



Legal Assistance, Resources & Information for

AITKIN COUNTY

Legal Help – General

Legal Aid Service of Northeast Minnesota

<http://lasnem.org/>

(218) 829-1701 or 1-800-933-1112

P.O. Box 804, 324 South 5th Street, Suite A, Brainerd, MN 56401

Free legal advice, assistance, and representation to low income people who live in Northeastern Minnesota in a variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters, including family law, housing, consumer issues, and many other types of legal matters.

Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN)

<https://www.vlnmn.org/>

(612) 752-6677 (intake by phone available MWT from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Statewide civil (including administrative law, bankruptcy, debtor/creditor, employment, and tax) and criminal expungement legal services available for low-income people through volunteer attorneys by phone. Some assistance available in-person locally and to those who are able to travel to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Spanish legal services available. Call or check the website for more information.

Volunteer Attorney Program

<http://www.volunteerattorney.org/>

(218) 723-4005

1000 Torrey Building, 314 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Civil (non-criminal) legal services to low-income people through volunteer attorneys.

Indian Legal Assistance Program

<http://www.ilap-duluth.com/>

(218) 727-2881 or 1-888-249-3205

107 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Civil and criminal legal services for the Indian population and low-income people in Aitkin County.

Minnesota Courts Self-Help Centers

<http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/>

Forms, videos and other information for individuals representing themselves in court.

Legal Advice Clinics

<http://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Self-Help-Centers.aspx#tab06ClinicLocations>

Directory of legal clinics and Self-Help Centers across the state.

LawHelpMN.org

<http://www.lawhelpmn.org/>

Help for low-income people with a broad range of civil (non-criminal) legal matters. Website provides information and resources on a variety of legal topics and can help connect individuals to legal aid and assistance. Live online chat help service available.



Legal Help – General, *continued*

Aitkin County Law Library

(218) 927-7343

Aitkin County Courthouse: 209 2nd Street Northwest, Room 242A, Aitkin, MN 56431

Legal help clinic offered monthly- call for appointment.

Minnesota State Law Library

<http://mn.gov/law-library/>

(651) 297-7651

Room G25, Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

General Appeals Self-Help Walk-in Clinic - held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

*This is a brief advice clinic for people who are representing themselves. There is no income-qualification required for attendance. **Unemployment Appeal Legal Advice Clinic** - service for people who have already had a hearing with the Unemployment Law Judge and have also requested reconsideration and it has been denied. BEFORE filing an appeal with the Minnesota Court of Appeals, call or attend a clinic and get advice about how to proceed. Clinics held: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursdays of the month via telephone and 4th Thursdays of the month in person. Call (651)296-2775 to schedule an appointment. More information available on our website: <http://mn.gov/law-library/services/self-help-clinics.jsp>.*

Minnesota State Bar Association Lawyer Referral

<http://www.mnfindalawyer.com/>

Free online lawyer search and referral service.

Minnesota Legal Advice Online (MLAO)

<http://www.mnlegaladvice.org/>

Volunteer attorneys answer legal questions via email for individuals who meet income qualifications.

United Way 211

<http://www.211unitedway.org/>

Dial 2-1-1

Operators available 24/7 to provide targeted referrals to legal services and resources.

Credit & Debt

Consumer Credit Advocacy Project – Volunteer Attorney Program

(218) 723-4005

Free legal advice clinic for low income Minnesota residents concerning their consumer legal matters.

Held at the Federal Courthouse in Duluth on the second Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Call between 9 a.m. and noon to sign up.

Debtor Lawsuit Answering Service (Volunteer Lawyers Network)

(612) 752-6677

Advice and assistance for debtors who have been sued and those wondering about filing bankruptcy.



Criminal

Public Defender Office – Ninth Judicial District

(218) 828-6134

Office serving Aitkin County: 416 South 6th Street, Suite 100, Brainerd, MN 56401.

Legal Services by court appointment for low-income people involved in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases.

Mitchell Hamline Pro Se Self-Help Clinic - Expungement

<http://mitchellhamline.edu/self-help-clinic/>

(651) 695-7609

875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Assistance for self-represented parties. Call for schedule as service times vary throughout the year.

Reentry Clinic – Mitchell Hamline School of Law

(651) 290-6413

Provides brief legal services to female prisoners in Minnesota who are nearing their release dates, as well as services related to family law and other civil matters.

Disability & Health

Aitkin County Social Services – Adult Services

<https://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/departments/hhs/adult-social-svcs.html>

(218) 927-7200 or 1-800-328-3744

Minnesota Disability Law Center

<http://mylegalaid.org/about/our-work/disability-law>

1-800-292-4150 or (612) 332-4668 (TDD)

Free civil legal assistance to individuals with disabilities statewide on legal issues related to their disabilities.

Disability Linkage Line of Minnesota

<https://www.semciil.org/programs/disability-linkage-line/>

1-866-333-2466

A free, statewide, information, referral and assistance service called Disability Linkage Line is now available to help people with disabilities, chronic illnesses and their representatives connect to community services.

Cancer Legal Care

<http://www.cancerlegalcare.org/>

(651) 917-9000

6 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 120, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Cancer Legal Care provides caring and compassionate legal services at no cost to Minnesotans affected by cancer.



Disability/Health, *continued*

Minnesota Aids Project

<http://www.mnaidsproject.org>

612-373-AIDS (Metro) or 800-248-AIDS (Toll Free)

Legal assistance for HIV-related legal matters including estate planning, discrimination, social security, immigration, and employment-related matters.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

<http://www.naminorthcentralregion.org/>

(218) 828-4877

P.O. Box 283, Brainerd, MN 56401-0283

Education, advocacy, support, and referrals for people with mental illness and their families.

Domestic Abuse

Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women

<http://www.mcbw.org/>

24-Hour Phone Line: (866) 223-1111

24-hour hotline for victims of domestic abuse throughout Minnesota helps connect individuals to resources and services available to them.

Family Advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota

<http://www.facnm.net/index.html>

(218) 333-6011

One of the only centers in America to serve the needs of victims (and families) of child sexual and physical abuse, adult sexual assault and domestic violence under one roof.

Standpoint (Formerly Battered Women Legal Advocacy Project)

<http://www.standpointmn.org/>

1-800-313-2666 or (612) 343-9842

Statewide telephone legal advice program serving battered women, their advocates, attorneys and the general public in Minnesota.

Family

Aitkin County Social Services – Children and Family

<https://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/departments/hhs/child-social-services.html>

(218) 927-7200 or 1-800-328-3744

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Law Center

<http://www.icwlc.org/>

1-866-879-0123 or (612) 879-9165

Legal representation to parents, family members, Indian custodians and children, who are involved in legal matters governed by the ICWA.



Family, *continued*

Children's Law Center of Minnesota

<http://www.clcmn.org/>

(651) 644-4438

450 N Syndicate St, Suite 315, St. Paul, MN 55104

Free advocacy and legal representation for foster care youth in Minnesota.

School Law Center

<http://www.schoollawcenter.com/>

(651) 222-6288

452 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102

Statewide Legal representation for individual students, their families and groups of students and/or families or agencies serving students and their families in all areas of education law.

Mitchell Hamline Pro Se Self-Help Clinic

<http://mitchellhamline.edu/self-help-clinic/>

(651) 695-7609

875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Assistance for self-represented parties for the following legal issues: child support modification, dissolution/divorce, establishing custody and parenting time, and modifying parenting time. Call for schedule as service times vary throughout the year.

Office of Ombudsperson for Families

<http://mn.gov/ombudfam/index.html>

(651) 603-0058 or 1-888-234-4939

1450 Energy Drive, Suite 106, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

Assistance with child protection matters, social service issues, and failure to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) or the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA).

Housing & Homelessness

HOME Line (Tenant Hotline)

<http://www.homelinemn.org/>

Call: (612) 728-5767 or (866) 866-3546; [Email an attorney](#)

Statewide tenant's rights organization that provides free legal advice to renters in Minnesota.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans

<http://www.mac-v.org/>

Minneapolis: (612) 726-1327; Duluth: (218) 722-8763; and Mankato: (507) 345-8258

Assistance throughout Minnesota to positively motivated veterans and their families who are homeless or experiencing other life crises.

Minnesota Multi Housing Association

<http://www.mmha.com/>

Hotline: (952) 858-8222

Landlord/tenant hotline provides pre-recorded information related to rental statutes and rights. Individuals may leave a message and a volunteer will return the call to help answer questions.



Housing & Homelessness, *continued*

Minnesota Home Ownership Center

<http://www.hocmn.org/>

(651) 659-9336

Home help services in Minnesota including first-time home buyer assistance, foreclosure process assistance and home mortgage assistance.

Immigration

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

<http://www.ilcm.org/>

1-800-223-1368 or (651) 641-1011

Free brief legal advice and full legal representation to immigrants and refugees in Minnesota who qualify for services.

The Advocates for Human Rights

<http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/>

(612) 341-9845; 300 Second Avenue South, Suite 800, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Legal services for low-income asylum seekers and immigrant detainees.

Immigration Pathways to Freedom, Standpoint

<http://www.standpointmn.org/path-to-freedom>

(612) 343-9842 or 1-800-313-2666

Direct services, support and representation to victims seeking U and T Visas, Removal of the Condition of Residency, Legal Permanent Residency, Violence Against Women Act Self-Petition and Citizenship, among other petitions.

Center for New Americans – University of MN Law School

Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic, Detainee Rights Clinic, & Immigration and Human Rights Clinic

The education and outreach program educates noncitizens about their legal rights.

For more information, call 612-625-1000.

United Cambodian Association of Minnesota

<http://ucamn.org/>

(651) 222-3299; 1385 Mendota Heights Rd Suite 500, Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Bilingual and bicultural legal and immigration assistance to low-income refugees and immigrants living in Minnesota.

Immigration – Migrant Workers

Statewide help through Southern MN Regional Legal Services

(651) 291-2837 or 1-888-575-2954

Staff attorneys provide statewide legal representation, advice and referrals to low-income migrant farm workers.



Seniors

Estate & Elder Law Services (Volunteers of America)

<http://www.voamnwi.org/estate-and-elder-law>

(612) 676-6300

Attorneys assist clients with wills, trusts, estate planning, probate, powers of attorney, health care directives, guardianship, conservatorship, special needs trusts, Medical Assistance planning, and real estate matters. All individuals are eligible to receive services at private-pay rates and those with disabilities or age 60 and older may qualify to receive services at subsidized rates based on monthly income and asset level.

Senior Linkage Line

<http://metroaging.org/help-information/senior-linkage-line/>

1-800-333-2433

Free statewide telephone information and assistance service on Medicare, prescription drug expense assistance, health insurance counseling, forms assistance, long-term care insurance and planning, caregiver planning and support, and grandparents raising children.

Upper Midwest Pension Rights Project

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

1-866-783-5021 or (651) 251-5765

2365 N McKnight Rd, Suite 3, North Saint Paul, MN 55109

Regional pension counseling project to provide free legal counseling services to individuals with retirement and pension plan issues.

Senior Citizen Law Project

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern MN (Duluth Office)

(218) 623-8100

Legal advice for persons 60 years of age or older for medical assistance, Medicare, long-term care, health care directive, power of attorney, probate and other non-criminal legal problems.

Other Organizations

Indian Legal Assistance Program

<http://www.ilap-duluth.com/>

(218) 727-2881 or 1-888-249-3205

107 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Legal services to the Indian population and low-income people in Aitkin County.

Legal Corps

<http://legalcorps.org/>

(612) 206-0780 or 1-888-454-5267

Free legal help to low-income owners of small businesses and small nonprofit organizations in Minnesota.



Other Organizations, *continued*

Insurance Law Clinic – University of MN Law School

(612) 625-9375

Free legal assistance to persons facing insurance denials for all types of insurance claims (auto, homeowners, accident, etc.).

Wills for Heroes

<http://www.willsforheroes.org/>

Call (612) 672-3493 for information about Minnesota programs and clinics.

Free wills and other estate planning documents to first responders and their spouse or domestic partner.

Veterans Legal Services

Statewide assistance through Central Minnesota Legal Services

Minneapolis (612) 332-8151; St. Cloud (320) 253-0138

Services to veterans on civil (non-criminal) legal matters such as consumer debt, family, housing, and benefits. Ask for veterans legal services when calling.

Farmers Legal Action Group

<http://www.flaginc.org/>

(651) 223-5400

6 West 5th Street, Suite 650, St. Paul, MN 55102-1404

Legal services for family farmers and their communities.

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP)

(651) 290-6413

Civil (non-criminal) and family law services to those incarcerated in MN correctional facilities.

Gender Justice

<http://www.genderjustice.us/legalassistance>

(651) 789-2090

550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

Gender Justice provides legal representation for transgender and other clients relative to employment discrimination, health care, and other necessities.

Springboard for the Arts

<http://springboardforthearts.org/>

308 Prince Street, Suite 270

St. Paul, MN 55101

(651)-292-4381

Legal advice for low income persons who need help with business organization, contracts, artist tax audits, copyright and trademark infringement, artist immigration, music royalties, and leasing and buying property.



Legal Help – Federal Court

Minnesota Federal Public Defender

(612) 664-5858 or (612) 664-5850

United States Courthouse: 300 South Fourth Street, Room 107, Minneapolis, MN 55415

United States District Courts – District of Minnesota

www.mnd.uscourts.gov

Federal Pro Se Project - Federal Bar Association Minnesota Chapter

Collaboration between the Minnesota District Court and the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association to help provide civil pro se litigants with an opportunity to have a meaningful consultation with a volunteer lawyer. Parties may be referred to the program by letter from court after filing a civil case in the District of Minnesota.

US Bankruptcy Courts

<http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy>

Bankruptcy Advice Clinics held bi-weekly at the Minneapolis and St. Paul Federal Courthouses. For more information about these clinics, visit this site: <http://www.mnb.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy-advice-clinics> or contact the Volunteer Lawyers Network at (612) 752-6677.

Federal Court Pro Se Resources

<http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/Pro-Se/Disclaimer.shtml>

Pro Se Civil Guidebook, forms, federal rules and more.

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

<http://www.vetsprobono.org/apply/>

(888) 838-7727

Provides assistance to unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.