



## Legal Assistance, Resources & Information for **ST. LOUIS COUNTY**

### Legal Help – General

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#### **Legal Aid Service of Northeast Minnesota**

<http://www.lasnem.org>

1-800-886-3270/Virginia office (serves north St. Louis County only)

Olcott Plaza, 820 North 9th Street, Suite 150, Virginia, MN 55792

1-800-622-7266/Duluth office (serves south St. Louis County)

424 West Superior Street, 302 Ordean Building, Duluth, MN 55802

*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.*

#### **Legal Information Online Network (Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota)**

<https://www.lsnmlaw-lion.org/>

*Volunteers answer online legal questions for low-income individuals in Northwest Minnesota. This organization does not provide representation in court.*

#### **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 Lake County.*

#### **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.*



## Legal Help – General, *continued*

### **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.*

### **St. Louis County Law Library**

<http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/LAWPUBLICSAFETY/LawLibrary.aspx>

(218) 726-2611

100 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 515, Duluth, MN 55802

### **St. Louis County Courthouses**

Duluth: 100 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Suite 515, Duluth, MN 55802

Phone (218)726-2460

Hibbing: 1810 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hibbing, MN 55746

Phone (218) 262-0105

Virginia: 300 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Virginia, MN 55792

Phone (218) 749-7106

### **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>.*

### **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/>

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



## Criminal

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### **Public Defender Office – Sixth Judicial District**

(218) 733-1027

1400 Alworth Building, 306 W Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802

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

### **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

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### **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.*

### **Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs**

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

(218) 722-2781

*Provides domestic violence trainings and resource materials.*

### **Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA)**

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

24/7/365 Crisis Line: (218) 726-1931

(218) 726-1442

*Rape crisis center in southern St. Louis County that helps area residents cope with the aftermath of sexual violence. Services include various options for people who have been victimized, ranging from immediate crisis intervention to long-term counseling.*



## ***Domestic Abuse, continued***

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### **First Witness Child Abuse Resource & Training Center**

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

(218) 727-8353

*Programs provide advocacy, counseling and education. The group also assists with child abuse investigations.*

### **Lake Superior Regional Family Justice Center/ Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women**

<http://www.safehavenshelter.org/family-justice-center/>

*The Resource Center offers a wide range of services to assist women in need in areas such as safety planning and protection, medical assistance, financial assistance, support groups, housing assistance, child care, and personal support.*

### **American Indian Community Housing Organization, Dabinoo'igan Shelter**

(218) 722-7225 or (218) 722-2247 St. Louis, Koochiching, Lake, Cook, Itasca Counties

### **Crisis Connection – Men's Line**

1-866-379-6367

*24-hour free, confidential help for men who want to talk with someone about issues of abuse and violence in their lives.*

## **Family**

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### **St. Louis County Child Support Office**

<http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/ADULTFAMILIES/FinancialAssistance/ChildSupport.aspx>

Duluth: (218) 726-2016; Virginia: (218) 749-7126 or 1-800-450-9777

*Assistance with setting child support, child support enforcement and paternity*

### **St. Louis County Health & Human Services – Children & Family**

<http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/GOVERNMENT/DepartmentsAgencies/HealthHumanServices.aspx>

(218) 726-2222 or 1-800-450-9777

320 W 2nd St, Duluth, MN 55802-1495

### **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.*

### **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.*



## Family, continued

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### **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*

### **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).*

### **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

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### **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.*

### **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.*



## Housing & Homelessness, *continued*

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### **American Indian Community Housing Organization**

<http://aicho.org/>

(218) 722-7225

*Provides housing services for people suffering from long-term homelessness, transitional housing for survivors of domestic abuse, and a 10-bed domestic violence shelter.*

### **Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**

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

1- 800-662-5711

*AEOA provides assistance with Arrowhead Transit, Head Start, Housing, Employment and Training, and Senior Services.*

### **Life House, Inc.**

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

(218) 722-7431

*Life House services provide youth ages 14-20 with access to hot meals, shelter, and programs that help kids succeed in housing, jobs, school, and health goals.*

### **Salvation Army- Duluth**

<http://salvationarmynorth.org/community/duluth>

(218) 722-7934

*The Salvation Army can help with emergency assistance, family transitional housing, rent assistance, utility assistance, food assistance, hot lunch community meal, emergency food shelf, and medical 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 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.*



## **Immigration, continued**

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### **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**

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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://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

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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.*

### **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.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.*

### **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.namidulutharea.com/>

(218) 409-6566

P.O. Box 471, Duluth, MN 55801-0471

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

### **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.*

### **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.*





## Other Organizations, *continued*

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### **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.*

### **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.*

### **Teen Challenge**

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

(612) 373-3366

*Faith-based treatment program – with campus in Duluth*

### **Breaking Free**

<http://www.breakingfree.net/>

(651) 645-6557

*To educate and provide services to women and girls who have been victims of abuse and commercial sexual exploitation (prostitution/sex trafficking) and need assistance escaping the violence in their lives.*

### **MN Human Rights Department**

[www.humanrights.state.mn.us](http://www.humanrights.state.mn.us)

(651) 296-5663

*File a complaint about illegal discrimination*

### **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.*



## 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.).*

### **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

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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.*

### **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.*