

# WHAT IS CIVIL LEGAL AID?

Civil legal aid connects Alaskans to legal help to protect their livelihoods, health and families. Civil legal aid ensures fairness for all Alaskans in the legal system, regardless of income or economic status. Civil legal aid includes low cost and free lawyers, self-help resources, free legal clinics, and access to internet information and forms.

## DO YOU HAVE A CIVIL LEGAL PROBLEM?

There are many kinds of civil legal issues:



EVICTION



ACCIDENT



FAMILY



DEBT/MONEY  
PROBLEM

## WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS TO GET HELP?

You can hire a lawyer for all or part of your case.

Or you can represent yourself. **A lawyer can:**

Give advice about options

Draft paperwork to  
file in court

Communicate with the other  
side in the court case

Identify evidence and  
information necessary for the  
court case

Help prepare testimony and  
evidence for court

Represent clients in court

## HOW DO I FIND A LAWYER WHO CAN HELP ME?

If you want to hire a lawyer, you have several options:



Some lawyers provide  
"unbundled" legal services,  
meaning that they are  
willing to help with only  
part of your case.



Call the Alaska Bar  
Association Lawyer  
Referral Service to get  
names and phone  
numbers of lawyers.

## WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD A LAWYER?

There are agencies that provide low cost or free legal services for specific types of cases. See "Resources" section.

## IF I DECIDE I DON'T WANT A LAWYER, BUT STILL WANT HELP WHAT CAN I DO?

The Alaska Court System has forms, websites and information for people who are representing themselves in many case types. The Court's Family Law Self-Help Center has a telephone hotline that provides information and forms about divorce, custody and child support cases.

Some agencies operate free legal clinics and hotlines that can provide advice and information for certain types of cases.

See "Resources" section.

## RESOURCES

### **Alaska Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service**

[www.alaskabar.org/lrs](http://www.alaskabar.org/lrs)

(907) 272-0352 (Anchorage) or 1-800-770-9999 (statewide)

### **Alaska Free Legal Help/Answers**

Online free personalized legal advice.

[www.alaska.freelegalanswers.org](http://www.alaska.freelegalanswers.org)

### **Alaska Court System**

contains forms and information for the State of Alaska - [www.alaska.gov/courts](http://www.alaska.gov/courts)

**Alaska Law Help** - An online free guide to civil legal services and resources for low income persons and seniors. [www.alaskalawhelp.org](http://www.alaskalawhelp.org)

**Alaska Legal Services Corporation** - Free civil legal assistance to low income Alaskans, including legal clinics and hotlines. [www.alsc-law.org](http://www.alsc-law.org) (907) 272-9431 (Anchorage) or 1-888-478-2572 (statewide)

**Alaska Institute for Justice** - Low cost immigration legal services and language interpreter and translation services. [www.akijp.org](http://www.akijp.org) (907) 279-2457

**Alaska Native Justice Center** - Divorce, child custody, domestic violence/sexual assault, minor consuming violations and adult prisoner reentry. [www.anjc.org](http://www.anjc.org)

**Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**  
Representation, information and referral to victims, hotlines. [www.andvsa.org/legal-program/](http://www.andvsa.org/legal-program/)

**Disability Law Center** - Legal advocacy for Alaskans with disabilities. [www.dlcak.org](http://www.dlcak.org) (907) 565-1002 (Anchorage) or 1-800-478-1234 (statewide)

**Family Law Self Help Center** - Information about family law issues. [www.courts.alaska.gov/shc/family/shcabout.htm](http://www.courts.alaska.gov/shc/family/shcabout.htm) (907) 264-0851 (Anchorage) or 1-866-279-0851 (statewide).

**Office of Victims' Rights** - Free legal services to victims of crime. [www.ovr.akleg.gov/form.php](http://www.ovr.akleg.gov/form.php)

**The Law Project for Psychiatric Rights (Psych Rights)**  
Representation for Alaskans with mental illness. [www.psychrights.org](http://www.psychrights.org)

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