



## Legal Assistance, Resources & Information for **RAMSEY COUNTY**

### Legal Help – General

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#### **Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services**

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

(651) 222-5863 or 1-888-575-2954

St. Paul office: 400 Alliance Bank Center, 55 East 5th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101

*Free legal help to low-income and senior citizen clients for civil (non-criminal) legal problems including family law, government benefits, housing, and other matters.*

#### **Ramsey County Bar Association – Modest Fee Service** (serves Metro counties)

(651) 224-1775

[ars@ramseybar.org](mailto:ars@ramseybar.org)

*Full representation for those who do not qualify for Legal Aid based on income.*

#### **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 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.*

#### **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.*

#### **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*

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### **Ramsey County Law Library**

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/libraries/law-library>

(651) 266-8391

1815 Court House, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, St. Paul, MN 55102

*Legal help clinics for housing, conciliation court, and criminal expungement. Call for details.*

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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>.*

### **United Way 211**

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

Dial 2-1-1

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

## Children and Youth

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### **YouthLink**

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

(612) 252-1200

41 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St, Minneapolis, MN 55403

*Free clinic for low-income youth (under 21) with legal problems (family, immigration, employment, public benefits, criminal, and housing). Also offers a drop-in center.*

### **Youth Law Project**

(612) 334-1441

430 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55401

*The Project works with children/youth from birth to age 18, and to 21 for youth in foster care. Legal assistance for low income individuals who are unable to pay a private attorney.*

### **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.*



## Children and Youth, *continued*

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### **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.*

## Criminal

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### **Public Defender Office – Second District**

(651) 757-1600

101 5th St E, Suite 1808, St. Paul, MN 55101

### **Ramsey Court Expungement Clinic**

<http://www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Ramsey/RamseyCriminalCourt.aspx#tab03Expungement>

(651) 266-1999

15 W. Kellogg Blvd., Room 900, St. Paul, MN 55102

*Clinic held 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Ramsey County Law Library.*

### **Criminal Defense Services, Inc.**

<http://www.criminaldefenseservices.org/contact-us.html>

*Low-income defendants in Ramsey County who are not eligible for a Public Defender can see if they qualify for legal help by talking with an attorney from CDSI at their arraignment (first hearing) at the Ramsey County District Court.*

### **Neighborhood Justice Center**

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

(651) 222-4703

500 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102

*Criminal defense & expungement services for low-income residents of Ramsey, Washington & Dakota Counties.*

### **Second Chance Saturday Criminal Records Workshop**

Volunteer Lawyers Network and Criminal Justice League

(612) 752-6677

University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC)

2100 Plymouth Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN (Along bus lines 7, 19 and 32).

*Monthly criminal records workshop held every third Saturday of the month from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.*

### **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.*



## ***Criminal, continued***

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### **Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN) – Criminal Expungement Education Seminar**

<http://vlnc.wikipaces.com/Seminars>

- Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave., St. Paul
  - *Criminal Expungement Community Education Seminars – first Friday each month at noon.*
- Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N., Roseville
  - *Criminal Expungement Community Education Seminars – second Wednesday each month at noon.*
- Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul
  - *Criminal Expungement Community Education Seminars – second Friday each month at noon.*
- Rondo Library, 461 Dale St., St. Paul
  - *Criminal Expungement Community Education Seminars – third Friday each month at noon.*

### **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***

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### **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.*

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

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

(612) 424-1823

P.O. Box 28512, Oakdale, MN 55128-0512

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

### **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 & Health, *continued*

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### **Disability Linkage Line of Minnesota**

<https://www.semcil.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.*

### **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.*

### **SMRLS and Children's Minnesota Health Care-Legal Partnership**

<http://smrls.org/news/smrls-childrens-minnesota-free-legal-services/#>

Children's Minnesota Saint Paul Hospital, 345 Smith Ave N, St. Paul, MN 55102

*Legal assistance for patients and their families on a variety of legal issues, including housing, public benefits, immigration, and family law, ranging from brief legal guidance to full representation in court.*

## Domestic Abuse

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### **Bridges to Safety**

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

(651) 266-9901

St. Paul City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., Room 140, St. Paul, MN 55102

*Support services and legal consultation for members of Ramsey County.*

### **Tubman Family Crisis & Support Services**

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

Crisis Line: (612) 825-0000 or (612) 871-0118

Client appointments: (612) 870-2400 or (612) 870-2426

Tubman's Chrysalis Center, 4432 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407

*Tubman addresses a variety of domestic abuse and family law issues in Hennepin, Washington and Ramsey counties.*

### **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.*

### **Standpoint (formerly Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project)**

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

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

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



## Family

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### **Ramsey County Human Services – Children & Families**

(651) 266-4444 or after hours/emergency (651) 291-6795  
160 East Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55101

### **Ramsey County Family Court Legal Clinic**

(651) 266-5125  
Juvenile & Family Justice Center, 25 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul, MN 55102  
*Free legal advice from volunteer attorneys to assist those representing themselves in family court.*

### **Hennepin County Bar Association Family Law Low Fee Project**

(612) 752-6666  
*Full representation for the working poor. A \$500 retainer fee is required.*

### **Family Law Advice by Phone**

(612) 752-6677  
*Low-income people who have a court case in Ramsey County can get a free 20-minute legal advice consult on family law matters from the Volunteer Lawyers Network. To schedule an appointment, please call the VLN Intake Line at (612) 752-6677 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.*

### **Family Law Clinic – University of MN Law School**

(612) 625-5515  
*Child support, custody, dissolution, harassment restraining order, OFP, paternity. Law clinic staff will assess eligibility.*

### **Child Advocacy & Juvenile Justice Clinic – University of MN Law School**

(612) 625-5515  
*No parents. Assistance with third-party custody and adoption.*

### **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.*

### **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.*

### **Office of Ombudsperson for Families**

<http://mn.gov/ombudfam/>  
(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).*



## Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender

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### **Outfront Minnesota (GLBT Youth)**

<https://www.outfront.org/home>

(612) 822-0127 or 1-800-800-0350

310 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 209, Minneapolis, MN 55409

*Provides advocacy, assistance, and referrals to help guide youth through the legal process.*

### **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.*

### **Trans/Queer Legal Clinic (Volunteer Lawyers Network)**

<http://vlnc.wikispaces.com/Transgender+Issues>

Walk-in or [make an appointment](#).

*Free clinics held on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Exchange (3405 Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis) and the fourth Monday of each month from 2-4 pm at Family Tree Clinic (1619 Dayton Ave. #205, St. Paul).*

## Housing & Homelessness

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### **Ramsey County Housing Court Self-Help Center**

(651) 266-8391 / Ramsey County Law Library, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102

*Free legal consultations provided by volunteer attorneys on a first-come, first-served basis on Tuesdays from 1 pm – 4 pm.*

### **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*

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### **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

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### **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

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### **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) 641-8612

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

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### **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.*

### **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.*

### **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.*



## Other Organizations, *continued*

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### **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.).*

### **Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP)**

(651) 290-6413

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

### **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.*

### **Twin Cities Christian Legal Aid**

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

(612) 927-3104

First Covenant Church

810 S. 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415

*Free civil (non-criminal) legal assistance to qualified individuals at ministry locations around the Twin Cities.*

### **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.*

## Legal Help – Federal Court

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### **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](http://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.*



## Legal Help – Federal Court, *continued*

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### **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.*