Legal Assistance, Resources & Information for

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

Legal Help – General

Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota
http://lsnmlaw.org/
(218) 751-9201 or 1-800-450-9201
Bemidji Office (serves Lake of the Woods County):
215 4th Street Northwest, Bemidji, MN 56601
Free legal advice, assistance, and representation to low income people who live in Northwestern Minnesota in a variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters, including family law, housing, consumer issues, and many other types of legal matters.

La Red de Abogados Voluntarios
651-379-4223 Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Legal hotline for low-income Spanish-speaking individuals.

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.

Minnesota Courts Self-Help Center
http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/
Forms, videos and other information for individuals representing themselves in court.

Legal Advice Clinics and Self Help Centers
http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/?page=251
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*

Lake of the Woods County Law Library
In the Lake of the Woods County Government Center: 206 8th Avenue Southeast, Baudette, MN 56623

Lake Of The Woods County Courthouse
(218) 634-1451
206 8th Avenue Southeast, Baudette, MN 56623

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 2:30 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.

Criminal

Public Defender Office – Ninth Judicial District
(218) 681-0952
213 LeBree, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Legal Services by court appointment for low-income people involved in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases.

Criminal, *continued*

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.

Domestic Abuse

Friends Against Abuse

http://www.friendsagainstabuse.com/

(218) 634-3233 (Located in Baudette), toll free 1-888-344-3264

Serving victims of crime in Lake of the Woods County. Sign up for Safe At Home Address Confidentiality Program. Temporary shelter for women and their children.

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.

Battered Women Legal Advocacy Project

http://www.bwlap.org/

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

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

Crisis Connection – Men's Line

http://www.crisis.org

1-866-379-6367

Provides 24-hour confidential counseling to men throughout Minnesota who want to discuss violence and abuse in their lives.

Family

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Law Center
http://www.icwlc.org/
(612) 879-9165
Legal representation to parents, family members, Indian custodians and children, who are involved in legal matters governed by the ICWA.

Fathers' Crisis Line
(763) 783-4938
This is a telephone crisis response program from 9 am to 4:30 pm, five days a week, to aid in getting help to fathers in crisis.

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
(651) 222-7193
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.

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 (MHA)
http://www.mmha.com/
Landlord/tenant hotline: (952) 858-8222
Landlord/tenant hotline provides pre-recorded information on security deposits, leases, giving notice, discrimination and other topics related to rental statutes and rights.

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
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 Path to Freedom, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
http://www.bwlap.org/immigration
(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 1-800-652-9733
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://www.tcaging.org/findinghelp/sll.html
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.

Other Organizations

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.

Minnesota Disability Law Center

http://mylegalaid.org/about/our-work/disability-law
1-800-292-4150 or (612) 332-4668 (TDD)
Free civil (non-criminal) legal assistance to individuals with disabilities statewide on legal issues related to their disabilities.

Disability Linkage Line of Minnesota

https://www.disability.gov/resource/disability-linkage-line-of-minnesota/
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.

Wills for Heroes
http://www.willsforheroes.org/
Call (612) 672-8349 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.

Farmer's Legal Action Group (FLAG)
http://www.flaginc.org/
(651) 223-5400
6 West 5th Street, Suite 650, St. Paul, MN 55102-1404
Legal services and support to family farmers and their communities

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.

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP)
(651) 290-6413
Civil (non-criminal) and family law services to those incarcerated in MN correctional facilities.

Cancer Legal Line
http://cancerlegalline.org/
(651) 917-9000
1380 Energy Park Lane, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55108
Cancer Legal Line provides caring and compassionate legal services at no cost to Minnesotans affected by cancer.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
http://www.namihelps.org/
Education, advocacy, support, and referrals for people with mental illness and their families.

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.

First Call 211
http://www.firstcall211.net/index.php/services/
Provides free crisis intervention, information and referrals for citizens of Lake of the Woods and other counties.

Springboard for the Arts
http://springboardforthearts.org/
(651)-292-4381
308 Prince Street, Suite 270, St. Paul, MN 55101
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.

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.).

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.

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.