

## Legal Resources

Please refer to the list of agencies and programs below if you are in need of legal aid.

### Cabrini Legal Aid

**Phone:** 312-266-1345

**Fax:** 312-266-7417

**Address:** 206 W. Division

**Services:** \$20 intake fee, but then free lawyer for qualifying low income individuals/families. They do criminal cases (only private agency in Chicago that does this for adults).

**Website:** <http://www.cgla.net>

### CARPLS (Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services)

**Phone:** 312-738-9200

**Address:** 17 N. State St. #1850

**Services:** Free hotline that provides legal advice, but not lawyers. Will give referrals to lawyers as appropriate.

**Hours:** Monday- Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM and Wednesday evenings -7:30 PM.

**Language:** English and Spanish.

**Website:** <http://www.carpls.org>

### Chicago Legal Clinic

**Phone:** 773-731-1762

**Fax:** 773-731-4264

**Address:** 2938 E. 91st Street; Offices downtown, South Chicago, Pilsen and Austin.

**Website:** <http://www.clclaw.org/>

**Services:** In addition to providing direct legal service, the Clinic maintains programs for [Domestic Violence](#), [Immigration](#), [Pro Bono](#), [Environmental Law](#), [Seminar](#), [Circuit Rider](#), [Expungement](#), [Legal Advocates for Seniors and People with Disabilities](#), [Legal Advocates for Consumers in Debt](#) and also operates a [Chancery Advice Desk](#).

#### *Chancery Advice Desk* – Part of Chicago Legal Clinic

Daley Center Room 1303

The Chancery Division generally handles cases of foreclosure, injunctions, name changes and those where specific performance of a contract is sought. The vast majority of defendants are facing foreclosure. Helps clients who do not know how to utilize the procedural and substantive safeguards the law affords them prior to losing their homes.

### Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

**Phone:** 312-332-1624

**Fax:** 312-332-1460

**Admin office:** 100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 900; 20 locations throughout Chicagoland

**Services:** They handle everyday cases such as divorce, bankruptcy, tort defense, consumer cases, adoptions, minor and disabled adult guardianship, immigration, etc. No criminal. Free. **Website:** <http://www.cvl.org/>

**Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services**

**Phone:** 312-986-4015

**Fax:** 312-986-4016

**Intake:** 312-986-4200

**Address:** 14 E. Jackson Blvd. 15th Floor

**Services:** family law services ranging from advice to full litigation;

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

**Website:** [www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

**Phone:** 312-341-1070

**Fax:** 312-341-1041

**Address:** Central Intake Office: 111 W. Jackson Blvd; Other offices throughout the city

**Services:** Free legal advice and advocacy, Crime victims, Divorce and family law, HIV/AIDS, Home Ownership Preservation, Illinois Migrant assistance, Immigrant services, SSI, seniors' legal services. LAF does not do criminal, traffic, personal injury cases or wills/estates.

**Language:** English and Spanish

**Website:** <http://www.lafchicago.org/>

**Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy**

**Phone:** 312-408-1210

**Fax:** 312-408-1223

**Address:** 20 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 500

**Services:** domestic violence cases (Cook County), divorce, orders of protection, custody cases

**Hours:** intake by phone 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; no walk-ins accepted

**Website:** [www.life-span.org](http://www.life-span.org)

**Metropolitan Family Services - Legal Aid Bureau**

**Phone:** 312-986-4200

**Address:** One North Dearborn (and variety of other locations throughout city)

**Services:** Helps with issues related to domestic violence, family law, elder abuse and financial exploitation of senior citizens.

**Website:** <http://www.metrofamily.org/services/lab.asp>

**Northwestern University - Bluhm Legal Clinic**

**Phone:** 312-503-8576

**Fax:** 312-503-8977

**Address:** 357 East Chicago Avenue

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Appointments required. Walk-ins not accepted.

**Services:**

- The [Children and Family Justice Center](#) addresses issues and initiatives affecting children and families in crisis including delinquency and crime, family violence, school discipline, health and disability, and immigration and asylum.
- The [Center on Wrongful Convictions](#) pushes the criminal justice system to take claims of innocence seriously and create awareness about systemic shortcomings in the system.
- The [Small Business Opportunity Center](#) provides inexpensive legal services to entrepreneurs and nonprofit organizations.

**Website:** <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/>

**Pro Bono Advocates**

**Phone:** 312-827-2420

**Fax:** 312-827-2425

**24-Hour:** 877-863-6338

**Address:** 28 N. Clark St. Suite 630

**Services:** domestic violence cases/civil orders of protection for low-income residents of Cook County

**Hours:** walk-ins accepted from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

**Website:** [www.probonoadvocates.org](http://www.probonoadvocates.org)