

# The Houston Bar Association **LEGAL** Resource Guide

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INCOME BASED FINANCIAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	Income Based Programs - Free Legal Services	Income Based Programs use a range of Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) 2023 Household Size: up to 200% poverty level* 1 : up to \$29,160 2 : up to \$39,440 3 : up to \$49,720 4 : up to \$60,000 *Some grants allow for 300% of poverty level for veterans, tax issues and those with eviction defense. This is for informational purposes only, contact the organization for detailed requirements		
Consult/Hire a Private Attorney (reasonably priced)	HBA's Houston Lawyer Referral Service	If you do <b>not</b> meet the financial guidelines, and need to hire an insured, pre-screened and reasonably priced attorney, request a referral from the Houston Lawyer Referral Service, www.HLRS.org or call (713) 237-9429. Attorneys are reasonably priced (typically \$200-\$400 an hour) and offer a \$20 thirty-minute consultation. If injured attorneys consider these cases on contingency.	<a href="http://www.hlrs.org">www.hlrs.org</a>	713-237-9429
FREE LEGAL SERVICES - civil	HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers (income based)	Applicants must be financially eligible and have limited assets to receive services. For most programs* household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and have a civil non-criminal legal matter. Cases handled include: Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Child Support), Guardianship, Evictions, Consumer Disputes, Tax Issues, Probate Matters, Veterans' Issues, Real Estate, Wills, Juvenile Record Sealing and Criminal Expunctions. Complete online questionnaire to determine eligibility for services. This organization also serves undocumented individuals. Apply online. *For veterans or those needing help with tax issues or eviction defense eligibility can be up to 300% of FPG.	<a href="http://www.legalhelphouston.org">www.legalhelphouston.org</a>	713-228-0735
FREE LEGAL SERVICES - civil	Lone Star Legal Aid (income based)	Federally funded agency that provides free assistance for certain types of civil legal matters for individuals that meet certain guidelines. Apply online.	<a href="http://www.lonestarlegal.org">www.lonestarlegal.org</a>	713-652-0077
FREE LEGAL SERVICES - mediation services	HBA's Dispute Resolution Center, Harris County	Services are provided by qualified volunteer mediators. Attorney mediators are used for complex civil and family law matters. Civil matters with pleadings of \$100,000 or less, pre-suit and post-judgment; Divorce (with or without children, modifications); Consumer Debt (including credit card debt); Landlord/Tenant; Commercial; Property Damage; Personal Injury; Small Claims Suit; Neighbor/Community. Mediations are typically scheduled within 10-15 days of submission. Mediations are provided for pro se and represented clients; in-person and virtual mediations available.	<a href="http://www.co.harris.tx.us/drc/">www.co.harris.tx.us/drc/</a>	713-274-7100
Court Appointed Attorneys	Criminal Court	If you have been charged with a crime and can not afford an attorney you must contact the court where you were arraigned to request a court appointed attorney. Income based and many other requirements, see website.	<a href="https://www.justex.net/courtdiv/2">https://www.justex.net/courtdiv/2</a>	

Legal Area	Type of Legal Service	Legal Organization	Description of Services	Website	Telephone
HIRE an Attorney	Consult/Hire a Private Attorney (reasonably priced)	HBA's Houston Lawyer Referral Service	If you do <b>not</b> meet the financial guidelines, and need to hire an insured ,pre-screened and reasonably priced attorney, request a referral from the Houston Lawyer Referral Service, www.HLRS.org or call (713) 237-9429. Attorneys are reasonably priced (typically \$200-\$400 an hour) and offer a \$20 thirty-minute consultation. If injured attorneys consider these cases on contingency.	<a href="http://www.hlrs.org">www.hlrs.org</a>	713-237-9429
Civil Rights	Constitutional Rights	American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - Houston, TX	Our five core issue areas are Smart Justice, Immigrants' Rights, LGBTQ Equality, Reproductive Freedom, and Voting Rights. Learn about your rights on these and other civil rights and liberties online. Request legal assistance online. Because of the nature of civil liberties claims, only rarely does the ACLU Foundation of Texas take a case that does not involve the government.	<a href="http://www.aclutx.org">www.aclutx.org</a>	713-942-8146
Civil Rights	Discrimination	NAACP - Legal Redress Program	File a report regarding discrimination including against the police. The Legal Redress Committee investigates all cases reported to the NAACP Houston Branch, supervise all	<a href="http://www.naacphouston.org/advocacy-and-programs/legalredress@naacphouston.org">www.naacphouston.org/advocacy-and-programs/legalredress@naacphouston.org</a>	
Civil Rights	Discrimination LGBTQ	Lambda Legal	Discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and HIV status	<a href="http://www.lambdalegal.org">www.lambdalegal.org</a>	214-219-8585, option 1 for help desk
Civil Rights	Housing, employment	Texas Workforce Division - Civil Rights Division	Enforces civil rights & discrimination laws (housing/employment)	<a href="http://www.twc.state.tx.us/partners/civil-rights-discrimination">www.twc.state.tx.us/partners/civil-rights-discrimination</a>	512-463-2642/888-452-4778

Complaint	Dispute with your attorney over fees	HBA Fee Dispute Committee	Fee related complaints regarding your attorney. Cannot be initiated while a grievance is taking place.	<a href="http://www.hba.org/fee_dispute">www.hba.org/fee_dispute</a>	713-759-1133
Complaint	File grievance against an attorney	Regional Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel	File a grievance against attorneys who violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct such as engaging in fraud, misrepresentation, or practicing law when the lawyer is on inactive status or has been suspended, etc.	<a href="http://www.texasbar.com/grievance">www.texasbar.com/grievance</a>	713-758-8200
Complaint	Issues with an attorney	State Bar of Texas Client Attorney Assistance Program (CAAP)	Assists clients with communication with their attorney to solve an issue before a complaint is made.	<a href="http://www.texasbar.com/caap">www.texasbar.com/caap</a>	800-932-1900
Consumer	Complaints/scams/identity theft	Texas Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection	TX Dept Consumer Protection assist with complaints, filing civil cases in the public interest and educating Texans on how to spot and avoid possible scams. Visit website for dealing with identity theft and more.	<a href="http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection">www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection</a>	1-800-621-0508
Consumer	Lending; ask question/file complaint	Texas Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner	Answers questions and assists Texas consumers in resolving issues against regulated companies in Texas concerning pawn transactions, secondary mortgage and home equity loans, motor vehicle sales financing, and property tax loans. We also oversee businesses that offer payday and auto title loans, debt management and debt settlement providers, crafted precious metal dealers, and registered creditors. We protect consumers and assist creditors in resolving complaints and disputes. We establish the facts and apply the appropriate statutes or, when warranted, mediate solutions. If you have a general question you can contact our Consumer Assistance helpline and speak with one of our Investigators 1-800-538-1579.	<a href="http://www.occc.texas.gov">www.occc.texas.gov</a>	1-800-538-1579
Consumer	Report safety issues	U.S. Consumer Product Safety	Hotline to obtain product safety and consumer information and report unsafe products	<a href="http://www.cpsc.gov">www.cpsc.gov</a>	1-800-638-2772
Consumer	Reporting check fraud	Harris County District Attorney's Office - Check Fraud Division	For merchants, landlords and contractors, etc. to report theft of services or goods		713-274-0041
Criminal	Expungment due to dismissal, acquittal or pardon	Harris County District Attorney's Diversion Programs	In order to verify your eligibility to expunge your record due to a dismissal, acquittal or pardon, please email, name, DOB and criminal case number to daexpunction@dao.hctx.net	<a href="http://www.harriscountyyda.com/make_it_right">www.harriscountyyda.com/make_it_right</a>	
Criminal	Expungment, occupational driver's licenses	Texas Legal Services Center - Expunging criminal records & Occupational driver's licenses	Expunging criminal records, helping acquire occupational driver's licenses, and removing other legal barriers that hold you back from securing a job.	<a href="http://www.tlsc.org/employment">www.tlsc.org/employment</a>	1-800-622-2520 Option 4
Criminal	Wrongful Conviction	Innocence Project of Texas	Seeks to exonerate wrongfully convicted Texans	<a href="http://www.innocencetexas.org/submit-a-case">www.innocencetexas.org/submit-a-case</a>	212-364-5340
Employment	Discrimination	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Employment issues involving discrimination and retaliation because of your race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information.	<a href="http://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a>	1-800-669-4000
Employment	Retirement/Pension Issues	South Central Pension Rights Project	Free assistance for those with employee-sponsored retirement/pension benefit issues regardless of age or income status.	<a href="http://www.southcentralpension.org">www.southcentralpension.org</a>	1-800-443-2528
Employment	Wage claims	Fe Y Justicia Worker Center	Counseling staff with the assistance of pro bono attorneys offer low-income workers help with wage claims.	<a href="http://www.houstonworkers.org">www.houstonworkers.org</a>	713-862-8222
Employment	Wage claims	Labor Law Department of Texas Workforce Commission	Wage claim disputes.	<a href="https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/employee-rights-laws">https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/employee-rights-laws</a>	1-800-832-9243
Employment	Wage claims	Equal Justice Center	Provides legal representation that enables working men and women to recover unpaid wages and combat other basic injustices they encounter in their work regardless of immigration status. Also serves undocumented individuals.	<a href="http://www.equaljusticecenter.org">www.equaljusticecenter.org</a>	1-800-853-4028
Eviction	Civil matters - eviction	Houston Volunteer Lawyers (income based)	Applicants must be financially eligible and have limited assets to receive services. For most programs* household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and have a civil non-criminal legal matter. Cases handled include: Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Child Support), Guardianship, Evictions, Consumer Disputes, Tax Issues, Probate Matters, Veterans' Issues, Real Estate, Wills, Juvenile Record Sealing and Criminal Expunctions. Complete online questionnaire to determine eligibility for services. This organization also serves undocumented individuals. Apply online. <b>*For veterans or those needing help with tax issues or eviction defense eligibility can be up to 300% of FPG.</b>	<a href="http://www.legalhelphouston.org">www.legalhelphouston.org</a>	713-228-0735
Family	Child support	Texas Attorney General - Child Support Issues in Houston/Harris County	Apply for child support, make a payment or learn about the services and programs available for assistance, including applying, enforcement, modification, paternity, etc.	<a href="http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support">www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support</a>	1-800-252-8014
Family	CPS - information	Texas Legal Services Center - Family Law regarding CPS/Child Neglect	Free legal info on CPS, Child Abuse and Child Neglect, explain the laws regarding CPS law, options.	<a href="http://www.tlsc.org/family">www.tlsc.org/family</a>	844-888-6565
Family	CPS - advocate for child	Child Advocates, Inc.	Volunteers advocate for the rights of abused and neglected children who are in the custody of CPS. Using the website, request a Court Appointed Advocate for any child/children currently in the temporary managing conservatorship of DFPS.	<a href="http://www.childadvocates.org">www.childadvocates.org</a>	713-529-1396
Family	Legal services	BPSOS Houston (income based)	Serves low-income individuals in the Vietnamese and minority communities of Houston with legal services for immigration and family issues.	<a href="http://www.bpsos.org/bpsos-houston">www.bpsos.org/bpsos-houston</a>	281-530-6888
Family	Violence	Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence (AVDA) (income based)	Most AVDA client qualify for legal aid, but those who earn too much to qualify but too little to afford legal representation, there is a program to provide access to a trauma-informed attorney. Clients who are served will be asked to help pay court costs and fees, but will not be charged for representation. It is AVDA's intent that no victim is kept from quality legal services simply because of the inability to pay. Assistance with protective orders do not have an income requirement.	<a href="http://www.avda-tx.org">www.avda-tx.org</a>	713-224-9911 Harris 281-207-2312 Fort Bend
Family	Violence - Protective Orders	Harris County District Attorney's Office - Domestic Violence Division	Specially trained family violence caseworker or social workers assist with protective orders.	<a href="https://www.harriscountyyda.com/domestic_violence_division">https://www.harriscountyyda.com/domestic_violence_division</a>	713-274-0212
Family	Violence, legal services	Houston Area Women's Center	Legal services include assistance for: Legal Advocacy, Court Accompaniment, Pro Bono and Pro Se Support, Onsite Legal Clinics, Crime Victims Compensation Application, Address Confidentiality Program, Protective Order Application, Termination of Lease due to Experiences of Violence, Danger Assessment and the Co-creation of Individualized Legal Safety Plans.	<a href="http://www.hawc.org">www.hawc.org</a>	713-528-2121

Family	Violence, legal services	Texas Advocacy Project	Free services for domestic and sexual assault survivors. Apply online for emergency protective orders. Visit website for virtual legal clinics regarding family law, property, and employment. Legal Help Line -1-800-374-4673 for legal advice	<a href="http://www.texasadvocacyproject.org">www.texasadvocacyproject.org</a>	512-476-5377
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Child Support, Access/Visitation, Paternity Issues*	Harris County Domestic Relations Office	Assistance with the child support enforcements and termination of child support, visitation and paternity problems, pro se self representative assistance, and provides family mediation and parenting conferences. *To apply/establish child support or if child(ren) receive Medicaid/TANF benefits contact the TX Attorney General 800-252-8014	<a href="http://dro.harriscountytexas.gov">http://dro.harriscountytexas.gov</a>	713-274-7300
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Civil and criminal matters	University of Houston Legal Aid Clinic (Income based)	Assisting low income Houstonians with civil right appellate; criminal misdemeanor; veteran facing adverse action; entertainment; entrepreneurship/non-profit; immigration; mediation with consumer, landlord/tenant and breach of contract; juvenile law, sealing records, and criminal. *Call to apply/learn what legal areas are available this semester.	<a href="http://www.law.uh.edu/clinic">www.law.uh.edu/clinic</a>	713-743-2094
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Civil and criminal - for foster youth/parents	Texas Foster Youth Justice Project (income based)	Legal representation and advice for current and former foster youth, case workers, attorneys ad litem, and foster parents, including sealing of juvenile criminal records and dealing with Class C citations.	<a href="http://www.texasfosteryouth.org">www.texasfosteryouth.org</a>	1-877-313-3688
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Civil and criminal matters	Thurgood Marshall School of Law Legal Clinic (Income based)	Assisting low income Houstonians with immigration*, family law*, divorce (no children or property), probate/wills, guardianship, and criminal misdemeanors. *Call to apply/learn what legal areas are available this semester.	<a href="http://www.tsulaw.edu/legal_clinic">www.tsulaw.edu/legal_clinic</a>	713-313-7275
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Civil matters	HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers (income based)	Applicants must be financially eligible and have limited assets to receive services. For most programs* household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and have a civil non-criminal legal matter. Cases handled include: Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Child Support), Guardianship, Evictions, Consumer Disputes, Tax Issues, Probate Matters, Veterans' Issues, Real Estate, Wills, Juvenile Record Sealing and Criminal Expunctions. Complete online questionnaire to determine eligibility for services. This organization also serves undocumented individuals. Apply online. *For veterans or those needing help with tax issues or eviction defense eligibility can be up to 300% of FPG.	<a href="http://www.legalhelpouston.org">www.legalhelpouston.org</a>	713-228-0735
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FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Civil matters	South Texas College of Law Clinical Programs (Income based)	Assisting low income Houstonians with estate/probate; family law; guardianship; veteran's benefits, discharge issues, and legal issues related to service; innocent claims; animal law, asylum; human trafficking; domestic violence; immigration; mediation; patent; tax and trademark issues. *Call to apply/learn what legal areas are available this semester.	<a href="http://www.stcl.edu/academics/legal-clinics">www.stcl.edu/academics/legal-clinics</a>	713-646-2990
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	civil matters - for artists	Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (income based)	Free legal and accounting services for those who meet income requirements and are art nonprofits and/or artists. Services include patent assistance, general business advice and documents.	<a href="http://www.talarts.org">www.talarts.org</a>	512-459-8252
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Civil matters - for the homeless	Beacon Law (income based)	Serves the Houston homeless, low income community through civil legal aid including: ID restoration including but not limited to resolving driver's license holds, replacement of immigration documents, and name change (for purposes of obtaining ID), clearing criminal history (expunctions and non-disclosures), social Security disability appeals, limited family law (uncontested pro se divorce and child support modification), housing law including evictions, limited wills and estates (small estate affidavits and estate planning)	<a href="http://www.beaconhomeless.org/beaconlaw">www.beaconhomeless.org/beaconlaw</a>	713-220-9737, option 3
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Civil matters - property, juvenile, bankruptcy, probate	Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy (Property Preservation & Juvenile Justice) (income based)	Assists low income individuals in Harris and surrounding counties with foreclosures, adverse possession, removing clouds on titles, partition suits, reviewing real estate documents, bankruptcy, probate, credit card defense, non-profit formation and juvenile justice and other areas related to land loss prevention.	<a href="http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/">www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/</a>	713-313-1139
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Court Appointed Attorney	Criminal Court	If you have been charged with a crime and can not afford an attorney you must contact the court where you were arraigned to request a court appointed attorney. Income based and many other requirements, see website.	<a href="https://www.justex.net/courtdiv/2">https://www.justex.net/courtdiv/2</a>	
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Disability discrimination	Disability Rights Texas (income based)	For Texans with a disability experiencing a legal problem or having difficulty obtaining services related to their disability, including Section 504.	<a href="http://www.disabilityrightstx.org">www.disabilityrightstx.org</a>	1-800-252-9108
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Mediation/arbitration - resolve issues w/o court/attorneys	Montgomery County Dispute Resolution Center	Dispute Resolution services for all people in Montgomery County and the surrounding counties	<a href="http://www.resolution-center.org">www.resolution-center.org</a>	936-760-6914
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Mediation/arbitration - resolve issues w/o court/attorneys	HBA's Dispute Resolution Center, Harris County	Services are provided by qualified volunteer mediators. Attorney mediators are used for complex civil and family law matters. Civil matters with pleadings of \$100,000 or less, pre-suit and post-judgment; Divorce (with or without children, modifications); Consumer Debt (including credit card debt); Landlord/Tenant; Commercial; Property Damage; Personal Injury; Small Claims Suit; Neighbor/Community. Mediations are typically scheduled within 10-15 days of submission. Mediations are provided for pro se and represented clients; in-person and virtual mediations available.	<a href="http://www.co.harris.tx.us/drc/">www.co.harris.tx.us/drc/</a>	713-274-7100
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Senior Citizens - guardianship appointments, guardian classes, probate	Advocate Legal Senior Center (income based)	Legal representation for low-income seniors, caregivers, and persons interested in seeking guardianship for a loved one who is incapacitated physically or mentally and assists with probate matters. Other services include an array of senior and elder care programs that advocate for better living conditions for seniors.	<a href="http://www.senioradvocatetx.org">www.senioradvocatetx.org</a>	832-393-4074
FREE LEGAL SERVICES	Sexual Assault Survivors	Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault (income based)	A collaborative organization that connects survivors of sexual assault with organizations that offer free and confidential legal services.	<a href="http://www.lasatexas.org">www.lasatexas.org</a>	844-303-7233 Option 1
HIPAA	HIPAA issues	US Dept. of Health and Human Services - Office of Civil Rights	Learn your rights under HIPAA, how your information may be used or shared, and how to file a complaint if you think your rights were violated.	<a href="https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html">https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html</a>	800-368-1019

Immigration	Asylum; violence	YMCA International Services (Income based)	Pro bono assistance for those seeking asylum and victims of violence; immigration matters only - VAWA applications and family violence issues, asylum, trafficking, immigration court	<a href="http://www.ymcahouston.org/ymca-international">www.ymcahouston.org/ymca-international</a>	713-758-9280
Immigration	DACA	Equal Justice Center	Provides legal assistance to undocumented students and graduates applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).	<a href="http://www.equaljusticecenter.org">www.equaljusticecenter.org</a>	1-888-670-6854
Immigration	Immigrant children	KIND (Kids In Need of Defense)	Provides attorneys to represent immigrant children at no cost	<a href="http://www.supportkind.org">www.supportkind.org</a>	1-202-824-8680
Immigration	Legal hotline	Immigration Rights Hotline	Call for assistance understanding current immigration law and referrals to legal services organizations	<a href="http://www.houstonimmigration.org">www.houstonimmigration.org</a>	833-468-4664
Immigration	Legal services	Cabrini Center for Legal Assistance	Low-cost and pro bono legal services to immigrants and refugees who would otherwise not be able to obtain legal representation. Center activities include outreach, legal assessment and counseling, citizen application assistance, legal representation and advocacy. The Cabrini Center is the largest non-profit immigration legal service provider in Houston accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals to represent individuals in immigration legal matters.	<a href="http://www.catholiccharities.org/supporting-refugees-immigrants">www.catholiccharities.org/supporting-refugees-immigrants</a>	713-595-4100
Immigration	Legal services	CARECEN (income based)	Fees based on income for immigration legal services including citizenship, adjustment of status, renewal of employment authorization, resident cards, and family petitions.		713-655-1284
Immigration	Legal services	The Alliance Legal Service Center	Naturalization, adjustment of status (green cards), employment authorization, petition for alien relative, travel document/re-entry Visa, VAWA self-petition, and asylum	<a href="mailto:legalservices@thealliancetxt.org">legalservices@thealliancetxt.org</a>	713-776-4700 x166
Immigration	Legal services	Fe Y Justicia Worker Center	Counseling staff with the assistance of pro bono attorneys offer low-income workers help with immigration issues like DACA, TPS and DAP as well as legal status, work authorization, and wage claims.	<a href="http://www.houstonworkers.org">www.houstonworkers.org</a>	713-862-8222
Immigration	Legal services	Tahirih Justice Center	Direct legal services to protect immigrant survivors fleeing gender-based violence.	<a href="http://www.tahirih.org">www.tahirih.org</a>	713-496-0100
Immigration	Legal services	BPSOS Houston (income based)	Serves low-income individuals in the Vietnamese and minority communities of Houston with legal services for immigration and family issues.	<a href="http://www.bpsos.org/bpsos-houston">www.bpsos.org/bpsos-houston</a>	281-530-6888
Immigration	Legal services directory	Immigration Advocates Network	National Immigration Legal Services Directory. Only nonprofit organizations that provide free or low-cost immigration legal services are included in this directory. If you have questions, please see online list of frequently asked questions or email us at <a href="mailto:directory@immigrationadvocates.org">directory@immigrationadvocates.org</a> .	<a href="http://www.immigrationadvocates.org">www.immigrationadvocates.org</a>	
Immigration	Legal services directory	Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative	Provides links to an array of legal services and other support to immigrants and refugees in Houston.	<a href="http://www.houstonimmigration.org">www.houstonimmigration.org</a>	
Immigration	Legal services+	Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)	Provides assistance with family-based petitions, adjustment of status to lawful permanent residency, naturalization/citizenship, humanitarian-based petitions for victims of crime (U visa/VAWA), DACA Renewals. No asylum or immigration court cases. Also helps those needing assistance with applying for State based public benefits.	<a href="http://www.mamhouston.org/legal">www.mamhouston.org/legal</a>	713-929-9280
Information	Court record search	Harris County District Clerk	Harris County District Clerk Marilyn Burgess - Office is committed to maintaining official court records and to providing the judicial system and the public with information and support.	<a href="http://www.hcdistrictclerk.com">www.hcdistrictclerk.com</a>	832-927-5800
Information	Harris County offices, officials, depts, etc.	Commissioners Court	Commissioner's Court the main governing body of Harris County. Access to various Harris County offices, officials, department and Ready Harris a website dedicated to preparing and informing Harris County residents with information regarding public health and safety threats.	<a href="https://cjo.harriscountytexas.gov">https://cjo.harriscountytexas.gov</a>	713-274-7000
Landlord/Tenant	Discrimination	Fair Housing City of Houston Housing and Community Development	Learn your rights and report discrimination concerning a rental property in Houston.	<a href="http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/fair-housing/">www.houstontx.gov/housing/fair-housing/</a>	832-394-6200 x5
Landlord/Tenant	Health concerns	Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services	Report uninhabitable issues concerning a rental property in Harris County.	<a href="http://www.hcpbes.org">www.hcpbes.org</a>	713-439-6000
Landlord/Tenant	Renters' rights	Houston Apartment Association	The helpline hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our staff is fluent in English and Spanish. CALL VOLUME IS HIGH so calls are taken on a first come, first serve basis and will have a limit of five minutes.	<a href="http://www.haaonline.org/renters/">www.haaonline.org/renters/</a>	713-595-0300
Legal Hotline	Legal Hotline - access/child support	Access and Visitation Hotline	Hotline which provides easy access for parents across Texas to basic legal information, education and resources on the following issues: Access, visitation and custody, child support order process, modifications and enforcements. Monday thru Friday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm CST. Calls will be answered in English and Spanish. To speak with a parenting time specialist Monday - Friday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Calls will be answered in English and Spanish.	<a href="http://www.txaccess.org">www.txaccess.org</a>	866-292-4636
Legal Hotline	Legal Hotline - seniors	Legal Hotline for Older Texans	for 60+ Texans, answer legal questions free; This program provides counsel and advice only on non-criminal matters	<a href="http://www.tlsc.org/seniors">www.tlsc.org/seniors</a>	1-800-622-2520 Option 3
Legal Hotline	Legal Hotline - abuse	Texas Advocacy Project	Addresses legal concerns related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, harassment, and human trafficking.		1-800-374-4673 English 1 Spanish 2
Legal Hotline	Legal Hotline - child access	Texas Access	Legal hotline to basic legal information, education and resources on the following issues: Access, visitation and custody; child support order process; modifications and enforcements. To speak with a parenting time specialist on this hotline, please call (866) 292-4636 Monday thru Friday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Calls will be answered in English and Spanish.	<a href="http://www.txaccess.org">www.txaccess.org</a>	(866) 292-4636
Legal Hotline	Legal Hotline - pregnant minors	Jane's Due Process, Inc.	legal hotline for pregnant minors	<a href="http://www.janesdueprocess.org">www.janesdueprocess.org</a>	866-999-5263
Legal Hotline	Legal Questions - English	LegalLine	Information regarding your legal issue - English	<a href="http://www.hba.org/legalline">www.hba.org/legalline</a>	
Legal Hotline	Legal Questions - Spanish	Consejos Legales	Information regarding your legal issue - Spanish	<a href="http://www.hba.org/legalline">www.hba.org/legalline</a>	
LEGAL SERVICES	Consumer, criminal, and family	Access Justice Houston (income based)	A low-bono non-profit law firm that charges legal fees calculated on a sliding scale. Cases handled include Family Law, Consumer and Criminal Misdemeanor Defense.	<a href="http://www.accessjusticehouston.org">www.accessjusticehouston.org</a>	832-772-6743

LEGAL SERVICES	Referrals to pre-screened, insured, reasonably priced for-hire attorneys. Most legal matters considered.	Houston Lawyer Referral Service	Serves Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Galveston Counties. Referral of clients to attorneys experienced in specific areas of law. Attorneys charge \$200-\$400 and hour, and a client may receive a 30 minute initial consultation for \$20 to determine if the attorney is interested in handling the matter. Only licensed attorneys in good standing with the State Bar of Texas carrying professional liability insurance are referred. Practice areas include almost all civil and criminal matters. HLRs offers a reduced fee panel (application required) for clients who have a household income at or below 225% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Attorneys retained through this panel agree to reduce their hourly rate by 25% making the average hourly rate \$150-\$300.	<a href="http://www.hlr.org">www.hlr.org</a>	713-237-9429
Self Help	Ask a question online	Texas Free Legal Answers (income based)	Virtual legal advice clinic in which qualifying users post civil legal questions at no cost to be answered by pro bono attorneys. Question topics include Family, Divorce, Custody, Housing, Eviction, Homelessness, Consumer Rights, Financial, Work, Employment, Unemployment, Health and Disability, Civil Rights, Income Maintenance, Juvenile and Education Law.	<a href="https://texas.freelegalanswers.org/">https://texas.freelegalanswers.org/</a>	
Self Help	Consumer, landlord/tenant	The People's Lawyer	Information regarding consumer, tenant's rights and small claims	<a href="http://www.peopleslawyer.net">www.peopleslawyer.net</a>	
Self Help	Evictions	Texas Justice Court Training Center	Information to help you when an eviction has been filed against you, including information packet and forms needed.	<a href="https://www.tjctc.org/SRI/eviction-defendant.html">https://www.tjctc.org/SRI/eviction-defendant.html</a>	800-987-8528
Self Help	Information, forms and more	Texas Law Help	TexasLawHelp.org is dedicated to providing free, reliable legal information to Texans through legal education, advocacy, and advice. Access to lists of legal clinics, guides, instructions, checklists, court forms for a variety of legal issues. Live chat M-W 10 am - 2 p.m	<a href="http://www.texaslawhelp.org">www.texaslawhelp.org</a>	
Self Help	Law library	Robert W. Hainsworth Harris County Law Library	The Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library is committed to providing free access to a comprehensive legal research and reference collection, in print and digital formats, and offering educational programs for all patrons. Resources and information about forms, templates, and how to navigate the court system without an attorney	<a href="http://www.harriscountylawlibrary.org">www.harriscountylawlibrary.org</a>	713-755-5183
Self Help	Self Help - small claims/justice court	Harris County Justice Court	The Small Claims Court in Texas is created under Chapter 28 of the Texas Government Code. It has concurrent jurisdiction with the Justice Court in actions by any person for the recovery of money in which the amount involved, exclusive of costs, does not exceed \$20,000.00. Learn how to file a small claim online.	<a href="http://www.jp.hctx.net/civil/default.htm">http://www.jp.hctx.net/civil/default.htm</a>	
Self Help	Traffic tickets	Municipal Courts	Traffic ticket information	<a href="http://www.houstontx.gov/courts">www.houstontx.gov/courts</a>	713-247-5100/713-247-5479
Tax Issues	Civil matters - tax issues	Houston Volunteer Lawyers (income based)	Applicants must be financially eligible and have limited assets to receive services. For most programs* household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and have a civil non-criminal legal matter. Cases handled include: Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Child Support), Guardianship, Evictions, Consumer Disputes, Tax Issues, Probate Matters, Veterans' Issues, Real Estate, Wills, Juvenile Record Sealing and Criminal Expunctions. Complete online questionnaire to determine eligibility for services. This organization also serves undocumented individuals. Apply online. <b>*For veterans or those needing help with tax issues or eviction defese eligibility can be up to 300% of FPG.</b>	<a href="http://www.legalhelphouston.org">www.legalhelphouston.org</a>	713-228-0735
Tax Issues	Legal services directory	Low-Income Tax Clinic - Houston Volunteer Lawyers (income based)	Assistance with taxes such as negotiations and settlements of income tax debt, tax court disputes, Earned Income Tax Credit, identity theft or IRS audits.	<a href="http://www.legalhelphouston.org">www.legalhelphouston.org</a>	713-228-0735
Tax Issues	Tax Issues	IRS Taxpayer Advocate Services - Houston	The Taxpayer Advocate Service is an independent organization within the IRS, the Taxpayer Advocate Service helps taxpayers resolve problems and recommends changes that will prevent problems.	<a href="http://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov">www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov</a>	713-209-3660
Tax Issues	Tax preparation	BakerRipley Tax Center (income based)	Tax returns, amendments, and other services for families and individuals earning up to \$58,000, available Mid-Jan - April 18.	<a href="https://www.bakerripley.org/services/baker-ripley-tax-center">https://www.bakerripley.org/services/baker-ripley-tax-center</a>	713-273-3755
Veterans	Appeals of VA claims	Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program	Helps unrepresented veterans and/or family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims	<a href="http://www.vetsprobono.org">www.vetsprobono.org</a>	888-838-7727
Veterans	Assistance with VA benefits	Disabled American Veterans	Professional assistance from our benefits advocates can help veterans and their families receive the benefits they've earned —health care, disability, employment, education, financial benefits and more.	<a href="http://www.dav.org">www.dav.org</a>	713-383-2715 (regional)
Veterans	Civil matters	Houston Volunteer Lawyers (income based)	Applicants must be financially eligible and have limited assets to receive services. For most programs* household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and have a civil non-criminal legal matter. Cases handled include: Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Child Support), Guardianship, Evictions, Consumer Disputes, Tax Issues, Probate Matters, Veterans' Issues, Real Estate, Wills, Juvenile Record Sealing and Criminal Expunctions. Complete online questionnaire to determine eligibility for services. This organization also serves undocumented individuals. Apply online. <b>*For veterans or those needing help with tax issues or eviction defese eligibility can be up to 300% of FPG.</b>	<a href="http://www.legalhelphouston.org">www.legalhelphouston.org</a>	713-228-0735
Veterans	Disability claims	Texas Veterans Commission	Disability claims representation, counseling assistance, employment services and education benefits	<a href="http://www.tvc.texas.gov">www.tvc.texas.gov</a>	1-800-252-8387 Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-8255, press 1
Veterans	Homeless/eviction	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	Assists very low-income veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to obtain and maintain stability.		281-458-0318

Veterans	Legal service clinics	Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans	Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans is building on the important work begun by the Houston Bar Association (HBA), which has offered weekly legal clinics at the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital in Houston since 2008. See calendar for a listing of clinics.	<a href="http://www.texasbar.com/tltv">www.texasbar.com/tltv</a>	
Veterans	VA claims/benefits	AMVETS (American Veterans)	Assistance with VA claims and more	<a href="http://www.amvets.org">www.amvets.org</a>	1-833-838-4325 Helpline
Veterans	Veterans legal services	Texas Legal Services Center (income based)	Helping veterans and their families in most civil legal matters, including military discharge upgrades and accessing VA benefits.	<a href="http://www.tlsc.org/veterans">http://www.tlsc.org/veterans</a>	1-800-622-2520, option 2
Victim Services	Child abuse victims	Justice for Children	Intervenes on behalf of abused children that have been deemed abused by appropriate authorities yet still remain unprotected from their abusers or where the authorities have failed to conduct a proper investigation and have taken no action to protect the child.	<a href="http://www.justiceforchildren.org">www.justiceforchildren.org</a>	713-225-4357
Victim Services	Victim Services	Texas Attorney General Victims' Compensation	Helps crime victims and their immediate families with the financial costs of crime. Covers crime-related costs such as counseling, medical treatment, funerals, and loss of income not paid by other sources.	<a href="http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims">www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims</a>	800-983-9933
Victim Services	Victim Services	Houston Police Department's Victim Services Unit	The Victim Services Division is dedicated to positively affecting the quality of life for the citizens of Houston and exists to provide assistance to crime victims and their families. We will assist the victim with applying for Crime Victims' Compensation and their chosen service providers to help them obtain benefits and services. The Victim Services Division works closely with various social services and legal agencies within the City of Houston and Harris County.	<a href="https://houstontx.gov/police/victim_services/index.htm">https://houstontx.gov/police/victim_services/index.htm</a>	713-308-0080
Victim Services	Victim Services	Texas Department of Criminal Victim Services	Provides direct, personal service to victims and their families throughout Texas. It is our goal to assure victims that they are not left behind at the crime scene, but can be involved in all parts of the criminal justice system if desired.	<a href="https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/divisions/vs/">https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/divisions/vs/</a>	1-800-848-4284
Workers Compensation	Information	Texas Dept of Insurance - Workers Compensation	Workers Compensation A-Z from reporting an injury to help filing a claim and much more.	<a href="http://tdi.texas.gov/wc">http://tdi.texas.gov/wc</a>	1-800-252-7031

*If you are with one of the above organizations or a part of a legal service organization and want to be considered email: [info@hls.org](mailto:info@hls.org)*