LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Access Living
Phone: 312-640-2199
Website: https://www.accessliving.org/

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Mailing Address: ACLU of Illinois 180 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2300 Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312-201-9740
Website: http://www.aclu-il.org/

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
MAIN LOOP OFFICE: 180 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2110 Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 427-8990
Website:
Center for Disability & Elder Law
79 W. Monroe Street, Suite 919 Chicago, IL 60603
T: (312) 376-1880
Website: http://www.cdelaw.org/

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
70 East Lake Street Suite 720 (New as of May 2012) Chicago, Illinois 60601
Phone: (312) 641-4140
Website: http://www.chicagohomeless.org/

Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights
100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 600 Chicago, Illinois 60602-2403
Phone: (312) 630-9744
Website: http://www.clccrul.org/

Chicago Legal Clinic
2938 E. 91st Street Chicago, IL 60617
Phone (773) 731-1762
Website: http://www.clclaw.org/default.html

Chicago Volunteer Legal Service
33 North Dearborn Street, Suite 400 Chicago, Illinois 60602
Phone: 312.332.1624
Website: http://www.cvls.org/

Domestic Violence Legal Clinic
555 W Harrison, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60607
Phone: (312) 325-9155
Website: http://www.ilcadv.org/

Equip for Equality
20 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 312-341-0022
Website: www.equipforequality.org/
**First Defense Legal Aid** (if arrested, in custody)  
1-800-529-7374 (1-800-LAW-REP-4)

**Foreclosure Assistance (Cook County)**  
Phone: 1-877-895-2444  
NO WEBSITE

**Health & Disability Advocates**  
205 W. Randolph St. Suite 510 Chicago, IL 60606  
Phone: (312) 223-9600  
Website: [www.hdadvocates.org/](http://www.hdadvocates.org/)

**Illinois Secretary of State**  
Driving In Illinois  
Phone: 800-252-8980 (Illinois only)  
Website: [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/newresidents.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/newresidents.html)

**Illinois Tenants Union**  
Phone: (773) 478-1133  
Website: [www.tenant.org/](http://www.tenant.org/)

**Justice Entrepreneurs Project (JEP)**  
Phone: (312) 546-9939  
Website: [http://jepchicago.org/jeplawyers/](http://jepchicago.org/jeplawyers/)

**Latinos Progresando**  
3047 West Cermak Road, Chicago, IL 60623  
Office: (773) 542-7077  
Website: [http://latinospro.org/](http://latinospro.org/)
Lawyers Committee for Better Housing (LCBH)
33 North LaSalle, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: (312) 347-7600
Website: http://lcbh.org/

Lawyers for the Creative Arts
213 West Institute Place, Suite 403, Chicago, IL 60610
Phone: (312) 649-4111
Website: http://www.law-arts.org/

Legal Aid Bureau/Metro Family Services
One North Dearborn, Suite 1000, and Chicago, IL
Phone: 312-986-4200
Website: https://www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid/

Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF)
120 S. LaSalle Street, Ste. 900, Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312.341.1070
Website: https://www.lafchicago.org/

Life Span
70 E. Lake Street Suite 700 Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 408-1210
Fax: (312) 408-1223
Website: http://life-span.org/

Metropolitan Tenants Org (MTO)
1727 S Indiana Ave G3, Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: (773) 292-4980
Website: http://www.tenants-rights.org/

Midwest Immigrant Rights Center
208 S. LaSalle St. Suite 1818. Chicago, IL 60604.
Phone: 312-629-1960
NO WEBSITE
**Midwest Tax Clinic**  
29 E Madison St # 900, Chicago, IL 60602  
Phone: (312) 252-0280  
NO WEBSITE

**National Immigrant Justice Center (Heartland Alliance)**  
208 S La Salle St Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60604  
Phone: (312) 660-1370  
Website: [http://www.immigrantjustice.org/](http://www.immigrantjustice.org/)

**Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline**  
Phone: 1-877-863-6338  
Website: [http://www.ilcadv.org/](http://www.ilcadv.org/)

**The Law Project**  
100 N. LaSalle St., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60602  
312-939-3638 (phone)  
Website: [http://www.thelawproject.org/](http://www.thelawproject.org/)

**Uptown People's Law Center**  
4413 N. Sheridan, Chicago IL 60640  
Phone: (773) 769 1411  
Fax: (773) 769 2224  
Website: [http://www.uplcchicago.org/](http://www.uplcchicago.org/)

**World Relief**  
3507 W Lawrence Chicago, Illinois 60625  
Phone: 773.583.9191  
Website: [http://worldreliefchicago.org/](http://worldreliefchicago.org/)

**Worker Hands Legal Clinic**  
77 W Washington St, Chicago, IL 60602  
Phone: (312) 795-9115
LAW SCHOOL CLINIC REFERRAL LIST

See Guide for Full Details!

DePaul College of Law Clinics
Phone: (312) 362-8294 or 8701

IIT Chicago-Kent Law School Clinics
Phone: (312) 906-5050 or 5000

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago
Phone: 312-427-2737

Loyola School of Law
Phone: (312) 915-7839 or 7120

Northwestern School of Law Clinics
Phone: (312) 503 - 8576

University of Chicago Law School
Phone: 773-702-9611
GOVERNMENT AGENCY REFERRALS

Chicago Commission on Human Relations
Phone: (312) 744-4111

Chicago Department on Aging
Phone: (312) 744-4016

Chicago Department of Law
Phone: (312) 744-0200 *Ask About Troubled Building Initiative

Cook County Commission on Human Rights
Phone: (312) 603-1100

Cook County Public Guardian
Phone: (312) 603-0800
Website: http://www.publicguardian.org/

Cook County Guardianship for Minors
Phone: (312) 603-0135
Website: http://www.cookcountycourt.org/FORPEOPLEWITHOUTLAWYERS/FreeLowCostLegalServices/ViewServices/tabid/1045/ArticleId/1517/Guardianship-Assistance-Desk-for-Minors.aspx

Illinois Attorney General
Phone: (312) 814-3000
Website: http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/
Illinois Department of Human Services
Phone: (800) 843-6154
Website: https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx

Illinois Office of State Guardian
Phone: (312) 793-5900
Website: https://www.illinois.gov/sites/gac/OSG/Pages/default.aspx

Illinois Secretary of State
DRIVING IN ILLINOIS!!!
Phone: 800-252-8980 (Illinois only)
Website: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/newresidents.html

U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 1-866-487-9243
Wage Theft/Wage & Hour Division
Website: www.dol.gov/whd

U.S Equal Employ Opportunity Commission
Phone: (312) 353-2713
Website: http://www.eeoc.gov/
REFERRAL GUIDE
Chicago Area Law Schools

DePaul College of Law
Phone: (312) 362-8701

- **Asylum & Immigration**: The clinic also receives support and assistance from immigration practitioners throughout Chicago. Many clinic alumni are leaders in the field of immigration law and contribute to public interest practices across the country.
  
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/asylum-immigration/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/asylum-immigration/Pages/default.aspx)

- **Civil Rights**: The Civil Rights Clinic focuses on civil rights cases involving police or prison misconduct as well other claims involving race, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination.
  
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/civil-rights/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/civil-rights/Pages/default.aspx)

- **Criminal Appeals**: The Criminal Appeals Legal Clinic provides you with the opportunity to represent clients convicted of felony offenses in front of the Illinois Appellate Court.
  
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/criminal-appeals/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/criminal-appeals/Pages/default.aspx)

- **Family Law**: In the Family Law Clinic, students are responsible for a divorce case and a domestic violence case referred to the clinic by a legal service organization.
  
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/family-law/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/family-law/Pages/default.aspx)

- **Housing & Community Development**: The Housing & Community Development Legal Clinic at DePaul University College of Law provides corporate legal assistance to organizations working in affordable housing and community development.
  
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/housing-community-development/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/housing-community-development/Pages/default.aspx)
• **Mediation as Advocate:** Students participating in this clinic will be appointed by judges of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, to represent pro se litigants who will be participating in mediation. Students will advise these clients during the mediation phase only.
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/mediation-as-advocate/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/mediation-as-advocate/Pages/default.aspx)

• **Misdemeanor:** The Misdemeanor Clinic provides you with a vertical criminal defense representation experience. You will represent defendants in pending Illinois criminal misdemeanor cases from beginning to end.
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/misdemeanor/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/misdemeanor/Pages/default.aspx)

• **Poverty Law:** The Poverty Law Clinic represents low-income clients in eviction actions at the Daley Center, Section Eight voucher termination hearings at the Chicago Housing Authority, and unemployment appeals in the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/poverty-law/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/poverty-law/Pages/default.aspx)

• **Technology/Intellectual Property (TIP Clinic):** The Technology/Intellectual Property Clinic (TIP Clinic®) is one of the first law school clinical programs to provide transactional services exclusively in the areas of patent, trademark and copyright law to clients who cannot afford to pay private counsel for these services.
  Website: [http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/technology-intellectual-property/Pages/default.aspx](http://law.depaul.edu/academics/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/technology-intellectual-property/Pages/default.aspx)
IIT Chicago-Kent Law School
Phone: (312) 906-5000

- **Criminal Defense Litigation:** Provide criminal defense representation for all types of felonies and misdemeanors in trial and appellate courts at the state and federal levels.
  Website: [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/criminal-defense-litigation](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/criminal-defense-litigation)

- **Civil Litigation Clinic:** This clinic concentrates in the areas of labor and employment law and medical malpractice and nursing home cases. Provides representation to both employers and employees in all aspects of labor and employment law, including wage-hour disputes, employment discrimination, wrongful discharge and whistleblower cases, and traditional labor law.
  Website: [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/civil-litigation-clinic](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/civil-litigation-clinic)

- **Plaintiffs Employment Clinic:** Representation of employees in discrimination and wrongful discharge cases in the federal and state courts in the areas of gender and age discrimination, sexual harassment, disability discrimination in the workplace, and equal pay issues.

- **Entrepreneurial Law:** Address issues that frequently arise for start-up companies, including but not limited to choice of entity, entity formation, contract review and drafting, corporate governance issues, review of leases, trademark searches and filing, and other transactional matters.
  Website: [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/entrepreneurial-law](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/entrepreneurial-law)

- **Family Law:** Represent clients with divorce and domestic relations disputes in negotiations and in court.
  Website: [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/family-law](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/family-law)
• **Health and Disability Law:** Represent clients in Social Security disability cases and other civil litigation matters that generally involve health, disability or discrimination issues.

• **Intellectual Property Law:** Work with patent attorneys from the law firm of K&L Gates LLP to research and write patentability opinions, perform clearance searches, and guide clients through intellectual property issues.
  Website: [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/intellectual-property-law](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/intellectual-property-law)

• **Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution:** Practice alternative dispute resolution techniques involving juvenile court matters, criminal misdemeanors, employment discrimination cases, landlord-tenant disputes and small claims.

• **Open Government /Government Watchdog law:** Focus on cases challenging closed government processes, interview and counsel clients, conduct factual investigations and legal research, develop case strategies, collect and analyze documents, and assist with litigation.
  Website: [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/open-government-watchdog-law](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/legal-clinics/open-government-watchdog-law)

• **Tax and Probate Law Clinic:** Represent middle-income and small-business taxpayers before the U.S. Tax Court and U.S. District Court as well as assist with drafting wills, trusts and powers of attorney, counseling clients on estate planning, asset protection, and property disposition strategies, and administration/probate of testate and intestate estates.
• **Business Enterprise Law Clinic:** Providing pro bono business legal services to entrepreneurs and tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/btep/](http://www.jmls.edu/btep/)

• **Conflict Resolution Institute & Clinic:** Providing free, high-quality services to resolve disputes through meaningful conflict resolution.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/conflict-resolution/](http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/conflict-resolution/)

• **Domestic Violence Clinic:** Helping survivors of domestic violence seek orders of protection, find immigration relief, and acquire representation in family law matters.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/domestic-violence/](http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/domestic-violence/)

• **Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic:** Representing victims of housing discrimination and transforming fair housing and fair lending laws throughout the country.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/fairhousing/center/](http://www.jmls.edu/fairhousing/center/)

• **Immigration Law Clinic:** Providing legal assistance in U.S. immigration-related matters to low-income people of all ages.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/immigration/](http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/immigration/)

• **International Human Rights Clinic:** Protecting human rights in the U.S. and around the world.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/international-human-rights/](http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/international-human-rights/)

• **IP Patent Clinic:** Assisting innovation in the real world by helping inventors and small businesses with patent assistance.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/patent/](http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/patent/)

• **IP Trademark Clinic:** Assisting mark owners with trademark rights, counseling, and applications.
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/trademark/](http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/trademark/)
• **Pro Bono Program & Clinic:** Representing clients in mortgage foreclosures, juvenile expungement services, litigation, small claims, and appeals.  
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/pro-bono/](http://www.jmls.edu/clinics/pro-bono/)

• **Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic:** Serving those who served by helping with VA benefits appeals and other legal assistance.  
  Website: [http://www.jmls.edu/veterans/](http://www.jmls.edu/veterans/)
• **The Loyola Community Law Center:** It gives students real-world experience in representing Chicago-area residents who cannot afford legal services.
  Website: [http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/community_clinic.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/community_clinic.html)

• **The Child and Family Law Clinic:** Gives students the opportunity to develop skills needed to represent children by serving as children’s lawyers in cases involving pediatric law.
  Website: [http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/child_family_clinic.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/child_family_clinic.html)

• **The Child Law Legislation and Policy Clinic:** The Clinic offers students the opportunity to work on policy and legislative research and advocacy projects that have an impact on systems affecting children and families, including child protection, juvenile justice, health, and immigration.
  Website: [http://www.luc.edu/law/centers/childlaw/institutes/policy/clinic.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/centers/childlaw/institutes/policy/clinic.html)

• **The Federal Tax Clinic:** Allows students, under close faculty supervision, to represent low-income taxpayers before Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Tax Court.
  Website: [http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/tax_clinic/index.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/tax_clinic/index.html)

• **The Business Law Clinic:** Not only focuses on small-business counseling, but also educates students about the transactional practice of law.
  Website: [http://www.luc.edu/law/centers/business/clinic/index.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/centers/business/clinic/index.html)

• **The Health Justice Project:** Provides effective representation to low-income clients. Students work in collaboration with health care providers to overcome the social and systemic barriers that prevent long-term health and stability through legal and non-legal remedies.
  NO WEBSITE

• **Life After Innocence Project:** Assist innocent people who have been in prison and later exonerated in order to start their lives over.
  Website: [http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/lifeafterinnocence/index.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/experiential/lifeafterinnocence/index.html)
Northwestern School of Law
Phone: (312) 503-8576

- **Appellate Advocacy Center:** The Appellate Advocacy Center, part of Northwestern University School of Law's Bluhm Legal Clinic, provides clients with legal assistance in appealing their cases, and provides students with opportunities to participate in appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/appellate/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/appellate/)

- **Center for Criminal Defense:** The Center for Criminal Defense (CCD) provides trial level representation for adult criminal defendants as well as some advocacy at the post-conviction stage.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/criminal/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/criminal/)

- **Center for Externships:** Employers consistently convey their desire to hire law school graduates who are ready to practice and who have the skills, not just analytical or research skills, but also the practical skills needed to be productive members of the team from day one.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/externships/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/externships/)

- **Center for International Human Rights:** Essential efforts focus on researching and addressing emerging human rights issues as they occur, as well as providing valuable clinical experiences for students interested in the protection of human rights on a global scale.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/humanrights/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/humanrights/)

- **Center on Negotiation and Mediation:** Whether practicing transactional, criminal law, or litigation, much of a lawyer’s time is spent negotiating with other lawyers, clients, or colleagues, and most cases are ultimately resolved through settlement and, increasingly, mediation. The Center on Negotiation and Mediation, one of Northwestern School of Law’s Bluhm Clinic offerings, provides students with theoretical and practical experience in negotiation and mediation through a series of courses and workshops.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/negotiations/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/negotiations/)
• **Center on Wrongful Convictions:** The Center receives approximately 200 inquiries a month from inmates around the country seeking our legal representation. Center faculty and staff attorneys, in partnership with outside pro bono attorneys and CWC students, review these requests and represent imprisoned clients with claims of actual innocence. Although the Center focuses primarily on post-conviction cases, occasionally CWC attorneys serve as co-counsel with experienced trial lawyers working pro bono, in the retrials of cases that have been reversed and remanded. CWC attorneys may prepare "friend of the court" briefs in the trial and appellate courts. The Center also has pioneered projects focused on representing wrongfully convicted youth and women — the first projects of their kind in the United States.

Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions/)

• **Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth:** Through outreach, advocacy, education, and litigation, the Center on Wrongful Conviction of Youth (CWCY) seeks to implement policies and practices that will ensure that the evidence used against youth is reliable.

Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictionsyouth/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictionsyouth/)

• **Children and Family Justice Center:** At the CFJC, attorneys and law students work together to promote justice for children, adolescents, and their families through direct legal representation, policy advocacy and law reform.

  Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/cfjc/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/cfjc/)

• **Civil Litigation Center:** Students take depositions, draft written discovery, prepare and argue motions and try cases. They regularly interview clients at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago’s Loop office and make presentations at case acceptance meetings.

  Website: [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/civil/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/civil/)
Entrepreneurship Law Center: Under the supervision of clinical faculty and staff, law and business students work together to represent start-up companies, entrepreneurs, and nonprofit organizations. Clients range from brand-new initiatives eager to reach the marketplace, where students help launch the business from a legal perspective, to larger, established companies with more sophisticated legal needs such as raising additional capital, preparing equity incentive programs for employees, licensing intellectual property, and more.

Website: http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/elc/

Environmental Advocacy Center: Students in this Center are responsible for driving environmental solutions through a broad range of strategies: litigation, administrative proceedings, legislative and rule-making proceedings, public advocacy, and media.

Website: http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/environmental/

Investor Protection Center: The Center provides investors who have limited resources with legal assistance to resolve securities disputes with broker dealers and investment advisors. Additionally, the Center provides screening services for regulators, including the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), state regulators, and brokerage houses, helping to identify legitimate claims.

Website: http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/investorprotection/

MacArthur Justice Center: As one of the premier civil rights organizations in the United States, the MacArthur Justice Center has led battles against myriad civil rights injustices, including police misconduct (leading the charge to appoint a special prosecutor in the Jon Burge torture cases in Chicago), executions (helping to abolish the Illinois death penalty), fighting for the rights of the indigent in the criminal justice system, and winning multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements for the wrongfully convicted.

Website: http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/macarthur/
• Prison Reentry Strategies: Starting in January 2010, law students participating in Prison Reentry Strategies engaged in legal research, investigations and interviews with business owners, returning prisoners, corrections officials and program administrators, making use of what was learned to develop new approaches and program models that would better enable returning prisoners to find jobs in a tight labor market.

Website: http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/prison/
- **Abrams Environmental Law Clinic:** The Abrams Environmental Law clinic attempts to solve some of the most pressing environmental problems throughout Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the Great Lakes region. On behalf of clients, the clinic sues those who pollute illegally, fights for stricter permits, advocates for changes to regulations and laws, holds environmental agencies accountable, and develops innovative approaches for improving the environment.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/environmental](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/environmental)

- **Civil Rights and Police Accountability Project:** The Project’s goals are to enhance police accountability and improve police services in Chicago. The Project provides legal representation to indigent victims of police abuse in federal civil rights cases, administrative proceedings, and state criminal and juvenile litigation.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/police](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/police)

- **Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project:** The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project provides quality legal representation to juveniles accused of crime and works to improve the system of justice in the juvenile and adult criminal court and develop policies and implementing strategies for effective crime prevention.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/juvenile](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/juvenile)

- **Employment Discrimination Project:** The Project represents clients in cases before the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Illinois Human Rights Commission and seeks to obtain relief for our clients from race, sex, national origin and handicap discrimination in the work place.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/employment](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/employment)

- **The Exoneration Project:** The Exoneration Project represents clients who have been convicted of crimes of which they are innocent. The Project assists clients in asserting their claims of actual innocence in state and federal court.
  
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/exoneration](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/exoneration)
- **Federal Criminal Justice Clinic:** The Federal Criminal Justice Clinic zealously represents indigent defendants charged with federal crimes and gives students a unique opportunity to practice in federal district court and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and to write briefs to the United States Supreme Court.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/fcjc](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/fcjc)

- **Gendered Violence and the Law Clinic:** Through a seminar combined with a field placement at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, students assist with representation of domestic and sexual violence survivors to meet a broad range of legal needs.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/genderedviolence](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/genderedviolence)

- **Housing Initiative:** The Housing Initiative was launched in the summer of 2002 to provide legal representation to individual and community-based housing developers, tenant groups, and other parties involved in the development of new or rehabilitated affordable housing stock.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/housing](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/housing)

- **Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship:** The Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship, or IJ Clinic, is a public interest organization devoted principally to expanding economic liberties. It provides a range of legal services, especially those for start-up businesses, to local entrepreneurs in economically disadvantaged communities.
  Website: [http://ij.org/clinic](http://ij.org/clinic)

- **International Human Rights Clinic:** The International Human Rights Clinic works for the promotion of social and economic justice globally, including in the United States.
  Website: [http://ihrclinic.uchicago.edu/](http://ihrclinic.uchicago.edu/)

- **Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab:** The Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab aims to provide students with “real-world” work experience and to prepare them to become well-rounded legal practitioners, all the while working on cutting-edge legal projects with world-class companies.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/corporatelab](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/corporatelab)
• **Mental Health Project:** The Project aims to improve the quality and quantity of community mental health services for persons with serious mental illnesses.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/mental](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel/mental)

• **Poverty and Housing Law Clinic:** The Poverty and Housing Law Clinic exposes students to the practice of poverty law work by giving them the opportunity to work on housing related cases at the Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF), which provides free legal services to indigent clients in civil matters.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/povertyandhousinglaw](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/povertyandhousinglaw)

• **Prosecution and Defense Clinic:** The clinic provides students with an opportunity to learn about the criminal justice system through the combination of a 2-quarter seminar and a clinical placement in either a prosecutor's office or public defender's office.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/prosecutiondefense](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/prosecutiondefense)

• **Social Service Project:** The Project promotes effective interdisciplinary collaboration between social workers and lawyers as well as highlights the importance of involving well trained social workers in the legal environment.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/prosecutiondefense](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/prosecutiondefense)

• **The Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights:** The Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights is a human service and policy advocacy program dedicated to advocating for the best interests of immigrant and refugee children who are alone in the United States.
  Website: [http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/immigrantchildadvocacy](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/immigrantchildadvocacy)
General

1. Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic
2. Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
3. Chicago Legal Clinic
4. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
5. Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
6. Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
7. Uptown People’s Law Center
8. Wiley Resource Center, NFP
9. Illinois Legal Aid Online  www.illinoislegalaidonline.org
10. Asian Immigrants
11. Asian Human Services

Bankruptcy

1. Chicago Legal Clinic
2. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
3. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)

Civil Rights Matters

1. Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
2. Lambda Legal
**Consumer Fraud**

1. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)
2. Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services

**Contract Law**

1. Chicago Legal Clinic
2. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)

**Criminal Matters**

1. Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic
2. James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy (Evanston youth only)

**Debt Collection Defense**

1. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
2. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)

**Disabilities (persons with)**

1. Center for Disability and Elder Law
2. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)
3. Equip for Equality
4. Uptown People’s Law Center
Domestic Violence
1. Chicago Legal Clinic
2. Domestic Violence Legal Clinic
3. Latinos Progresando
4. Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
5. Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
6. Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy
7. The Domestic Violence Legal Clinic

Expungements, Sealings, and Pardons
1. James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy (Evanston youth only)
2. Wiley Resource Center

Family Law
1. Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic
2. Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
3. Chicago Legal Clinic
4. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
5. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)
6. Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
7. Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
8. Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy
**Housing—Landlord/Tenant**

1. Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic
2. Chicago Legal Clinic
3. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
4. Chicago Lawyers Community
5. CLAIM—Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers
6. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)
7. Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, Inc.
8. Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
9. Uptown People’s Law Center

**HIV/AIDS**

1. AIDS Legal Council of Chicago

**Immigration**

1. Centro Romero (Latino immigrants)
2. Chicago Legal Clinic
3. Latinos Progresando
LGBT
1. Lambda Legal

Medicaid/ Medicare
1. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)

Nonprofit/Small Business Development
1. The Law Project

Tort defense
1. Chicago Legal Clinic
2. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

Veterans’ Matters
1. Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)

Wills
1. Chicago Legal Clinic
Illinois Legal Aid, Outside Cook County

1. DuPage Bar Legal Aid Service

2. Will County Legal Assistance Program

3. Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.
   - Fox Valley Office (Kane, DeKalb and Kendall)
   - Joliet Office (Will)
   - Kankakee Office (Iroquois and Kankakee)
   - Ottawa Office (Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle, Lee and Putnam)
   - Rockford Office (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago)
   - Waukegan Office (Lake and McHenry)
   - Wheaton Office (DuPage)
   - McHenry Office (McHenry)

Outside Illinois

1. Contact the State Bar Association

2. Ask for free legal services available in the county where assistance is needed
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago  
180 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 2110, Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312-427-8990  
Fax: 312-427-8419  
Web Address: www.aidslegal.com  
Service Area(s): people living with HIV/AIDS, low-to-moderate income clients in Cook County; Social Security cases, discrimination issues, insurance problems, public benefit issues, bankruptcy, Employment discrimination;  
Hours: Monday through Friday — 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Asian Human Services  
4753 N. Broadway Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60640  
Phone: 773-728-2235  
Fax: 773-728-4751  
Web Address: www.asianhumanservices.org/legal.htm  
Service Area(s): direct legal services to primarily low income Asian immigrants and refugees in the areas of personal well-being and family law, such as immigration, divorce, child custody, housing, employment, and public assistance.

Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic  
740 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642  
Phone: 312-738-2452  
Fax: 312-850-4783  
Web Address: www.cgla.net  
Service Area(s): housing law, family law, criminal matters; intake by phone.

Center for Disability and Elder Law  
79 W. Monroe Street Suite 919, Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: 312-376-1880  
Fax: 312-376-1885  
Web Address: www.cdelaw.org  
Service Area(s): persons with disabilities and senior citizens (age 60 or older); civil matters such as ADA cases, bankruptcy, debt collection, consumer fraud, elder law, family law, public benefits, housing matters, wills/probate; intake by phone.
Centro Romero
6216 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60660
Phone: 773-508-5300
Fax: 773-508-5399
Web Address: www.centroromero.org
Service Area(s): immigration assistance to Latino immigrants; walk-ins accepted.

Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
100 North LaSalle Street Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60602-2403
Phone: 312-630-9744
Fax: 312-630-1127
Web Address: www.clccrul.org
Service Area(s): provides free legal services to people with civil rights problems, such as housing, employment discrimination, hate crimes, and nonprofit organizations that need help with transactional issues. Call to setup an appointment.

Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
740 N. Milwaukee Chicago, IL 60642
Phone: 312-738-CGLA (2452)
Website: http://www.cglaw.net/claim
Service Area(s): Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated mothers; family law cases only; intake by phone or in person. Volunteer lawyers conduct law classes at the Cook County Jail, Decatur Correctional Center, Lincoln Correctional Center, Dwight Correctional Center, Fox Valley Work Release Center, and the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago.

Chicago Legal Clinic (CLC)
2938 E. 91st St., Chicago, IL 60617
Phone: 773-731-1762
Fax: 773-731-4264
Web Address: www.clclaw.org
Service Area(s): bankruptcy, guardianship, adoption, domestic violence, landlord/tenant matters, tort defense, contract law, wills, immigration.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)
100 N. LaSalle St. Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 312-332-1624
Fax: 312-332-1460
Web Address: www.cvls.org
Service Area(s): civil cases, general practice (low income), bankruptcies, divorce, guardianship, adoption, tort defense, collection defense, landlord/tenant.
Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)
17 N. State St. Suite 1850, Chicago, IL 60602
Hotline: 312-738-9200
Web Address: www.carpls.org
Service Area(s): family law, consumer fraud, landlord/tenant matters, bankruptcy, debt collection cases, garnishments, contract law, housing discrimination, disability law, Medicare/Medicaid cases, elder law, veterans’ matters; intake via hotline
Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with hours extended on Wednesday until 7:30 p.m.

Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC)
555 W. Harrison Street, Suite 1900, Chicago IL 60607-4374
Phone: 312-325-9155
Service Area(s): full service provider of legal assistance, ranging from information and referral to litigation. All participants receive some type of help, whether brief services, referrals, or representation in litigation. DVLC attorneys provide immediate and ongoing legal representation in Orders of Protection cases for victims of domestic violence. Additional legal representation for our married clients is also available through the Divorce Division.
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Intake Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Equip for Equality
20 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 312-341-0022
Voice: 800-537-2632
TTY: 800-610-2779
Fax: 312-341-0295
Web Address: www.equipforequality.org
Se Habla Español and other languages
American Sign Language (ASL)
Service Area(s): Discrimination, special education, advocacy in the areas of community integration, self-determination, and safety from abuse and neglect.

Illinois Legal Aid Online
http://www.illinoislegalaidonline.org
Service Area: Provides those who cannot afford a lawyer with easy to use legal information, self-help instructions, interactive forms and referrals to free legal services.
**James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy**  
1123 Emerson, Suite 203, Evanston, IL 60201  
Phone: 847-492-1410  
Fax: 847-859-5836  
Web Address: www.moran-center.org  
Service Area(s): free legal representation and social work services to Evanston youth in the following areas: juvenile delinquency; adult felony and misdemeanor (21 and under); school advocacy (discipline and special education); code violations; and criminal records expungement.

**Lambda Legal**  
Midwest Regional Office, 105 W. Adams, 26th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603-6208  
Phone: 312-663-4413  
Fax: 312-663-4307  
Website: www.lambdalegal.org  
Service Area: a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

**Latinos Progresando**  
3047 W. Cermak Road, Chicago, IL 60623  
Phone: 773.542.7077  
Fax: 773.542.9252  
Website: www.latinospro.org  
Service Area(s): Family Services helps families reunite through legal immigration. This process begins with a consultation with our legal staff. Our legal services start at $30 for a consultation.  
- Free consultations to assess the eligibility of potential VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) applicants, and we help eligible clients find related services, such as divorce attorneys, custody representation, public benefits, and food and shelter. In cases where no remedies are available under VAWA, we refer clients to organizations that can help with their needs.  
- Legal Services staff educates clients to assess their experiences with the legal system, and to identify their options.  
- Accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals, a part of the Department of Justice and the highest immigration court in the United States  
Walk-in Hours: Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Wednesday: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
**Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, Inc.**
100 W. Monroe Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312-347-7600
Fax: 312-347-7604
Web Address: www.lcbh.org
Service Area(s): landlord/tenant matters, unsafe housing, evictions, lockouts, utility shutoffs; potential cases reviewed twice weekly.

**Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services**
One North Dearborn Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60602
Intake Phone: 312-986-4200
Web Address: www.metrofamily.org
Service Area(s): the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services provides free legal services in consumer, domestic violence, family law, housing issues, elder abuse and financial exploitation. To make an appointment, call the Intake Line
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – noon or 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Spanish language assistance is available.

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (LAF)**
120 S. LaSalle Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312-341-1070
Fax: 312-341-1041
Web Address: www.lafchicago.org
Service Area(s): family law, public aid matters, Social Security, migrant issues, domestic violence and housing work.

**Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy**
20 E. Jackson Blvd. Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: 312-408-1210
Fax: 312-408-1223
Web Address: www.life-span.org
Service Area(s): domestic violence cases (Cook County), divorce, orders of protection, custody cases; intake by phone
Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; no walk-ins accepted.
**The Law Project**
100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 600 Chicago, Illinois 60602-2403
312-939-3638 (phone)
312-630-1127 (fax)
Website: http://www.thelawproject.org/
Service Area(s): The Law Project strengthens Chicago area communities by providing high-quality, pro bono legal services to community based nonprofits, small businesses and first-time homebuyers. In fulfilling this mission, The Law Project offers transactional attorneys meaningful pro bono opportunities. In addition to our direct legal services programs, The Law Project also provides regular workshops and trainings on legal issues affecting nonprofit organizations, small businesses entrepreneurs, and first time home buyers.

**Uptown People’s Law Center**
4413 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60640
Phone: 773-769-1411
Fax: 773-769-2224
Service Area(s): Public Aid, Disability Law, Evictions.

**Wiley Resource Center**
Phone: 773-738-1480 (PHONE FIRST!!!)
Service Area(s): WRC provides Free Legal Consultations and Referrals for ILLINOIS cases, so please be sure to bring ALL Documents related to your Case.
- WRC also hosts the ESP Initiative for ("Expungements, Sealings, and Pardons") to assist with clearing criminal records in Illinois.

- You must bring your arrest record (rap sheet) with you for review by attorneys.

- Information only: NO appointments necessary, NO phone consultations!

- NEW PROCEDURE: Visitors must have 2 copies of their rap sheets: 1 for WRC's legal staff + 1 copy for themselves!!!

- Call 312-745-5128 for info about getting arrest records from Chicago Police Department.
Illinois Legal Aid, Outside Cook County

DuPage Bar Legal Aid Service
126 S. County Farm Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187
Phone: 630-653-6212
Fax: 630-653-6317
Service Area(s): family law, appellate advocacy, bankruptcy, guardianship, adoption, wills, not-for-profit corporate advice for charities serving low-income persons, tort defense, collection defense, criminal misdemeanor, Social Security cases.

Will County Legal Assistance Program
5 W. Jefferson, LL
Joliet, IL 60432
Phone: 815-727-5123
Fax: 815-727-5152
Web Address: www.pslegal.org
Service Area(s): Civil legal services to low-income and indigent residents of Will County; intake via telephone.

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.
Web Address: www.pslegal.org

- Fox Valley Office
  1024 West Main, St. Charles, IL 60174
  Phone: 630-232-9415
  Toll Free: 800-942-4612
  Fax: 630-232-9402
  (Kane, DeKalb and Kendall)

- Joliet Office
  5 West Jefferson St., LL, Joliet, IL 60432
  Phone: 815-727-5123
  (Will)

- Kankakee Office
  191 South Chicago Street, Kankakee, IL 60901
  Phone: 815-935-2750
  Toll Free: 815-935-0906
  (Iroquois and Kankakee)
• Ottawa Office
  1021 Clinton Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350
  Phone: 815-434-5903
  Toll Free: 800-892-7888
  Fax: 815-434-2642
  (Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle, Lee and Putnam)

• Rockford Office
  303 North Main Street Suite 600, Rockford, IL 61101
  Phone: 815-965-2902
  Toll Free: 800-892-2985
  Fax: 815-965-1081
  (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago)

• Waukegan Office
  325 West Washington Street, #100, Waukegan, IL 60085
  Phone: 847-662-6925
  Toll Free: 800-942-3940
  Fax: 630-690-2279
  (Lake and McHenry)

• Wheaton Office
  400 West Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187
  Phone: 630-690-2130
  Toll Free: 800-690-2130
  Fax: 630-690-2279
  (DuPage)

• McHenry Office
  5320 W. Elm Street, McHenry, IL 60050
  Phone: 815-344-9113
  Toll Free: 877-480-3020
  (McHenry)