about getting services that are usually available in-person from MCTS. Accommodations are being made to serve customers remotely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you have a GO PASS, Reduced Fare Card, or Transit Plus Card that is about to expire, the card will remain active throughout the duration of the public health emergency.</li> <li>○ If you need a replacement GO PASS, call 414-289-6660.</li> <li>○ If you need a replacement Reduced Fare Card or Transit Plus Card, call 414-343-1700.</li> <li>○ Transit Plus clients can purchase Transit Plus tickets by mail or by calling 414-937-3223.</li> <li>○ Applications for new Transit Plus service are still being accepted and processed. Mail completed applications to Transit Plus at 1942 N. 17th Street, Milwaukee 53205 or email them to <a href="mailto:TPlusApplications@mcts.org">TPlusApplications@mcts.org</a></li> <li>○ For other questions regarding Transit Plus service, call 414-343-1700 (Voice), 711 (TRS), or email <a href="mailto:tpcomments@mcts.org">tpcomments@mcts.org</a></li> </ul>
<b>Mexican Consulate</b> 1443 N. Prospect Ave. <a href="https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/milwaukee/">https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/milwaukee/</a>	CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. All appointments for documentation procedures will have to be rescheduled until further notice. The following numbers can still be used: Dudas de documentacion: 414-944-7586 Ext. 137; Dudas sobre temas de salud: 414-944-7586 Ext. 144; Casos de proteccion: 414-324-7643.
<b>Milwaukee County Civil Records</b> Milwaukee Co. Courthouse 901 N. 9th Street, Rm. G9 <a href="https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Courts/Court-Divisions/Civil-Court">https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Courts/Court-Divisions/Civil-Court</a>	Walk-ins closed until further notice. Complete a request online and email it to the court. Website: <a href="https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Courts">https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Courts</a>
<b>Milwaukee County Department on Aging</b> 1220 W. Vliet St., Suite 300, (414) 289-6874 <a href="https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Department-on-Aging">https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Department-on-Aging</a>	Walk-ins closed until further notice. Consumers can still call the Aging Resource Call Center at (414) 289-6874. Aging Resource Center staff are minimizing face-to-face contact with consumers and will be conducting their appointments over the phone.
<b>Milwaukee County Law Library</b> Milwaukee Co. Courthouse 901 N. 9th St., Rm. G-9 <a href="http://wilawlibrary.gov">http://wilawlibrary.gov</a>	Open Monday through Thursday, 10am-4pm. Call 414-278-4900 for assistance. People can make free copies at the Milwaukee County Law Library. Maximum of 10 people (including staff) allowed in library at one time. Please be patient.
<b>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Tax Prep)</b> (800) 906-9887 <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers</a>	Due to COVID-19, a number of VITA sites and all TCE sites are closed for an undetermined period of time. To locate an open VITA site near you, use the VITA Locator Tool or call 800-906-9887.