



DANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



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dcll.ref@wicourts.gov

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Centro Hispano of Dane County	Lawyers For Learners
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Outreach, Inc.	Rise Law Center
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Health:

Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health)	Aging and Disability Resource Center
Center for Patient Partnerships	Community Justice Inc.
Disability Rights Wisconsin	Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)
Legal Action of Wisconsin	Madison Senior Center
State Public Defender	Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights
Vivent Health – Madison	

Housing:

Aging and Disability Resource Center	Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin
Community Justice Inc.	Courthouse Clinics
Disability Rights Wisconsin	Eviction Defense Project
Eviction Defense Clinic	Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison
Foreclosure Defense Project, Community Justice, Inc.	Greenpath Debt Solutions
Lawyers for Learners	Legal Action of Wisconsin
LIFT Wisconsin	Madison College Legal Clinic
Neighborhood Law Clinic	Sunshine Legal Clinic
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Vivent Health – Madison	

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Immigration Services at Jewish Social Services of Madison	Legal Action of Wisconsin
Madison College Legal Clinic	Rise Law Center
Restraining Order and Survivor Advocacy Clinic	Sunshine Legal Clinic
Voces De La Frontera	

Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues:

Bankruptcy Assistance Program, Community Justice Inc.	Community Justice Inc.
Consumer Law Clinic -	Courthouse Clinics
Greenpath Debt Solutions	Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic
Lawyers for Learners	Madison College Legal Clinic
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Small Business & IP:

Bankruptcy Assistance Program, Community Justice Inc.	Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic
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Work & Employment Law:

Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin	Community Justice Inc.
Disability Rights Wisconsin	Legal Action of Wisconsin
Madison College Legal Clinic	Neighborhood Law Clinic
Sunshine Legal Clinic	Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights
Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic	Vivent Health – Madison
Voces De La Frontera	Worker Justice Wisconsin Walk-In Clinic

Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health)

32 N. Bassett St.

Madison, WI 53703-2213

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Phone: In Madison: 608-261-6939; Outside of Madison: 800-585-4222; Fax: 608-261-6938

Email: info@safetyweb.org

Legal Assistance: Counseling on application or appeals process for many public benefits programs. Legal consultation and representation when informal advocacy and health benefits counseling fails to resolve a problem. Services include *Health Benefits Counseling, Legal Services for Health Care Financing, Covering Kids and Families MAP Projects, Professional Training and Consultation, Public Information Services, Health System Research and Advocacy.*

Eligibility: Children and families especially those with special health care needs or with problems accessing health care.

Costs: Free services if income levels are met. If income levels are not met, fees are determined on a sliding scale basis.

Website: <https://www.safetyweb.org/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Family; Health

Aging and Disability Resource Center

2865 N. Sherman Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. After-hours appointments are available upon request

Phone: Toll-Free: 855-417-6892; Phone: 608-240-7400; Fax: 608-240-7401

Email: ADRC@countyofdane.com

Legal Assistance: Disability Benefit Specialists (DBS) assist individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 who have physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, mental health issues and/or substance abuse issues. The Dane County Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) Program is administered by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of Dane County and is co-located and operated in partnership with the Dane County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The EBS Program provides legal advice/representation for senior adults (age 60+) residing in Dane County that are faced with benefit, housing and other disputes or denials, complications, changes in benefits, claims not paid, and other similar issue groups that have an economic or socially isolating effect on the older adult.

Costs: ADRC services are free. The information and assistance provided to you is at no cost. The services you are referred to may charge a fee.

Website: <http://www.daneadrc.org/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Health; Housing

Bankruptcy Assistance Program, Community Justice Inc.

214 N. Hamilton St., Suite 101

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: (608) 204-9642

Email: clerk1@communityjusticeinc.org

Legal Assistance: Offers legal advice and representation for qualifying individuals.

Website: <https://www.communityjusticeinc.org/municipal-defense-project>

Tag: Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues; Small Business & IP

Basic Estate Planning Clinic

Madison College Protective Services Building Truax Campus 1701 Pearson Street,

Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Schedule and appointment information are on their website.

Phone: 608-243-2881

Email: hps@madisoncollege.edu

Legal Assistance: Helps low-income individuals prepare basic estate planning documents.

Eligibility:

- Household size of 1 person with a maximum annual income of \$37,470
- Household size of 2 persons with a maximum annual income of \$50,730

- Household size of 3 persons with a maximum annual income of \$63,990
- Household size of 4 persons with a maximum annual income of \$75,300

Website: <https://madisoncollege.edu/paralegal-community-resources>

Tag: Estates, Wills, & Guardianships

Case Mediation Program

Dane County Bar Association

Attn: Le Jordan

PO Box 44008

Madison, WI 53744-4408

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-848-1477, Fax: 608-848-9266

Email: mediate@dcba.net

Legal Assistance: Volunteer attorneys mediate civil and family law cases (financial issues only) filed in Dane or Columbia County Circuit Courts through voluntary or court ordered mediation.

Eligibility: Open to all parties with litigation pending in the Dane or Columbia County Circuit Courts.

Costs: \$100.00 per party payable to the Case Mediation Program

Website: <https://www.dcba.net/content/case-mediation-program>

Tag: Family; Government Services; Courts & Lawyers

Center for Patient Partnerships

The Center for Patient Partnerships

University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School

975 Bascom Mall, Suite 4311

Madison, WI 53706

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-265-6267, Fax: 608-265-4332

Email: info@patientpartnerships.org

Legal Assistance: Information and links to a wide variety of sources of support for patients. Helping patients with cancer and other serious or chronic diseases make informed decisions and get the care they need. Patient "advocacy" will focus on problem solving and communication to help patients and providers make good decisions together, and for patients to then get access to the desired care or treatment. The Center will not litigate on behalf of patients.

Eligibility: Patients with cancer or other serious chronic or life-threatening illnesses.

Website: <https://patientpartnerships.wisc.edu/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Health

Centro Hispano of Dane County

810 W Badger Rd.

Madison, WI 53713

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-255-3018, Fax: 608-255-2975

Email: reception@micentro.org

Legal Assistance: Bilingual assistance in the areas of immigration law. Referrals to attorneys. Rutas offers alternatives to incarceration for Hispanic offenders, including assessment, individualized planning, case management, assistance in finding employment and academic institution referrals.

Website: <http://www.micentro.org/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Immigration

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG)

30 W Mifflin, Suite 406

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-224-0606; 1-800-488-2596

Email: webmaster@cwag.org

Legal Assistance: Simple wills, real estate transactions (not involving the sale or purchase of property), powers of attorney, guardianships, financial abuse prevention and assistance.

Eligibility: Dane County residents aged 60 and older who meet Homestead Credit household annual income guidelines.

Website: <https://www.cwagwisconsin.org/>

Tag: Estates, Wills, & Guardianships

Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin

1717 N. Stoughton Rd.

Madison, WI 53704-2605

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Phone: 608-246-4730; Fax: 608-246-4760

Email: cac@cacscw.org

Legal Assistance: Offers assistance to people with family, landlord/tenant, discrimination, developmental disability, and employment issues. Service divisions include *Citizen Advocacy, Family Support, Financial Services, Food Security, Community Gardens, Jefferson County, and Waukesha County.*

Eligibility: Contact for requirements.

Website: <http://www.cacscw.org/>

Tag: Work & Employment Law; Family; Housing; Civil & Human Rights

Community Immigration Law Center (CILC)

944 E. Gorham Street

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Walk-in clinics are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 pm

Phone: (608) 640-4444; Fax: (608) 640-4447

Email: info@cilcmadison.org

Legal Assistance: The Center does not represent clients, but it does offer the following services: brief confidential consultations on basic legal immigration, case assessment and legal advice provided by our volunteer immigration lawyers, assistance with immigration forms and filings, referral for cases that need follow up, Spanish translators are always available; other language translators available on request.

Eligibility: Everyone with immigration issues or questions

Website: <https://www.cilcmadison.org/legal-clinic>

Tag: Immigration

Community Justice Inc.

214 N. Hamilton St., Suite 101

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-204-9642, Fax: 608-204-9645

Call Monday-Thursday between 1:00PM-4:00PM. Potential clients should call during these hours and be prepared to spend 10 to 30 minutes on the phone.

Email: clerk1@communityjusticeinc.org

Legal Assistance: A broad range of civil legal services, including Bankruptcy, Family, Landlord/Tenant, Disability, Land Use, Mental Health, Employment, Education, Consumer/Credit, Environmental, Child Welfare, and Discrimination. Criminal representation comes through Public Defender appointments only (no referrals or walk-ins for criminal defense).

Eligibility: Incomes levels below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline

Costs: The fees are based on a sliding scale relative to income.

Website: <https://www.communityjusticeinc.org/>

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Consumer Law Clinic (Campus Location)

975 Bascom Mall

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Madison, WI 53706

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-263-6283

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Representation in federal and state consumer protection lawsuits. Assistance in filling out forms related to the case.

Eligibility: Individuals unable to afford an attorney. No set financial guidelines.

Costs: No fees are charged up front. If the client is awarded damages, attorney fees will be assessed.

Website: <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/clc/>

Tag: Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

Courthouse Clinics – Clinics located in the Dane County Courthouse

Dane County Courthouse

Room 1000

215 S Hamilton St.

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Hours and dates vary and may change throughout the year. Check the schedule on the website for current clinic times.

Phone: 608-266-6316 Fax: 608-266-5988

Email: dcll.ref@wicourts.gov

Legal Assistance: Clinics may include the Family Court Clinic, Family Law Assistance Center, Small Claims clinic, Eviction clinic, DAIS domestic abuse legal clinic.

Website: <https://courts.countyofdane.com/Assistance/Law-Library>

Tag: Accidents and Torts; Civil and Human Rights; Family; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues; Housing; Public Benefits

Dane County Bar Association

Dane County Bar Association

PO Box 44008

Madison, WI 53744-4008

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-848-1950

Email: law@dcba.net

Legal Assistance: Lists links to legal information, including the “Moving On” series of online videos to help self-represented litigants prepare for family court.

Website: <https://www.dcba.net/home>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Family

Dane County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

2445 Darwin Road, Suite 15

Madison, Wisconsin 53704

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-241-4888; Fax: 608-241-4825

Email: info@canopycenter.org

Legal Assistance: Dane County CASA advocates for abused and neglected children in local courts, with community volunteers, to achieve placement in safe and permanent homes. Judges assign trained volunteers to monitor abused and neglected children. Volunteers meet with these children weekly and provide reports monthly to the court. Judges then will use those reports to determine what is in the best interests of these vulnerable children.

Website: <https://canopycenter.org/programs-services/casa/>

Tag: Civil and Human Rights; Family; Public Benefits; Courts & Lawyers

Dane County Law Library (DCLL)

Courthouse

215 S Hamilton Street—Room L1007

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 608-266-6316, Fax: 608-266-5988

Email: dccl.ref@wicourts.gov

Legal Assistance: Services include providing court-approved forms for court and legal actions, as well as informational booklets on civil court processes for a small fee. In addition, the library contains resources for people who cannot or do not want to hire an attorney. Staff will show you how to find legal information to assist with your legal research.

Eligibility: Open to all; books have limited circulation.

Costs: Forms, booklets, and photocopies are available for a small fee.

Website: <https://wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html>

Tag: Government Services; Courts & Lawyers

Disability Rights Wisconsin

1520 West Broadway Suite 201

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-267-0214 or 800-928-8778, Fax: 833-635-1968

Email: info@drwi.org

Legal Assistance: Provides legal services to people with disabilities and disability related issues including abuse and neglect, patient rights, deinstitutionalization, long-term care, special education, voting rights, discrimination in employment and housing, barriers to accessibility, SSI managed care, Medicare Part D helpline, assistive technology, access to services.

Website: <http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>

Tag: Civil and Human Rights; Education; Health; Public Benefits; Housing; Work & Employment Law

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)

2102 Fordem Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608- 251-1237, 800-747-4045; 24-Hour Help/Crisis Line: 608-251-4445; FAX: 608-284-2134

Email: info@abuseintervention.org

Legal Assistance: DAIS Legal Advocates provide support, information, advocacy, and court accompaniment to people who have experienced domestic abuse, including assistance with restraining orders and family, criminal, immigration, and other legal matters. Legal Advocates are not attorneys, and cannot give legal advice.

Eligibility: Victims of domestic violence and their children. Ask to speak with a legal advocate.

Website: <https://abuseintervention.org/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Health; Civil and Human Rights

Eviction Defense Project

Dane County Courthouse

215 S. Hamilton St., 2nd Floor

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: Phone: (608) 256-3304; Fax: (608) 256-0510

Email: hmw@legalaction.org

Legal Assistance: Through its volunteer attorneys, the EDP provides limited scope brief legal services to tenants facing eviction. EDP volunteer attorneys are able to provide advice and counsel to help prepare clients for their return date, negotiate with the landlord or landlord's attorney to reach settlement when appropriate, and provide in-court representation to clients in contested eviction proceedings. Please note that these services are limited to the day that the services are provided.

Website: <https://www.legalaction.org/services/eviction-defense-project-milwaukee>

Tag: Housing

Eviction Defense Clinic

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-890-0678

Email: ejl@law.wisc.edu

Legal Assistance: The Eviction Defense Clinic (EDC) provides free legal representation to residents of Dane County that have an eviction (no security deposits, conditions, illegal lock outs) case currently in court. The EDC is part of the University of Wisconsin Law School's Economic Justice Institute. EDC clients receive legal services from law students, who are supervised by attorneys. The EDC can only help tenants who have a case in court* AND are already working with the Tenant Resource Center (TRC).

Costs: Free

Website: <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/evictiondefense/index.html>

Tag: Housing

Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison

1574 W. Broadway, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53713

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-257-0853; Toll-free statewide complaint intake hotline: 877-647-FAIR (3247)

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Conducts intake of fair housing complaints from the general public and counsels complainants on their options for administrative or judicial remedy; provides investigative services for persons who allege housing discrimination.

Website: <http://www.fairhousingwisconsin.com/>

Tag: Housing

Family Court Clinic (FCC)

Dane County Courthouse (Currently by appointment, may be virtual or at another location.)

215 S. Hamilton St., Room L1022.

Madison, WI 53713

Hours: Vary, and change periodically. Call to schedule an appointment.

Phone: 608-262-2301

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Will help organize information, complete and review forms, and will offer numerous workshops on family court-related issues, including Temporary Restraining Orders. Staff will not provide legal advice or advocacy.

Eligibility: Open to all family court litigants, unless either party is represented by an attorney.

Costs: Free of charge

Website: <https://courts.countyofdane.com/Assistance>

Tag: Family; Courts and Lawyers

Family Law Assistance Center (FLAC)

Dane County Courthouse

215 S Hamilton St., Room L1022

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone: None Listed

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Dane County Bar Association Program offers assistance with forms and procedures related to family court, referrals to community resources, and no legal advice. Abogados que hablan español están en el centro el primer y tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Eligibility: Unrepresented family law litigants. No income guidelines.

Website: <https://courts.countyofdane.com/Assistance>

Tag: Family; Courts and Lawyers

Foreclosure Defense Project, Community Justice Inc.

214 N. Hamilton St., Suite 101

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-204-9642

Email: erin@communityjusticeinc.org

Legal Assistance: Helps individuals facing foreclosure to find free legal representation.

Website: <https://www.communityjusticeinc.org/>

Tag: Housing

Free Legal Answers – Wisconsin

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: None Listed

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: This free service allows eligible Wisconsin residents to post legal questions for volunteer lawyers.

Lawyers who have signed up to participate in this program select the questions that they want to answer.

Eligibility: This program is available to Wisconsin residents who meet the qualifications for using the site and have a non-criminal legal question.

Cost: Free

Website: <https://wi.freelegalanswers.org/>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

Greenpath Debt Solutions

725 Heartland Trail, Suite 110

Madison, WI 53717

Hours: Vary. Call for times and dates, or visit website below for more information.

Phone: 608-221-1695 or 800-550-1961

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Nationwide, non-profit financial organization that assists consumers with financial education, foreclosure prevention and bankruptcy counseling, as well as programs to assist with money management and to help repay credit card and other debt.

Costs: Most counseling – no charge. Repayment plan - \$25 set up fee.

Website: <https://www.greenpath.com/locations/madison/>

Tag: Education; Housing; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Multicultural Center

1862 Beld Street

Madison, WI, 53713

Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, by appointment only

Phone: 608-441-0114

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Provides immigration legal services to low/no income immigrants and refugees who are unable to afford the fees of a private attorney.

Website: <https://cmcmadison.org/programs-services/immigration-legal-services/>

Tag: Immigration

Immigrant Justice Clinic (IJC)

University of Wisconsin Law School, 975 Bascom Mall

Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: (608) 890-0678

Legal Assistance: The Immigrant Justice Clinic works to meet the legal needs of Wisconsin's underserved immigrant community while training law students in cutting-edge aspects of immigration law. Under the supervision of IJC clinical faculty, students provide direct representation to low-income immigrants in removal proceedings, provide assessments of immigration consequences to non-citizens facing criminal charges, and assist immigrants in need of post-conviction relief.

Website: <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/ijc/forthepublic.html>

Tag: Immigration

Immigration Services at Jewish Social Services of Madison

6434 Enterprise Lane

Madison, WI 53719

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-442-4081; Fax: 608-278-7814

Email: info@jssmadison.org

Legal Assistance: Jewish Social Services of Madison offers Immigration Legal Services to refugee clients and those with asylee status by appointment only. Assistance is provided with applications for green cards, family reunification, travel documents, and citizenship. Social service staff is available to offer assistance in addressing other issues that may be facing individuals and families, such as resettlement, healthcare, public benefits, and other issues.

Costs: Fee waivers and reductions are available to low-income clients.

Website: <https://jssmadison.org/services/immigration>

Tag: Immigration

Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic

University of Wisconsin Law School, 975 Bascom Mall, 2nd Floor

Madison Wisconsin 53706

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: None Listed

Email: entrepreneurhelp@law.wisc.edu

Legal Assistance: The L&E Clinic provides free legal services to nascent entrepreneurs and early-stage companies through the work of law students supervised by faculty and private sector attorneys. Also strive to connect entrepreneurs with other resources in the entrepreneurial ecosystem who can help them launch. This might include everything from prototyping resources to business planning, office space, mentoring, seed funding, and more.

Eligibility: The L&E Clinic is designed to help entrepreneurs develop businesses that create a positive economic impact for the state of Wisconsin. We select applicants on the basis of all of the following criteria:

- The applicant would otherwise be unlikely to obtain qualified legal advice
- The applicant has not received a significant round of outside funding or financing from investors
- The applicant's place of business is within the jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin
- The work requested by the applicant is appropriate for students and presents an interesting educational opportunity

Website: <https://uwle.org/>

Tag: Small Business & IP; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

Lawyer Referral and Information Service

State Bar of Wisconsin

PO Box 7158

Madison, WI 53707

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (800) 362-9082 or (608) 257-4666 (in Dane County and outside of Wisconsin)

Legal Assistance: Callers talk to an experienced legal assistant who can assist in locating the best sources of help. Assistants generally refer callers to one or more of three services:

Lawyer Hotline: An attorney answers a caller's simple legal question.

Lawyer Referral: Caller is referred to a Wisconsin attorney who practices in the area about which the caller is inquiring.

Community Referral: Referrals to community resources for low income, gov. agencies, consumer protection, and others.

Eligibility: All Wisconsin residents

Costs: Free service, unless the caller makes an appointment to speak with an attorney. In this case, the attorney will charge potential client no more than \$20.00 for an initial half hour consultation.

Website: <https://www.wisbar.org/forpublic/ineedalawyer/pages/Iris.aspx>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

Lawyers for Learners

Legal Assistance: Lawyers for Learners partners with colleges across Wisconsin to connect students and community members with free legal help. Virtual or in-person help may include criminal background and arrest records; records from civil and municipal court proceedings, such as retail theft citations and debt judgments; driver's license recovery; rental housing issues; child support and family law issues; expungement, unemployment compensation, foreclosure, bankruptcy, victim of crime issues and consumer law. Fill out the form on their website to request an appointment.

Website: <https://lawyersforlearners.org/get-legal-help/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Housing; Family; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues; Traffic & Cars

Legal Action of Wisconsin

744 Williamson Street, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Vary. Call for times and dates, or visit website below for more information.

Phone: 608-256-3304 or 855-947-2529, Fax: 608-256-0510

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Public benefits/Health law (Wisconsin works [W-2], SSI, Food Stamps, Medicaid); Family law; Senior law (i.e. Medicare, social security, elder abuse); Housing (i.e. landlord-tenant, public and subsidized housing, rent control); Education (i.e. expulsion and suspension, school lunch program denials); Migrant Project (legal services to migrant farmers); Jobs/economic law (i.e. removal of legal barriers to employment)

Eligibility: Call for income guidelines.

Website: <https://www.legalaction.org/contact-us/madison-area-office>

Tag: Health; Public Benefits; Family; Housing; Immigration; Work & Employment Law; Civil & Human Rights; Estates, Wills & Guardianships; Education

LIFT Wisconsin

PO Box 259824

Madison WI 53725

Hours: Vary. Call for times and dates, or visit website below for more information.

Phone: 608-305-4011

Email: info@liftwisconsin.org

Legal Assistance: Provides a legal tune up tool to search public data and help users resolve civil legal issues, fill out forms for court filings, and direct users to legal and employment services. Get help removing eligible records from background check databases, criminal records, and eviction records.

Website: <https://www.liftwisconsin.org>

Tag: Housing, Crime and Prisons, Employment

Madison College Legal Clinic

2429 Perry St

Madison, WI 53713

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: (608) 243-4200

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: The free Legal Clinic at Madison College is sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin and is staffed by several Madison-area partner organizations. The clinic can help with legal issues like: Bankruptcy, Business Organizations, Business Start-ups, Child Support and Family Law, Consumer Protection, Criminal Records, Driver's License Restoration, Expungement, Foreclosures, Immigration, Intellectual Property, Powers of Attorney, Rental Housing, Simple Wills, Unemployment Compensation, Victim of Crime.

Website: <https://students.madisoncollege.edu/legal-clinic>

Tag: Family; Housing; Work & Employment Law; Estates, Wills, & Guardianship; Crime & Prisons; Immigration; Money, Debt, and Consumer Issues; Small Business and IP

Madison Senior Center

330 W. Mifflin Street
Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 608-266-6581; Fax: 608-267-8684

Email: seniorcenter@cityofmadison.com

Legal Assistance: Law related classes and activities for senior citizens, including a "Do Your Own Will" class and AARP tax assistance. Call to inquire about when classes are scheduled.

Eligibility: Dane County residents 55 and over

Website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/senior-center>

Tag: Health; Public Benefits; Estates, Wills & Guardianships

Modest Means Panel of the State Bar of Wisconsin

PO Box 7158
Madison WI 53707-7158

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 888-529-7599

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Assist people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services but too low to pay a lawyer's standard rate. The Program is run by the Lawyer Referral Service at the State Bar. Once completed application is received, we will try to match you with an attorney who has agreed to consider certain cases at a reduced rate.

Eligibility: Between 125% and 200% of the federal poverty guideline

Website: <https://www.wisbar.org/forPublic/INeedaLawyer/Pages/Modest-Means.aspx>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

Municipal Defense Project, Community Justice Inc.

214 N. Hamilton St., Suite 101
Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-204-9642

Email: clerk1@communityjusticeinc.org

Legal Assistance: Do you have outstanding City of Madison municipal tickets as a direct result of your homelessness? Community Justice, Inc. can help you obtain free legal representation.

Website: <https://www.communityjusticeinc.org/>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Housing

Neighborhood Law Clinic

Villager Mall
2238 S. Park Street
Madison, WI 53713

Hours: Vary. Please call for current hours. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred.

Phone: 608-265-2441, Fax: 608-265-3732

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Provides legal information, representation, and referrals in areas of landlord-tenant issues, workers' rights, and public benefits.

Eligibility: Call for more information.

Costs: The NLC does not charge for their legal services. However, if we offer services beyond the intake interview, there is a one-time \$25 administrative fee. Clients are generally expected to pay any court costs such as filing and service fees.

Website: <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/nlc/>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Housing; Public Benefits; Work & Employment Law

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Joint Forces Headquarters
2400 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-242-3071

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Military members seeking legal advice may consult the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Tag: Veterans & Military

Outreach, Inc.

2701 International Lane, Suite 101
Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Phone: 608-255-8582

Email: info@lgbtoutreach.org

Legal Assistance: Discrimination and family law issues related to LGBT families, advocacy for equality for LGBT rights, support groups and peer counseling available.

Website: <https://www.outreachmadisonlgbt.org/>

Tag: Family; Civil & Human Rights

Rape Crisis Center

2801 Coho St., Suite 301
Madison, WI 53713

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-251-5126, Fax 608-251-6229

24 Hour Crisis Service/Help Line: 608-251-7273

Si necesita asistencia en español, llame a 608-25-VALOR / 608-258-2567

Email: info@thercc.org

Legal Assistance: Assistance with and accompaniment to proceedings pertaining to the following matters: making a police report, investigative interviews, initial hearings, preliminary hearings, motions, trials, sentencing, revocation, etc. Counselor/advocates are familiar with all these proceedings and can explain what may happen to a victim. They are not legal professionals. Their role is to provide information and support to a victim and her/his support people.

Eligibility: Anyone in Dane County with an action involving sexual assault.

Website: <https://thercc.org>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Crime & Prisons; Civil and Human Rights

Restorative Justice Project

Frank J. Remington Center
University of Wisconsin Law School
Madison, WI 53706-1399

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: None Listed

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Mediation between the victims/survivors of crime and criminal offenders.

Eligibility: Any victim/survivor of a crime in which the offender is under the supervision of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections. Other victims/survivors of crime may also be eligible.

Website: <https://law.wisc.edu/fjr/rjp/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons

Rise Law Center

1400 E. Washington Ave., Suite #262

Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (608) 256-1015; Fax: (608) 256-1089

Email: info@riselawcenter.org

Legal Assistance: RISE Law Center is a nonprofit law center that facilitates greater access to legal help and justice for underserved communities in Wisconsin. Provides culturally relevant legal representation across an array of services and legal topics, including family law, paternity acknowledgement, property and debt, and immigration and refugees, and more.

Website: <http://www.riselawcenter.org/>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Family; Immigration; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

Restraining Order and Survivor Advocacy Clinic (ROSA)

University of Wisconsin Law School, 975 Bascom Mall

Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: (608) 263-9574

Legal Assistance: Provides direct legal services with no cost to victims/survivors of intimate-partner violence in Dane, Jefferson, Rock, and Sauk Counties. Law students assist victims/survivors of intimate-partner violence by completing Restraining Order petitions, representing them at injunction hearings (restraining-order hearings), and providing relevant resources, under the supervision of experienced clinical faculty.

Costs: Free

Website: <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/rosa/>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Crime & Prisons; Civil and Human Rights

Small Claims Assistance Program (SCAP)

Dane County Courthouse

215 S. Hamilton St., Room L1022

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. —walk in service only, no phone calls

Phone: None Listed

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Offers assistance with forms and procedures related to small claims court; referrals to community resources; no legal advice. Abogados que hablan español están en el centro el primer y tercer martes de cada mes.

Eligibility: Unrepresented small claims court litigants. No income guidelines.

Website: <https://courts.countyofdane.com/Assistance>

Tag: Accidents and Torts; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

State Public Defender

17 S. Fairchild St., 2nd Floor

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-266-9150

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Legal services for indigent defendants in Dane County criminal account, juveniles in Dane County, and clients involved in mental commitment proceedings.

Eligibility: Eligibility determination considers the applicant's income and assets (including spousal income and assets), family size, essential expenses beyond ordinary living expenses, and the type of case for which the applicant seeks representation. Call for more information.

Website: www.wisspd.org

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Crime & Prisons; Health

Sunshine Legal Clinic

Meets at Sunshine Supper

1632 W. Main St.

Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Hours: 1st Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 608-352-8555.

Email: sunshinelegalclinic@gmail.com

Legal Assistance: Opportunity to speak with an attorney and ask questions about Family Law, Immigration Law, Employment Law, Criminal Law, Landlord/Tenant Issues, and more. Spanish speakers available, call ahead.

Cost: Free

Website: <https://sunshineplace.org/services/human-services/sunshine-legal-clinic/>

Tag: Work & Employment Law; Family; Immigration; Crime & Prisons; Housing

Survivors Legal Clinic for UW Students and Staff, Community Justice Inc.

214 N. Hamilton St., Suite 101

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-204-9642

Email: jenniferb@communityjusticeinc.org

Legal Assistance: If you have experienced sexual violence or harassment, we offer free and confidential legal services.

Website: <https://www.communityjusticeinc.org/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Courts & Lawyers; Civil and Human Rights

Tenant Resource Center (Main Location)

1202 Williamson Street, Suite 102

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Phone: Housing Counseling in Dane County: (608) 257-0006

Toll-Free Housing Counseling outside Dane County: No longer available due to cut funding

Mediation Service: (608) 257-0006 x 8

En Español: 608-257-0006 x 1

Lus Hmoob: 608-257-0006 x 2

Fax: 608-229-1317

Email: Complete this form to receive assistance. https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/contact_rental_rights

Legal Assistance: Cannot give legal information; however an Attorney Referral List is available. Housing counseling/information/referrals for Wisconsin landlords' and tenants' rights and responsibilities provided.

Eligibility: Tenants, landlords, anyone with questions about rental rights throughout Wisconsin.

Website: www.tenantresourcecenter.org

Tag: Housing; Public Benefits; Housing

Tenant Resource Center (UW Madison Location)

UW-Madison Student Activity Center

333 East Campus Mall, 3rd Floor Room 3156

Hours: Change every semester and summer. Check website below for current schedule. Walk-in service.

Phone: 608-257-0006 **Español:** 608-257-0006 x 1 **Hmoob:** 608-257-0006 x 2

Email: Complete this form to receive assistance. https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/contact_rental_rights

Legal Assistance: Cannot give legal information; however an Attorney Referral List is available. Housing counseling/information/referrals for UW Madison students.

Website: http://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/uw_madison

Tag: Housing; Public Benefits; Housing

Trans Law Help, Community Justice Inc.

Hours: Check website for current clinic locations and times.

Phone: None Listed

Email: info@translawhelp.com

Legal Assistance: Provides assistance to the transgender community by helping individuals obtain corrected identity documents (birth certificates, driver's licenses, passports, etc.) reflecting their authentic name and gender.

Website: <https://www.translawhelp.com/>

Tag: Civil & Human Rights

Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights

1265 Grey Fox Road, Suite 2

Arden Hills, MN 55112

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 651-641-8612; Toll-free: 1-866-783-5021

Email: pensions@trellisconnects.org

Legal Assistance: Assistance and advocacy towards resolving pension issues in the pension Claims and Appeals process prior to litigation, resolving lost pensions problems and other pension issues.

Website: <http://www.midwestpensions.org/>

Tag: Health; Public Benefits; Work and Employment Law

Unemployment Appeals Clinic

1602 S. Park St., #106

Madison, WI 53715

Hours: Vary throughout the year. The only way to schedule an appointment with the clinic is through the United Way (dial 2-1-1 from any local phone or the listed number below)

Phone: 608-255-5909, Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment. Fax: 608-338-0043

Legal Assistance: Help with the pursuit of unemployment compensation benefits. Under the supervision of volunteer attorneys, law students advise clients and prepare for and represent them at unemployment compensation hearings in Dane County. The Clinic only assists with claims involving Wisconsin Unemployment Law.

Eligibility: Individuals who believe they have an unemployment compensation claim.

Website: <http://wisconsinuac.blogspot.com/>

Tag: Civil and Human Rights; Public Benefits; Work & Employment Law

Urban League of Greater Madison

2222 S. Park Street

Suite 200 Madison, WI 53713

Hours: 9 a.m. -5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Phone: 608-729-1200

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Receive free criminal record reviews with an attorney. Provides advice regarding your eligibility for arrest removal and correction; expungement; and pardon. Assistance with paperwork and filing court documents IF eligible. Information about your rights related to employment and criminal records. Advice for answering job application and job interview questions about your background. Job leads & information about FREE career training opportunities.

Costs: Free

Website: <https://ulgm.org/expungement/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Civil and Human Rights

Vivent Health - Madison

600 Williamson Street, Suite H

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Phone: 608-252-6540 or 800- 486-6276, Hotline: 414-223-6801; Fax: 608-252-6559

Email: None Listed

Legal Assistance: Vivent Health provides advocacy, information, and referrals for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Interviews are conducted to determine eligibility for legal services. Eligible clients are assisted by legal staff or referred to volunteer or reduced rate attorneys when available, depending on agency resources and the legal issue. Information and referral is provided with respect to a wide range of issues, including housing, employment, public benefits, estate planning, health benefits, family, bankruptcy/debt, consumer, civil rights, and confidentiality.

Eligibility: People living with HIV/AIDS living below 300% of the federal poverty level.

Website: <https://viventhealth.org/locations/madison/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Work & Employment Law; Estates, Wills, & Guardianships; Family; Health; Housing; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues; Civil & Human Rights

Veterans Law Clinic

Locations and Hours: Clinics held virtually using Zoom

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-618-2970

Email: dcba.uwlegalclinics@gmail.com

Legal Assistance: VLC is a free, walk-in, civil legal clinic that provides brief legal advice; assistance with forms and procedures; referrals to veterans and community resources.

Eligibility: Unrepresented veterans, active military service members, and their families. No income guidelines.

Website: <https://www.dcba.net/content/veterans-law-clinic>

Tag: Veterans & Military

Voces De La Frontera

810 W Badger Rd,
Madison, WI 53713

Phone: 608-960-6818

Email: blanca@vdlf.org

Legal Assistance: Voces de la Frontera specializes in worker's rights and immigration matters.

Website: <https://vdlf.org>

Tag: Immigration; Work & Employment Law

Wisconsin Fathers for Children and Families

Hours: Contact for hours

Email: Complete this form to receive assistance <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/contact-form.htm>

Legal Assistance: Advocacy, counseling, information and support services for parents who have difficulties as a consequence of divorce or paternity actions. Focus on access of the child to both parents. Referrals to lawyers and other professionals are available.

Eligibility: Open to all.

Website: www.wisconsinfathers.org

Tag: Family

Wisconsin Law Center

122 State St. Suite 509
Madison, WI 53703

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Phone: 608-259-8000

Email: BrianGleason@ameritech.net

Legal Assistance: A not for profit legal services corporation serving low income persons charged in criminal court.

Eligibility: Candidates must have been found ineligible by the State Public Defender and the circuit court because income or assets were above their guidelines.

Costs: 15% - 25% of standard attorney fees based on several factors including complexity and projected cost.

Website:

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Courts and Lawyers

Wisconsin State Law Library

120 Martin Luther King Blvd., 2nd floor

Madison, WI 53703

Hours: 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday (Email and Phone); 10:00-3:00 (Walk-in use)

Phone: Reference Desk: 608-267-9696, Toll Free 800-322-9755

Email: wsl.ref@wicourts.gov

Legal Assistance: Legal reference and research assistance including help locating statutes, court forms, court procedures, primary and secondary practice materials such as local, state, or federal treatises, electronic reference sources and more.

Eligibility: Public access

Website: <https://wilawlibrary.gov>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

Wisconsin Wills For Heroes

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: (608) 250-6177

Email: jbrown@wisbar.org

Legal Assistance: Provide free preparation of basic estate planning documents for eligible first responders. Their services provides a basic will (including a simple trust for minor children), power of attorney for health care, power of attorney for finances, and a living will.

Eligibility: First responders with assets below \$2,000,000 (\$4,000,000 for a couple).

Costs: Free

Website: www.wisbar.org/heroes

Tag: Estates, Wills, & Guardianships

Worker Justice Wisconsin Walk-In Clinic

Madison Labor Temple

1602 S. Park Street #116

Madison WI 53715

Hours: Contact for hours

Phone: 608-255-0376

Email: kristen@workerjustice.org or socorro@workerjustice.org

Legal Assistance: Walk-in clinics on workplace issues.

Website: <https://workerjustice.org/help/>

Tag: Work & Employment Law

Do you have a correction or addition? Contact the Library at
wsl.web@wicourts.gov.