

LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS & OTHER RESOURCES

Contact the providers listed below to inquire about the information and services that may be available. Keep in mind, due to the pandemic, many in-person services have either been suspended or modified.

Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD)

Web: www.lassd.org

Call: (877) 534-2524

- LASSD provides free information regarding various legal issues and provides representation in some cases.

San Diego County Law Library

Address: 1105 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Web: www.sandiegolawlibrary.org

Call: (619) 531-3900

Email: refdesk@sdlawlibrary.org

- The Law Library provides free assistance with legal research and info.

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (SDVLP)

Address: 707 Broadway, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101

Web: www.sdvlp.org

Call: (619) 235-5656

Email: info@sdvlp.org

- SDVLP provides legal assistance for various areas, including family, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, landlord/tenant, small business and nonprofits, guardianship, education, and some immigration issues.
- For the Tenants' Rights Program for people who have received notices to move out (before an eviction case has been filed), call (619) 235-5656 ext. 127.
- Restraining Order Clinics run by SDVLP
 - o Central County Courthouse: Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
 - o North County: Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
 - o East: Mon, Tues 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM; Wed 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Lawyer Referral & Information Services (San Diego County Bar Association)

Web: www.sdcba.org

Call: (619) 231-8585

Toll Free: (800) 464-1529

Email: Iris@sdcba.org

- LRIS provides referrals to attorneys you can hire (pay) to assist and advise you on a variety of legal issues.
- You may be able to arrange for a free 30-minute consultation before signing a retainer agreement.
- The Modest Means program is for family law cases and connects applicants with lawyers who offer representation/services at a reduced rate.

Lawyer Referral & Information Services (North County Bar Association)

Address: 630 Alta Vista Dr, Vista, CA 92084

Web: www.lawreferral.org

Call: (760) 758-4755

Email: info@lawreferral.org

- LRIS provides referrals to attorneys you can hire (pay) to assist and advise you on a variety of legal issues.
- You may be able to arrange for a free 30-minute consultation before signing a retainer agreement.

Law Help CA

Web: www.lawhelpca.org

- Law Help CA does not provide direct legal services or legal advice but can connect you to relevant legal aid organizations. It allows you to search for local legal service providers and filter by legal issue/practice area and specific location.

211 San Diego

Mail: P.O. Box 420039, San Diego, CA 92142

Web: www.211sandiego.org

Call: 211

Email: 211help@211sandiego.org

- Provides information and referrals to San Diego County community resources for a variety of issues, including food insecurity, housing, health care, social justice, and emergency/disaster relief and services.

San Diego Family Law Facilitator (FLF)

Central Address: 1100 Union Street, Fourth Floor, Room 408, San Diego, CA 92101

North County Address: 325 South Melrose Drive, Vista, CA 92081

South County Address: 500 Third Ave., Room 300 Chula Vista, CA 91910

East County Address: 250 East Main St., Dept 20 (Second Floor), El Cajon, CA 92020

Web:

<https://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/sdcourt/familyandchildren2/familyselfhelp>

Email: fam.selfhelp@sdcourt.ca.gov

- Provides free assistance with family cases including divorce, custody, child support, guardianship, domestic violence, and certain emergency/ex parte filings.
- Please check the court's website for instructions pertaining to each location, including hours of operation.

Disability Rights California

Address: 530 B Street, Ste. 400, San Diego, CA 92101

Web: www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/get-help

Call: 1-800-776-5746

- Provides assistance, support, advice, representation, investigation, outreach and education for people with disabilities and disability-related legal issues.
- Available to assist telephonically Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM; alternatively, fill out an information form on the website.

Elder Law & Advocacy

Address: 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92123

Web: www.seniorlaw-sd.org

Call: (858) 565-1392

- Offers free and low-cost assistance, information, and advice regarding various legal issues related to elderly persons.

Immigration Center for Women and Children

Address: 600 B St. Ste. 2040, San Diego, CA 92101

Web: www.icwclaw.org

Call: (619) 515-2200

- Free and low-cost immigration services to underrepresented immigrants, focusing on assisting children and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, neglect, abuse, abandonment, and other violent crimes.

Casa Cornelia Law Center

Address: 525 B Street, Suite 1800 San Diego, CA 92101

Web: casacornelia.org

Call: (619) 231-7788

Email: Services@CasaCornelia.org

- Provides FREE immigration legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations, particularly for indigent, immigrant communities.
- Also seeks to educate the public about immigration law and policies. Sometimes provides counsel and representation in immigration and asylum cases, including for unaccompanied children.

La Maestra Medical Community Health Centers

Address: 4060 Fairmount Ave, San Diego, CA 92105

Web: <https://lamaestra.org/index.php/services/>

Call: (619) 779-7900

- Facilitates access to healthcare and provides free legal services for issues including immigration, human trafficking, and domestic violence.

California Western Community Law Project

Web: <https://cwclp.org/services/>

Call: (619) 780-7498

Email: clp@cwsl.edu

- Law school clinic run by California Western School of Law.
- Students and supervising attorneys offer legal advice to low-income people on a wide variety of legal issues.
 - o Includes Bankruptcy, Consumer, Criminal, Employment, Estate, Family, Immigration, Housing, Personal Injury, Public Benefits, Taxes, etc.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Small Claims Self-Help Workshop

Web: <https://www.tjsl.edu/clinics/small-claims-workshop>

Call: (619) 961-4371

- Law school clinic for Small Claims run by Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
 - o The clinic can help with small claims issues including landlord-tenant, consumer, personal injury, and breach of contract claims.
 - o The clinic does NOT assist with anything other than small claims.

USD Legal Clinics

Web: <https://www.sandiego.edu/law/free-legal-assistance/>

Email: usdlegalclinics@sandiego.edu

Call: (619) 260-7470

- Offers a wide variety of legal assistance including civil (breach of contract, consumer, fraud, debt collection), education and disability, entrepreneurship, taxes, immigration, veterans' benefits, domestic violence restraining orders, and workers' rights.
- The clinic does NOT accommodate walk-in clients. You can make an appointment by calling (619) 260-7470, on a space available basis.

South Bay Community Services

Visit: 430 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Web: sbcssandiego.org

Call: (619) 420-3620

24/7 Hotline: (800) 640-2933

- Provides a variety of services for families, including counseling, emergency and transitional shelters, advocacy, tax help, resources for domestic violence survivors, and more.

Center for Community Solutions Domestic Violence Legal Clinic

Web: <https://www.ccssd.org/legal-services>

Call: 1-888-385-4657

Central

Call (858) 272-5777 Ext. 7100

4508 Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109

North County

Call (760) 747-6282 ext. 7100

210 S. Juniper St. #101, Escondido, CA 92025

East County

Call (619) 697-7477 ext. 7100

460 Magnolia Ave ,Suite 100, El Cajon, CA 92020

- Assistance with counseling, legal help, victims' advocacy, and emergency and long-term shelters.

Interfaith Community Services

Multiple locations in Carlsbad, Escondido, and Oceanside.

Web: www.interfaithservices.org

Call: (760) 489-6380

- Provides a variety of services including assistance with housing, employment, nutrition, social services, senior assistance, addiction recovery, crisis management and counseling.
- Free legal clinic that provides legal information two Wednesdays a month. Call 760-489-6380 to sign up.

San Diego County Victim Services

Web:

<https://www.sdcda.org/helping/victims/victim-services>

Call: (619) 531-3517

- Assistance from the District Attorney's Office with comprehensive services to victims of all types of crimes.

Victims of Crime Resource Center

3200 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817

Web: 1800victims.org (Live Chat available M-F 7am-6pm, Sunday 9am-12pm)

Call or Text: (800) 842-8467

Email: 1800Victims@pacific.edu

- Information and referrals available regarding victim's compensation, crime victim's rights, abuse victim's rights, restitution, and civil suits.

California Innocence Project

Address: 225 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Web: californiainnocenceproject.org

Call: (619) 525-1485

Email: cainnocenceproject@cwsf.edu

- Assistance with investigating and re-litigating cases that have resulted in wrongful convictions.

National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC)

Address: 4305 University Avenue Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92105

Web: www.ncrconline.com/mediation-conflict-resolution/community-services/community-meditation

Call: (619) 398-0494

- Assistance with mediation and alternative dispute resolution whether or not you filed something in court.

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA)

Address: 640 Civic Center Drive #108, Vista, CA 92084

Web: <https://crla.org/>

Call: (760) 966-0511

- CRLA provides free civil legal services to low-income residents of California's rural counties, focusing on employment and labor, housing, education, rural health, and leadership development.

Community Resource Center

Address: 650 Second Street, Encinitas, CA 92024

Web: <https://crcncc.org/>

Call: (760) 753-1156

Call DV Hotline: 1-877-633-1112

Email: info@crcncc.org

- CRC's programs include a domestic violence emergency shelter, hotline and prevention/education outreach, a Therapeutic Children's Center, professional counseling, legal advocacy, food and nutrition distribution center, homelessness prevention, and rental and housing assistance.

License to Freedom (L2F)

Address: 131 Avocado Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020

Web: <https://licensetofreedom.org/>

Call: (619) 401-2800

Email: admin@licensetofreedom.org

- Serves refugee and Middle Eastern communities, as well as other communities of San Diegans. Services include legal advocacy for domestic violence survivors, rental assistance, counseling, family law, immigration, housing, and employment.

Employee Rights Center (ERC)

Address: 4161 Home Avenue, Suite 201

San Diego, CA 92105

Web: www.weberc.net

Call: (619) 521-1372

- Assists disadvantaged San Diegans with immigration, health care access, employment/unemployment, wage claims, and union-related workplace issues.

Legal Aid at Work

Web: <https://legalaidatwork.org>

Call: (415) 864-8848

- Free legal services for workers in California.
- Advocates for employment laws and systems that empower low-wage workers and marginalized communities.
- Partners with people to help them understand and assert their workplace rights.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Web: irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/

- Free basic tax return preparation assistance for low-income and moderate-income taxpayers.
- Assistance provided by the IRS and California State Controller, generally available during tax season: February 1 through April 15, annually.
- Dates and times vary by location, though some VITA sites require pre-registration or appointment.

Small Claims Legal Advisor

Address: 330 West Broadway San Diego

92101 (Hall of Justice Court House)

(Walk ins Monday-Thursday 8:30am-10:30am)

(Appointments Monday-Thursday 11:00am-12:30pm and 1:30-3:30pm)

Web:

<https://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/sdcourt/smallclaims2/smallclaimsadvisor>

Call: (858) 634-1777

- The Superior Court provides a Small Claims Legal Advisor at no cost to assist with small claims issues and procedures.
- You may call the Small Claims Legal Advisor for information or visit the in-person clinic in the Hall of Justice.
- Appointments must be registered online, SCLA will contact litigants making appointment requests.