LEGAL ASSISTANCE

ON-CAMPUS SUPPORT

CWRU LAW CLINIC
A law firm within the law school at CWRU. Staffed by students and faculty. Includes ongoing representation of organizations, civil, criminal and administrative appeals, consumer disputes, disability rights, fraud claims, emergency commitment and competency hearings, patentability and patent applications, trademark and copyright issues, misdemeanor and felony cases in adult and juvenile court, defamation cases, and application for relief from deportation. The main clinics include: Appellate Litigation Clinic, Community Development Clinic, Criminal Justice Clinic, Environmental Law Clinic, First Amendment Clinic, Health Law Clinic, Human Trafficking Law Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Intellectual Property Venture Clinic, and Second Chance Reentry Clinic. Contact 216.368.2766 for more information.
**Closed for the Winter Recess starting December 20, 2023 and will reopen on January 2, 2024.*

OFF-CAMPUS SUPPORT

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND
Legal Aid provides legal services at no cost to clients with low income. Legal Aid handles cases that impact basic needs such as health, shelter and safety, economics and education, and access to justice. Our attorneys practice in areas of consumer rights, domestic violence, education, employment, family law, health, housing, foreclosure, immigration, public benefits, utilities, and tax. Start the process by applying for Legal Aid's help here.

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION
Committed to connecting people who need legal help with attorneys including those who cannot afford to hire an attorney. To see if you are eligible for assistance through one of the CMBA's Justice For All Programs, please call 216.696.3525 or email cnash@clemetrobar.org. Programs that are part of the CMBA's Justice for All include: the Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program, Pro Se Divorce Clinics, Reach Out: Legal Assistance for Nonprofits, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Probate Court Brief Advice Clinics, Say Yes to Education, Veterans Legal Services Clinics, and Pro Bono Appeals.

COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS - CLEVELAND
Work to ensure the equal protection of the law for Muslims in Ohio. Takes school or employment discrimination, FBI questioning representation, public accommodation, racial profiling, immigration application and seeking protection for refugees, and immigration delay litigation cases. To request free legal assistance, call 216.830.2247.

CLEVELAND CATHOLIC CHARITIES - IMMIGRATION
Provides affordable legal counseling and representation in a wide range of immigration matters. Services can be provided in a variety of languages. Some of the services that are provided include immigration consultation services, family-based petitions, citizenship/naturalization applications, applications to adjust status/permanent residency, work authorization, protection-based claims, visas for victims, DACA, immigrant visa processing/consular processing, inadmissibility waiver applications, temporary protected

status, and immigration court representation. Clients are charged nominal service fees. The initial consultation fee is $40. Appointments are required for all locations. Call 216.939.3769 to schedule an appointment.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER FOR RIGHTS AND RESEARCH

Our advocates are available to assist victims of housing discrimination in a variety of ways, which may include providing education on their rights, assisting them in making a reasonable accommodation or modification request, investigating a complaint, engaging with a housing provider on a tenant's behalf, or supporting victims in exercising their fair housing rights. To report housing discrimination, fill out the contact form or call the office at 216.361.9240.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION – FREE LEGAL ANSWERS

Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal advice clinic where users can post legal questions and get answers from qualified attorneys. The purpose of the website is to increase access to advice and information about non-criminal legal matters for those who cannot afford it. Learn more about the Free Legal Answers page here.

FIRST LIBERTY INSTITUTE

Fights to secure religious freedom for all clients of all faiths whose religious liberty has been threatened. Each request for legal help will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Request Free Legal Help from First Liberty Institute here.

LAMBDA LEGAL

Provides information and resources regarding discrimination related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and HIV status. Contact the Help Desk through their online information form here.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) OF OHIO

The ACLU of Ohio helps individuals if they think their rights have been violated by a government agency. Through advocacy, education and litigation, our attorneys, advocates, and volunteers work to preserve and promote civil liberties. If you are seeking the ACLU's help in a legal matter involving your constitutional rights, please fill out ACLU's online complaint form.

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund defends the civil and human rights of targeted communities in the pursuit of justice and to protect the most vulnerable in society through Legal Assistance. Submit the NAACP request for assistance form here.

DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER

Disability Rights Legal Center provides free legal assistance to people with disabilities experiencing discrimination in violation of their civil rights. A request for legal services from the Disability Rights Legal Center can be made here.