

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) OF OHIO

The ACLU of Ohio handles cases that involve serious violations of civil liberties by the government. If you are seeking ACLU's help in a legal matter involving your constitutional rights, please fill out the [ACLU online complaint form](#).

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. Services 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, which may be reduced or waived according to financial need. The initial consultation fee is \$40. Appointments are required for all locations. Call 216.939.3769 to schedule an appointment.

CLEVELAND HOMELESS LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Provides pro-bono legal assistance for those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Volunteer attorneys often provide advice on issues regarding credit problems, criminal record expungement, driver's license reinstatement, family issues, and landlord-tenant issues. Call 216.696.3525 or email communications@clemetrobar.org to get connected.

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.

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW CLINICS

Offers free public clinics handled by law students under attorney supervision, focusing on areas like civil litigation, environmental law, and transactional law. Call 216.687.2300 to be directed to the specific clinic intake process.

COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS - CLEVELAND

Works to ensure the equal protection of the law for Muslims in Ohio. Accepts school or employment discrimination cases, FBI questioning representation, public accommodation,

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racial profiling, immigration application and seeking protection for refugees, and immigration delay litigation cases. To request free legal assistance, call 216.830.2247.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Provides representation to protect the rights, liberties, and dignity of those who cannot afford to retain counsel in criminal, juvenile delinquency, and parental rights cases. Call 216.443.7223 for more information.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY WITNESS VICTIM SERVICES AND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

The Cuyahoga County Witness Victim Service Center helps victims of crime receive advocacy, information, and access to community services. Ohio law provides victims with specific rights. The Witness Victim Service Center provides justice system advocacy services, free of charge, for victims of violent crime. Call 216.443.7345 for more information.

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](#).

FAIR HOUSING CENTER FOR RIGHTS AND RESEARCH

Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research can provide assistance to victims of discrimination. This can include compensating victims, detecting discrimination, and deterring future acts of discrimination. To report housing discrimination in Cuyahoga County, [fill out the contact form](#) or call the office at 216.361.9240.

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

Serves as attorneys for the LGBTQ+ Community and people living with HIV in areas of employment, fair courts, family protections, health care, HIV, immigration, criminal legal system and police misconduct, religious exemptions, seniors, students' rights, transgender and nonbinary rights, and youth. Contact the [Help Desk through their online information form here](#).

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND

Legal Aid provides legal services at no cost to clients with low income. Legal Aid secures the justice, equity, and access to opportunity for and with people who have low incomes through passionate legal representation and advocacy for systemic change. Start the process by applying for [Legal Aid's help here](#). The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland also staffs the Tenant Information Line for rental housing questions. Renters in Cuyahoga County can call 216.861.5955 if they need information about their rights and responsibilities.

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The NAACP Legal Defense Fund is a legal organization fighting for racial justice. To request legal assistance for a discrimination case, submit the [Legal Defense Fund form here](#).

OHIO LEGAL HELP

A [state-funded online portal](#) that provides free civil legal information, forms, and directs users to local legal aid providers based on their zip code.