

Legal Programs

For help with legal representation

Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo

- Services: Provides pro bono legal assistance for low-income individuals in areas such as family law, housing, public benefits, and consumer law. They offer representation in court and help with legal documentation.
- Contact: 716-853-9555
- <https://www.legalaidbuffalo.org>

University at Buffalo School of Law Clinical Legal Education Program

- Services: Provides legal services to the community through various clinics, including family law, environmental law, and civil rights. Law students, under the supervision of experienced attorneys, offer representation and legal advice.
- Contact: 716-645-2167
- [Website](#)

Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP)

- Services: Offers free legal services for civil matters, including family law (divorce, custody, support), housing (evictions, foreclosures), immigration (asylum, deportation defense), and other civil issues. VLP also provides legal education and clinics.
- Contact: 716-847-0662
- <https://ecbavlp.com>

Erie County Bar Association Assigned Legal Counsel Program

- Services: Provides legal representation for individuals facing criminal charges who cannot afford an attorney. This includes representation in felony, misdemeanor, and some traffic cases.
- Contact: 716-856-8804
- <https://www.ecbany.org>

LawHelpNY

- Services: An online resource providing legal information and resources for various legal issues, including family court, housing, public benefits, and health law. It helps users understand their legal rights and find legal aid services in New York.
- <https://www.lawhelpny.org>

New York State DMV

- Services: Offers information and resources for handling suspended licenses, including steps to reinstate a license, payment of fines, and addressing DUI/DWI charges. They also provide resources for other DMV-related legal issues.
- <https://dmv.ny.gov>

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Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LawNY)

- Services: Provides free legal assistance in civil matters for eligible clients. Areas of assistance include housing (evictions, landlord/tenant disputes), family law (custody, support), public benefits (SSI, SSDI), and consumer law (bankruptcy, debt collection).
- Contact: 607-776-4126
- <https://www.lawny.org>

Neighborhood Legal Services

- Services: Provides legal assistance in areas such as disability law (SSI/SSDI claims), public benefits (TANF, SNAP), housing (evictions, foreclosure defense), and family law (domestic violence, custody).
- Contact: 716-847-0650
- <https://nls.org>

Center for Elder Law & Justice

- Services: Provides free legal services to seniors and disabled individuals in areas such as elder abuse, healthcare advocacy, consumer protection, housing, and financial exploitation. They also offer assistance with wills and estates.
- Contact: 716-853-3087
- <https://elderjusticenyc.org>

Journey's End Refugee Services

- Services: Offers legal assistance and representation for refugees and immigrants, including help with asylum applications, citizenship, family reunification, and deportation defense.
- Contact: 716-882-4963
- <https://www.jersbuffalo.org>

Buffalo Human Rights Law Review

- Services: Provides information and resources on human rights and civil liberties, including publications on recent legal developments and analyses.
- <https://www.law.buffalo.edu/beyond/journals/buffalo-human-rights-law-review.html>

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

- Services: Provides legal services to incarcerated individuals, focusing on issues such as prison conditions, parole, and access to medical care. They also assist with reentry issues and post-release support.
- Contact: 518-438-8046
- <https://www.plsny.org>

Western New York Law Center

- Services: Provides free legal services in areas such as foreclosure prevention, consumer protection, and community development. They offer legal education workshops and assistance with navigating legal processes.

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- Contact: 716-855-0203
- <https://www.wnyc.net>

Empire Justice Center

- Services: Provides legal assistance and advocacy for low-income individuals in areas such as public benefits, housing, health law, and domestic violence. They also engage in policy advocacy and community education.
- Contact: 585-454-4060
- <https://www.empirejustice.org>

New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU)

- Services: Provides legal representation and advocacy for civil liberties issues, including freedom of speech, racial justice, and police misconduct. They offer educational resources and engage in impact litigation.
- Contact: 212-607-3300
- <https://www.nyclu.org>