

Legal Clinics in the DC Metro Area

We get so many calls from people who need legal assistance, but can't afford to hire a lawyer. To try to help these folks, we compiled "Legal Clinics in the DC Metro Area." It is our hope that this will be used not only by prospective clients, but also by attorneys trying to connect those in need of legal services with the appropriate organization or law school clinic.

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Topics:

Any Topic (Civil Cases Only)

CUA - General Practice Clinic

Contact: CUA Clinic Main Office
Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/General.cfm>

Description:

The General Practice Clinic is a general practice law office that is designed to serve the legal needs of financially eligible District of Columbia residents. The caseload of the clinic encompasses the full range of civil law matters, including housing, consumer, family, probate, bankruptcy, and administrative law matters.

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Phone: (202) 628-1161

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Maryland Legal Aid Bureau

Contact: Main Office
500 E. Lexington St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
Intake: (410) 951-7750
Web: <http://www.mdlab.org/Services%20and%20Programs>

*** 13 office locations throughout Maryland ***

Description:

Maryland Legal Aid offers a full range of free civil legal services to financially qualified low-income Marylanders. Topics include: child support, consumer rights, tenants, nursing homes/assisted living, workers' rights, government benefits, senior citizens, and education.

The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Contact: 1200 U Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 328-5500
Web: www.legalclinic.org

Appellate/Supreme Court

GULC - Appellate Litigation Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Civil and criminal appellate litigation, including practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Civil Rights

Howard - Civil Rights Clinic

Contact: Professor Ajmel Quereshi
Phone: (202) 806-8130
E-mail: aaquereshi@law.howard.edu
Web: <http://www.law.howard.edu/289>

Description:

The Clinic litigates on behalf of indigent, prisoner, and pro se clients in federal and state courts on a range of civil rights matters, including but not limited to employment and housing discrimination, voting rights, police brutality, unconstitutional prison conditions, habeas corpus, and unfair procedural barriers to the courts.

Community Development

UDC - Community Development Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=CommunityDevelopment>

Description:

Clinic students provide clients with a wide range of direct legal services to help them establish and operate their businesses and programs. Students' case work might involve such things as advising clients on business structure; preparing articles of incorporation, bylaws, partnership agreements, and business contracts; advising clients regarding basic tax law, zoning, licensing requirements, intellectual property, and other legal issues; researching trademarks and preparing trademark applications; preparing applications for tax exempt status and representing the client in the application process with the Internal Revenue Service; and mediating business disputes.

Consumer Protection Law

CUA - Consumer Protection Project

Contact: CUA Clinic Main Office
Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/ CPP.cfm>

Description:

Students assist low-income Maryland and District of Columbia residents on a range of consumer-related matters such as debt collection, wrongful repossessions, identity theft, and credit scams. Students also develop "know your rights" outreach programs, and conduct limited advice clinics for Maryland and District of Columbia residents.

UDC - Housing and Consumer Law Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=HousingClinic>

Description:

The Housing and Consumer Law Clinic provides representation in housing-related civil litigation. Students enrolled in this clinic represent individuals and small groups in eviction defenses, affirmative habitability actions, illegal rent increases, and real property actions, including predatory loans and foreclosure, fair housing and miscellaneous torts. **Students also represent consumers against merchants and homeowners against home improvement contractors in disputes involving sales and services.**

Criminal Justice

GULC - Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Project**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Students in the Clinic represent indigent defendants facing trial in misdemeanor cases in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, and those convicted of crime in parole and probation hearings.

GULC - Criminal Justice Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Students in the Criminal Justice Clinic represent defendants in misdemeanor cases in the District of Columbia Superior Court and residents of the Lorton prison in post-conviction matters. The most common charges include assault, prostitution, drug possession, theft, unlawful entry, destruction of property, shoplifting, and weapon offenses.

Domestic Violence

GWU - Family Justice Litigation Clinic

Contact: Intake Line – (202) 994-7463
Web: <http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/Family%20Justice/Pages/FamilyJusticeLitigationOverview.aspx>

Description:

The Family Justice Litigation Clinic represents clients in DC Superior Court cases involving custody, child support, divorce, and protection from abuse.

GULC - Domestic Violence Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
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E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Students in the Domestic Violence Clinic represent victims of intimate abuse in civil protection order (CPO) cases. Protection orders typically include a broad spectrum of relief, designed to effectively end the violence in a family or dating relationship. A CPO may direct a batterer to stop assaulting and threatening the victim, to stay away from the victim, her home, and her workplace, and not to contact her in any manner. The CPO also may include an award of temporary custody of the parties' children, with visitation rights for the non-custodial parent, as well as an award of child support.

Elder Law

CUA - Advocacy for the Elderly Clinic

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Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/AFE.cfm>

Description:

The Advocacy for the Elderly clinic serves the legal needs of low-income elderly residents of the District of Columbia. Students represent clients before the courts and administrative agencies in a wide variety of civil, family, and probate matters. In addition, students represent veterans from around the country before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals.

Employment Law

GWU - Public Justice Advocacy Clinic

Contact: Intake line - (202) 994-7463
Web: <http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/PJAC/Pages/default.aspx>

Description:

In general, the Clinic represents clients in wage and hour and unemployment cases. We do not typically represent clients in employment discrimination cases.

GULC - The Community Justice Project**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Unemployment insurance appeals.

CASA de Maryland

Contact: Legal Program
CASA de Maryland, Inc.
8151 15th Ave.
Hyattsville, MD 20783
Phone: (301) 431-4185
Web: <http://www.casademaryland.org/programs-mainmenu-73/services-mainmenu-76?task=view>

Description:

CASA's Legal Program, operating out of offices in Baltimore and Silver Spring, seeks to improve the quality of life and legal justice for Latinos and low-income families through legal education, legal services, and advocacy projects. We offer legal consultations and representation for day laborers, domestic workers, and tenants. We negotiate claims and bring lawsuits in state and federal courts for nonpayment of wages; minimum wage and overtime violations; unlawful wage deductions; discriminatory employment practices; retaliatory discharges; and involuntary servitude. We also provide legal assistance to low-wage tenants and tenant associations on landlord/tenant issues. In addition to direct representation, CASA performs outreach to inform workers about essential workplace rights and strategies to protect themselves. We go to non-traditional hiring halls, such as street corners and parking lots, to inform workers of their rights and encourage them to seek redress for violations.

UDC - Immigration and Human Rights Clinic

Contact: Clinic Office
Intake Phone: (202) 274-6428 or (202) 274-7389
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=ImmigrationClinic>

Description:

Depending on the scope of representation, students may represent clients at interviews with immigration officials and/or litigate in Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, state court, United States District Court or the United States Court of Appeals. Specific activities may include applications for Cancellation of Removal; challenges to indefinite detention, via either administrative review petitions or the filing of writs of habeas corpus; bond hearings for detained noncitizens (Joseph hearings); appeals of removal orders for detained noncitizens by the Immigration Court to the Board of Immigration Appeals and/or the Circuit Courts of Appeals; **representation of low-wage immigrant workers with employment related issues, such as failure to receive minimum wage and unemployment compensation denials**; and creating and conducting "Know Your Rights" presentations for noncitizen residents of the District of Columbia.

Family Law

GWU - Family Justice Litigation Clinic

Contact: Intake Line – (202) 994-7463
Web: <http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/Family%20Justice/Pages/FamilyJusticeLitigationOverview.aspx>

Description:
The Family Justice Litigation Clinic represents clients in DC Superior Court cases involving custody, child support, divorce, and protection from abuse.

CUA - Families and the Law Clinic

Contact: CUA Clinic Main Office
Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/FALC.cfm>

Description:
Families and the Law Clinic students help their clients address immediate safety needs and assert their legal rights by obtaining emergency temporary and civil protection orders (CPO). Students also represent clients in longer-term litigation arising from their abusive family situations, including resolving complex divorce, legal separation, property and debt distribution, child custody, child visitation, and child support matters. Additionally, students are able to respond to the unique needs of immigrant victims of domestic violence, helping them to attain legal status and employment authorization through VAWA self-petitions, battered spouse waivers, and U visa applications.

Bread for the City

Walk-In Intake: Northwest Center Intake Hours
1525 7th Street, N.W. Mondays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Washington, DC 20001

Southeast Center Intake Hours
1640 Good Hope Rd, S.E. Mondays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Washington, DC 20020

Phone Intake: Norwest Center Legal Office
Phone: (202) 386-7081
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Southeast Center Legal Office
Phone: (202) 587-0527
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Web: <http://www.breadforthecity.org/services/access-our-services/legal-clinic/>

Description:

If you are having problems with your landlord (housing code violations, a notice of eviction, etc.), have been denied public benefits (SSI, food stamps, etc.), are experiencing domestic violence or need help with other family legal problems (child custody, child support, visitation issues, etc.), we may be able to help.

Health Rights

GWU - Health Rights Law Clinic / Health Insurance Counseling Project

Contact: Helpline: (202) 739-0668
Hours: Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
Web: http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/Pages/Health_Rights.aspx

Description:

Students in this clinic provide advice and information and assist in providing legal representation to older DC residents who are having difficulty with Medicare, Medicaid, and other health insurance issues.

HIV / AIDS

UDC - HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=HIVClinic>

Description:

The Clinic provides comprehensive, holistic legal services to families affected by HIV/AIDS by addressing several legal issues at once. Under the supervision of experienced clinical faculty, students assist families in accessing public benefits and in drafting and executing last wills and testaments, powers of attorney and advanced directives. The HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic also represents caregivers facing a wide variety of permanency issues, such as the need to plan for the future care of their children by transferring legal custody to another member of the family or to a family friend if and when that caregiver is no longer able to parent the children.

Immigration

GWU - Immigration Law Clinic

Contact: Intake Line – (202) 994-7463
Web: <http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/immigration/Pages/Clients.aspx>

Description:

The clinic accepts removal cases scheduled in the Arlington Immigration Court and affirmative asylum cases. It does not accept cases scheduled in the Baltimore Immigration Court. The clinic only accepts clients with the following types of cases: (1) Asylum cases (filed in removal proceedings or with USCIS for Asylum Office Interviews), or (2) Deportation or removal proceedings in the Immigration Court at Arlington, Virginia, including cases involving cancellation of removal, TPS, criminal issues.

GULC - Center for Applied Legal Studies**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

CALS represents refugees seeking political asylum in the United States because of threatened persecution in their home countries.

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UMD & World Relief Joint Immigration Clinic

Web: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/clinic/initiatives/immigration/icc/en.html>

Consultations:

Free consultations for individuals in removal proceedings before the Baltimore Immigration Court. Attorneys do not offer representation, but will offer advice about legal rights and fighting deportation.

Time: 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. No appointment necessary.

Location: University of Maryland School of Law
Clinical Law Office
500 W. Baltimore Street, Room 360
Baltimore, MD 21201

Languages: English, Spanish, French

Intellectual Property

UMD - Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center

Contact: Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center
University of Maryland
387 Technology Drive
College Park, MD 20742
Phone: (310) 314-8572
Web: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/iplaw/miplrc/index.html>

Intake Form: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/iplaw/miplrc/intake.html>

Description:

The MIPLRC provides fee-free counseling to individuals and companies, needing assistance with basic legal counseling, business formation issues, protection of intellectual property assets and securing of rights, law firm/attorney referral and advice on management of legal counsel. In addition, the MIPLRC hosts seminars, lectures and networking opportunities on issues related to technology, business, funding and their interplay with the law.

Juvenile Issues

GULC - Juvenile Justice Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

The Juvenile Justice Clinic provides legal representation to adolescents charged with committing misdemeanors or felonies as well as an experiential and classroom learning program for law students.

UDC - Juvenile & Special Education Law Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=JuvenileClinic>

Description:

UDC School of Law students and faculty supervisors in the Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic represent children and parents (or guardians) primarily in special education matters.

Landlord/Tenant

DC Law Students in Court

Contact: Court Intake: 510 4th Street, N.W.
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Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Phone: (202) 638-4798
Web: <http://www.dclawstudents.org/>

Description:

Law students handle housing, landlord/tenant, consumer, small claims, and civil cases. Law students from American, Catholic, George Washington, Georgetown, and Howard University participate.

Howard - Fair Housing Clinic

Contact: Marilyn Toran or Valerie Schneider
Phone: (202) 806-8082
Web: <http://www.law.howard.edu/101>
Or: <http://www.howardfairhousing.org/>

Description:

Housing discrimination acts may take on a number of forms. Examples may include refusal to rent because of race, refusal to make certain modifications to a rental unit occupied by a disabled tenant or denial of property insurance. In short, irrespective of the manner in which it is manifested, Housing Discrimination is illegal. If you have questions regarding your situation, then you can contact us to determine how the law protects you from housing discrimination.

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Public Interest

GULC - Institute for Public Representation**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Attorneys at the Institute act as counsel for groups and individuals who are unable to obtain effective legal representation on matters that have a significant impact on issues of broad public importance. The Institute works in the areas of first amendment and media law, environmental law, civil rights and general public interest matters.

Small Business

GWU - Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic

Contact: Intake line - (202) 994-7463
E-mail: GWUSBC@law.gwu.edu
Web: <http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/SBCED/Pages/Overview.aspx>

Description:

Services include: Drafting Articles of Incorporation, drafting Bylaws for Corporations (for profit and non-profit), Creating Limited Liability Companies, Reviewing Leases

- Conducting Legal Research on Specific Problems
- Business Licenses and Permits
- Trademark and Copyright Applications
- Contract Drafting And Contract Review
- Application for Federal Tax-Exemption Status

The Clinic does not handle litigation. Additionally, the Clinic does not draft business plans, engage in financial negotiations, develop loan packages, prepare tax returns, or engage in complex business transactions. For these types of services, we recommend that clients seek the services of an accountant or tax advisor.

Small Claims

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Tax Cases

UDC - Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=LITCClinic>

Description:

Students represent low-income residents referred to the clinic by the IRS and various local non-profit and advocacy organizations. LITC clients have no right to court-appointed attorneys and the vast majority cannot afford to hire private counsel. Tax controversy cases include Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) examinations, tax return audits resulting in tax deficiencies, and the denial of various credits, including the Child Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit.

Vaccine Injury

GWU - Vaccine Injury Clinic

Contact: Intake Line – (202) 994-5793
E-mail: Professor Peter Meyers at Peter@law.gwu.edu
Web: http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/vaccine_injury/Pages/default.aspx

Description:

The Vaccine Injury Clinic at The George Washington University represents individuals bringing claims for compensation for vaccine-related injuries before the United States Court of Federal Claims. The Clinic has represented a large number of children and adults in claims involving a variety of vaccines and numerous types of injuries.

Veterans Issues

GMU – Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV)

Contact: Professor Laurie Forbes Neff
E-mail: lneff@gmu.edu
Phone: (703) 993-8179
Web: <http://clas.law.gmu.edu/>

Description:

The Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV) representation is limited to civil matters such as negotiation and litigation in consumer protection, family law, bankruptcy, immigration, landlord-tenant, contract, estate and entitlement matters in federal and state forums.

Additionally, we will also handle administrative and military law and entitlements matters such as Traumatic Service Group Life Insurance issues and appeals; Physical Evaluation Boards; and discharge upgrade applications.

Be advised that CLASV does NOT accept criminal matters.

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Whistleblowers

UDC - Government Accountability Clinic – The Government Accountability Project (GAP)

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=GAPClinic>

Or: Government Accountability Project Office
Phone: (202) 408-0034
Web: <http://www.whistleblower.org/index.php>

Description:

In seeking the resolution of the substantive concerns raised by whistleblowers, GAP: (1) provides legal representation to defend the free speech rights of whistleblowers who suffer retaliation; (2) seeks forums for the whistleblowers' dissent in order to promote the successful resolution of the problems exposed; (3) litigates and engages in legislative education to advocate for stronger judicial and legislative whistleblower protection; and (4) aids affected individuals and community groups in addressing issues raised by whistleblower disclosures.

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GWU - Health Rights Law Clinic / Health Insurance Counseling Project

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Hours: Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
Web:
http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/Pages/Health_Rights.aspx

Description:

Students in this clinic provide advice and information and assist in providing legal representation to older DC residents who are having difficulty with Medicare, Medicaid, and other health insurance issues.

GWU - Immigration Law Clinic

Contact: Intake Line – (202) 994-7463
Web:
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/immigration/Pages/Clients.aspx>

Description:

The clinic accepts removal cases scheduled in the Arlington Immigration Court and affirmative asylum cases. It does not accept cases scheduled in the Baltimore Immigration Court. The clinic only accepts clients with the following types of cases: (1) Asylum cases (filed in removal proceedings or with USCIS for Asylum Office Interviews), or (2) Deportation or removal proceedings in the Immigration Court at Arlington, Virginia, including cases involving cancellation of removal, TPS, criminal issues.

GWU - Public Justice Advocacy Clinic

Contact: Intake line - (202) 994-7463
Web:
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/PJAC/Pages/default.aspx>

Description:

In general, the Clinic represents clients in wage and hour and unemployment cases. We do not typically represent clients in employment discrimination cases.

GWU - Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic

Contact: Intake line - (202) 994-7463
E-mail: GWUSBC@law.gwu.edu
Web: <http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/SBCED/Pages/Overview.aspx>

Description:

Services include: Drafting articles of incorporation, drafting Bylaws for Corporations (for profit and non-profit), Creating Limited Liability Companies Reviewing Leases

- Conducting Legal Research on Specific Problems
- Business Licenses and Permits
- Trademark and Copyright Applications
- Contract Drafting And Contract Review
- Application for Federal Tax-Exemption Status

The Clinic does not handle litigation. Additionally, the Clinic does not draft business plans, engage in financial negotiations, develop loan packages, prepare tax returns, or engage in complex business transactions. For these types of services, we recommend that clients seek the services of an accountant or tax advisor.

GWU - Vaccine Injury Clinic

Contact: Intake Line – (202) 994-5793
E-mail: Professor Peter Meyers at Peter@law.gwu.edu
Web: http://www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/vaccine_injury/Pages/default.aspx

Description:

The Vaccine Injury Clinic at The George Washington University represents individuals bringing claims for compensation for vaccine-related injuries before the United States Court of Federal Claims. The Clinic has represented a large number of children and adults in claims involving a variety of vaccines and numerous types of injuries.

Georgetown University (Washington, DC)

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu
Web: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/>

****Disclaimer:** Georgetown Law's clinics generally obtain their cases through court appointment or referrals from other legal organizations. Our clinics do not give out legal advice to members of the public who are not our clients. If you have a legal problem and would like to know whether one of our clinics can take your case, please contact us.

GULC - Appellate Litigation Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:
Civil and criminal appellate litigation, including practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

GULC - Center for Applied Legal Studies**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:
CALC represents refugees seeking political asylum in the United States because of threatened persecution in their home countries.

GULC - The Community Justice Project**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:
Unemployment insurance appeals.

GULC - Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Project**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Students in the Clinic represent indigent defendants facing trial in misdemeanor cases in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, and those convicted of crime in parole and probation hearings.

GULC - Criminal Justice Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Students in the Criminal Justice Clinic represent defendants in misdemeanor cases in the District of Columbia Superior Court and residents of the Lorton prison in post-conviction matters. The most common charges include assault, prostitution, drug possession, theft, unlawful entry, destruction of property, shoplifting, and weapon offenses.

GULC - Domestic Violence Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Students in the Domestic Violence Clinic represent victims of intimate abuse in civil protection order (CPO) cases. Protection orders typically include a broad spectrum of relief, designed to effectively end the violence in a family or dating relationship. A CPO may direct a batterer to stop assaulting and threatening the victim, to stay away from the victim, her home, and her workplace, and not to contact her in any manner. The CPO also may include an award of temporary custody of the parties' children, with visitation rights for the non-custodial parent, as well as an award of child support.

GULC - Institute for Public Representation**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

Attorneys at the Institute act as counsel for groups and individuals who are unable to obtain effective legal representation on matters that have a significant impact on issues of broad public importance. The Institute works in the areas of first amendment and media law, environmental law, civil rights and general public interest matters.

GULC - Juvenile Justice Clinic**

Contact: Georgetown Legal Clinics
Phone: (202) 662-9100
E-mail: clinics@law.georgetown.edu

Description:

The Juvenile Justice Clinic provides legal representation to adolescents charged with committing misdemeanors or felonies as well as an experiential and classroom learning program for law students.

American University (Washington, DC)

Although American University has numerous legal clinics, there is no indication the clinics provide walk-in or telephone consultations.

Web: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/>

Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)

CUA - General Practice Clinic

Contact: CUA Clinic Main Office
Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/General.cfm>

Description:

The General Practice Clinic (GP) is a general practice law office that is designed to serve the legal needs of financially eligible District of Columbia residents. The caseload of the clinic encompasses the full range of civil law matters, including housing, consumer, family, probate, bankruptcy, and administrative law matters.

CUA - Families and the Law Clinic

Contact: CUA Clinic Main Office
Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/FALC.cfm>

Description:

Families and the Law Clinic students help their clients address immediate safety needs and assert their legal rights by obtaining emergency temporary and civil protection orders (CPO). Students also represent clients in longer-term litigation arising from their abusive family situations, including resolving complex divorce, legal separation, property and debt distribution, child custody, child visitation, and child support matters. Additionally, students are able to respond to the unique needs of immigrant victims of domestic violence, helping them to attain legal status and employment authorization through VAWA self-petitions, battered spouse waivers, and U visa applications.

CUA - Advocacy for the Elderly Clinic

Contact: CUA Clinic Main Office
Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/AFE.cfm>

Description:

The Advocacy for the Elderly clinic serves the legal needs of low-income elderly residents of the District of Columbia. Students represent clients before the courts and administrative agencies in a wide variety of civil, family, and probate matters. In addition, students represent veterans from around the country before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals.

CUA - Consumer Protection Project

Contact: CUA Clinic Main Office
Phone: (202) 319-6788
Web: <http://clinics.law.edu/PPP.cfm>

Description:

Students assist low-income Maryland and District of Columbia residents on a range of consumer-related matters such as debt collection, wrongful repossessions, identity theft, and credit scams. Students also develop "know your rights" outreach programs, and conduct limited advice clinics for Maryland and District of Columbia residents.

Howard University (Washington, DC)

Howard - Civil Rights Clinic

Contact: Professor Ajmel Quereshi
Phone: (202) 806-8130
E-mail: aaquereshi@law.howard.edu
Web: <http://www.law.howard.edu/289>

Description:

The Clinic litigates on behalf of indigent, prisoner, and pro se clients in federal and state courts on a range of civil rights matters, including but not limited to employment and housing discrimination, voting rights, police brutality, unconstitutional prison conditions, habeas corpus, and unfair procedural barriers to the courts.

Howard - Fair Housing Clinic

Contact: Marilyn Toran or Valerie Schneider
Phone: (202) 806-8082
Web: <http://www.law.howard.edu/101>
Or: <http://www.howardfairhousing.org/>

Description:

Housing discrimination acts may take on a number of forms. Examples may include refusal to rent because of race, refusal to make certain modifications to a rental unit occupied by a disabled tenant or denial of property insurance. In short, irrespective of the manner in which it is manifested, Housing Discrimination is illegal. If you have questions regarding your situation, then you can contact us to determine how the law protects you from housing discrimination.

University of the District of Columbia (Washington, DC)

UDC - Community Development Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=CommunityDevelopment>

Description:

Clinic students provide clients with a wide range of direct legal services to help them establish and operate their businesses and programs. Students' case work might involve such things as advising clients on business structure; preparing articles of incorporation, bylaws, partnership agreements, and business contracts; advising clients regarding basic tax law, zoning, licensing requirements, intellectual property, and other legal issues; researching trademarks and preparing trademark applications; preparing applications for tax exempt status and representing the client in the application process with the Internal Revenue Service; and mediating business disputes.

UDC - Government Accountability Clinic – The Government Accountability Project (GAP)

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=GAPClinic>

Or: Government Accountability Project Office
Phone: (202) 408-0034
Web: <http://www.whistleblower.org/index.php>

Description:

In seeking the resolution of the substantive concerns raised by whistleblowers, GAP: (1) provides legal representation to defend the free speech rights of whistleblowers who suffer retaliation; (2) seeks forums for the whistleblowers' dissent in order to promote the successful resolution of the problems exposed; (3) litigates and engages in legislative education to advocate for stronger judicial and legislative whistleblower protection; and (4) aids affected individuals and community groups in addressing issues raised by whistleblower disclosures.

UDC - HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=HIVClinic>

Description:

The Clinic provides comprehensive, holistic legal services to families affected by HIV/AIDS by addressing several legal issues at once. Under the supervision of experienced clinical faculty, students assist families in accessing public benefits and in drafting and executing last wills and testaments, powers of attorney and advanced directives. The HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic also represents caregivers facing a wide variety of permanency issues, such as the need to plan for the future care of their children by transferring legal custody to another member of the family or to a family friend if and when that caregiver is no longer able to parent the children.

UDC - Housing and Consumer Law Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=HousingClinic>

Description:

The Housing and Consumer Law Clinic provides representation in housing-related civil litigation. Students enrolled in this clinic represent individuals and small groups in eviction defenses, affirmative habitability actions, illegal rent increases, and real property actions, including predatory loans and foreclosure, fair housing and miscellaneous torts. Students also represent consumers against merchants and homeowners against home improvement contractors in disputes involving sales and services.

UDC - Immigration and Human Rights Clinic

Contact: Clinic Office
Intake Phone: (202) 274-6428 or (202) 274-7389
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=ImmigrationClinic>

Description:

Depending on the scope of representation, students may represent clients at interviews with immigration officials and/or litigate in Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, state court, United States District Court or the United States Court of Appeals. Specific activities may include applications for Cancellation of Removal; challenges to indefinite detention, via either administrative review petitions or the filing of writs of habeas corpus; bond hearings for detained noncitizens (*Joseph* hearings); appeals of removal orders for detained noncitizens by the Immigration Court to the Board of Immigration Appeals and/or the Circuit Courts of Appeals; representation of low-wage immigrant workers with employment related issues, such as failure to receive minimum wage and unemployment compensation denials; and creating and conducting "Know Your Rights" presentations for noncitizen residents of the District of Columbia.

UDC - Juvenile & Special Education Law Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=JuvenileClinic>

Description:

UDC School of Law students and faculty supervisors in the Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic represent children and parents (or guardians) primarily in special education matters.

UDC - Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Contact: Jordana Arias, Clinic Paralegal
Intake Phone: (202) 274-5073
Web: <http://www.law.udc.edu/?page=LITCClinic>

Description:

Students represent low-income residents referred to the clinic by the IRS and various local non-profit and advocacy organizations. LITC clients have no right to court-appointed attorneys and the vast majority cannot afford to hire private counsel. Tax controversy cases include Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) examinations, tax return audits resulting in tax deficiencies, and the denial of various credits, including the Child Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit.

University of Maryland (Baltimore, MD)

UMD - General Practice Clinic

Web: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/publicservice/request.html>

General Contact: (410) 706-3295

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

There are no “walk-in” consultations, nor will the clinic offer legal advice over the phone. But a person can call to explain her case and the clinic will see if any professors are willing to take it up for the students to work on.

UMD - Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center

Contact: Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center
University of Maryland
387 Technology Drive
College Park, MD 20742
Phone: (310) 314-8572
Web: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/iplaw/miplrc/index.html>

Intake Form: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/iplaw/miplrc/intake.html>

Description:

The MIPLRC provides fee-free counseling to individuals and companies, needing assistance with basic legal counseling, business formation issues, protection of intellectual property assets and securing of rights, law firm/attorney referral and advice on management of legal counsel. In addition, the MIPLRC hosts seminars, lectures and networking opportunities on issues related to technology, business, funding and their interplay with the law.

UMD & World Relief Joint Immigration Clinic

Web: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/clinic/initiatives/immigration/icc/en.html>

Consultations:

Free consultations for individuals in removal proceedings before the Baltimore Immigration Court. Attorneys do not offer representation, but will offer advice about legal rights and fighting deportation.

Time: 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. No appointment necessary.

Location: University of Maryland School of Law
Clinical Law Office
500 W. Baltimore Street, Room 360
Baltimore, MD 21201

Languages: English, Spanish, French

George Mason University (Arlington, VA)

GMU – Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV)

Contact: Professor Laurie Forbes Neff
E-mail: lneff@gmu.edu
Phone: (703) 993-8179
Web: <http://clas.law.gmu.edu/>

Description:

The Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV) representation is limited to civil matters such as negotiation and litigation in consumer protection, family law, bankruptcy, immigration, landlord-tenant, contract, estate and entitlement matters in federal and state forums.

Additionally, we will also handle administrative and military law and entitlements matters such as Traumatic Service Group Life Insurance issues and appeals; Physical Evaluation Boards; and discharge upgrade applications.

Be advised that CLASV does NOT accept criminal matters.

Nonprofit Organizations

Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

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| Intake: | Main Office 1331 H Street, N.W. Suite 350 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: (202) 628-1161 | Initial Interview Hours Mondays 12:30 to 6:00 pm Thursdays 12:30 to 4:00 pm |
| Or: | Big Chair (Anacostia Prof'l Building) 2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.E. Suite LL-1 Washington, DC 20020 Phone: (202) 628-1161 | Initial Interview Hours Mondays 12:30 to 4:00 pm Thursdays 12:30 to 4:00 pm |

Web: <http://www.legalaiddc.org/gethelp.html>

*** Other Intake locations for specialized cases, see website. ***

Description:

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia provides free legal assistance to individuals and families with little or no income. Legal Aid provides assistance regardless of citizenship or ability to speak English. We are able to assist people who live in District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. But, we can usually only handle cases that take place in the District. If your case is outside of D.C., we may be able to refer you to a legal services office in another state. Our lawyers are able to handle the following matters: family law, housing, public benefits, and consumer matters.

Bread for the City

Walk-In Intake: Northwest Center Intake Hours
1525 7th Street, N.W. Mondays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Washington, DC 20001

Southeast Center Intake Hours
1640 Good Hope Rd, S.E. Mondays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Washington, DC 20020

Phone Intake: Norwest Center Legal Office
Phone: (202) 386-7081
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Southeast Center Legal Office
Phone: (202) 587-0527
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Web: <http://www.breadforthecity.org/services/access-our-services/legal-clinic/>

Description:

If you are having problems with your landlord (housing code violations, a notice of eviction, etc.), have been denied public benefits (SSI, food stamps, etc.), are experiencing domestic violence or need help with other family legal problems (child custody, child support, visitation issues, etc.), we may be able to help.

The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Contact: 1200 U Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 328-5500
Web: www.legalclinic.org

Maryland Legal Aid Bureau

Contact: Main Office
500 E. Lexington St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
Intake: (410) 951-7750
Web: <http://www.mdlab.org/Services%20and%20Programs>

*** 13 office locations throughout Maryland ***

Description:

Maryland Legal Aid offers a full range of free civil legal services to financially qualified low-income Marylanders. Topics include: child support, consumer rights, tenants, nursing homes/assisted living, workers' rights, government benefits, senior citizens, and education.

CASA de Maryland

Contact: Legal Program
CASA de Maryland, Inc.
8151 15th Ave.
Hyattsville, MD 20783
Phone: (301) 431-4185
Web: <http://www.casademaryland.org/programs-mainmenu-73/services-mainmenu-76?task=view>

Description:

CASA's Legal Program, operating out of offices in Baltimore and Silver Spring, seeks to improve the quality of life and legal justice for Latinos and low-income families through legal education, legal services, and advocacy projects. We offer legal consultations and representation for day laborers, domestic workers, and tenants. We negotiate claims and bring lawsuits in state and federal courts for nonpayment of wages; minimum wage and overtime violations; unlawful wage deductions; discriminatory employment practices; retaliatory discharges; and involuntary servitude. We also provide legal assistance to low-wage tenants and tenant associations on landlord/tenant issues. In addition to direct representation, CASA performs outreach to inform workers about essential workplace rights and strategies to protect themselves. We go to non-traditional hiring halls, such as street corners and parking lots, to inform workers of their rights and encourage them to seek redress for violations.