

# Local Legal Resources

## GENERAL SERVICES AND REFERRALS

*Serving a varied clientele and a broad range of legal issues*

*See also the Legal Resources Research Guide at*

*berkeleypubliclibrary.libguides.com, or search the BIN for more information: [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org)*

### →Alameda County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

510-302-2222 M-F 8:30am-4pm [www.acbanet.org](http://www.acbanet.org)

Referrals to private attorneys in most areas of the law. Fee: \$35 for first half-hour. Ask about Modest Means Panel.

### →Alameda County Bar Association

#### Volunteer Legal Services Corporation

510-302-2222 Ext. 4 M-F 8:30am-4pm [www.acbanet.org](http://www.acbanet.org)

Free legal advice and services to low-income clients in family law, immigration, and debt collection/bankruptcy. Also provides assistance to low-income landlords. Call for eligibility/information.

### →Alameda County Superior Court Self Help Center

1225 Fallon St. Room 250 Oakland 94612

510-272-1393 [www.alameda.courts.ca.gov](http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov)

Information and assistance with family law, child support, custody and visitation, small claims, restraining orders, unlawful detainers, general civil actions, name changes, and guardianship. Written instructions and materials, self-help law books, and referrals for additional resources, topics, and legal aid. Clinics and workshops.

### →Bar Association of San Francisco Lawyer Referral Service

415-989-1616 M-F 8:30-5:30 [www.sfbar.org](http://www.sfbar.org)

Appointments arranged with San Francisco attorneys experienced in over 100 areas of law. Fee: \$35 for initial consultation. Free consultation in cases of injury.

### →Bay Area Legal Aid

1735 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94612

510-250-5270 Legal Advice M/Th 9:30-3, T/W 9:30-1

510-663-4755 Office M-F 9-5 [www.baylegal.org/client-services](http://www.baylegal.org/client-services)

Free legal services in housing, eviction defense, public benefits, barriers to employment, health care access, consumer law, SSI, domestic violence, and family law to qualifying low-income clients. Call for eligibility and to make appointments.

### →Berkeley Public Library—Lawyers in the Library

Call first to verify lawyers' availability. Free legal advice and referrals in areas such as employment, landlord/tenant rights, and domestic relations. In-person sign-ups only, beginning at 5pm.

**Claremont Branch** 2940 Benvenue Ave. Berkeley 94705

510-981-6280 [Second Thursdays, 6pm-7:30pm. Sign-ups begin at 5pm. Names pulled by lottery at 6pm.]

**North Branch** 1170 The Alameda Berkeley 94707

510-981-6250 [Third Thursdays 6pm-7:30pm. Sign-ups begin at 5pm. Names pulled by lottery at 6pm.]

**South Branch** 1907 Russell St. Berkeley 94703

510-981-6260 [Fourth Thursdays 6pm-7:30pm. Sign-ups begin at 5pm. Names pulled by lottery at 6pm.]

### →East Bay Community Law Center

2921 Adeline Berkeley 94703

510-548-4040 Call M-F 9-5 [www.ebclc.org](http://www.ebclc.org)

Free legal services (by Boalt Hall students and supervising attorneys) to low-income Alameda County residents. Landlord/tenant, AIDS law, CalWORKS, unemployment, etc. Call to establish eligibility.

### →Oakland Public Library—Lawyers in the Library

<http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/services/lawyers-library>

Call first to verify lawyers' availability and for sign-up times. Free legal advice and referrals in areas such as employment, consumer, landlord/tenant rights, and domestic relations. Names pulled by lottery. Call Main Library for more information.

**Main Library** 125 14th St. Oakland 94612

510-238-3134 [Lawyers available first four Weds and Thurs of the month, 6pm-8pm. First Weds handles bankruptcy issues only]

**Oakland Public Library—Lawyers in the Library, continued**

**Rockridge Branch** 5366 College Ave. Oakland 94618

510-597-5017 [Lawyers available first Tues of the month 5pm-7pm]

**Temescal Branch** 5205 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94609

510-597-5049 [Lawyers available first Mon of the month 6pm-8pm]

Other library branches with legal services are listed on OPL website.

## LAW LIBRARIES

### →Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library

125 12th St. Oakland 94607 [www.acgov.org/law](http://www.acgov.org/law)

510-208-4800 or 510-208-4832 (Reference Desk)

M/W/F 8:30am-6pm; Tu/Th 8:30am-9pm

County legal library, open to all. All resources available for in-library use. Alameda County residents, 18 and over, may borrow circulating materials with deposit.

### →Boalt Hall Law Library [G.W. McEnerney Law Library]

Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley Campus Berkeley 94720

510-642-0900 Reference Desk [www.law.berkeley.edu/library](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library)

Hours vary; see website or call for more information.

Academic law library, open to the public for in-house legal research except during peak pre-exam times.

## MEDIATION

### →Alternative Dispute Resolution Placement Service

510-302-2222 [www.acbanet.org](http://www.acbanet.org) [search "mediation"]

Lists mediation, arbitration, or neutral evaluation services.

### →SEEDS Community Resolution Center

1968 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley 94702

510-548-2377 Call M-Th 9-5; F 9-2 [www.seedscrc.org](http://www.seedscrc.org)

Mediation and conflict resolution services.

## SPECIFIC SERVICES AND EMPHASES

For detailed information, check each organization's listing in the

Berkeley Public Library community Resources. [berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org)

## ART AND ARTISTS

### →California Lawyers for the Arts

Fort Mason Building C Room 255 San Francisco 94123

415-775-7200 M-F 10-5 [www.calawyersforthearts.org](http://www.calawyersforthearts.org)

Referrals to attorneys (\$30 fee); copyright clinics; arts arbitration and mediation; legal self-help workshops.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### →Legal Services for Children

1254 Market St. 3rd Floor San Francisco 94102

415-863-3762 M-F 9-5 [www.lsc-sf.org](http://www.lsc-sf.org)

Advice, referral, and advocacy for those under 18. Works on issues including abuse, emancipation, immigration, and LGBTQ rights.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

These organizations assist with a variety of civil rights issues, including providing advice, referrals, and advocacy.

American Civil Liberties Union

39 Drumm St. San Francisco 94111 [www.aclunc.org](http://www.aclunc.org)

415-621-2493 Office, 415-621-2488 Legal Assistance

### →First Amendment Project [freedom of speech/expression]

1736 Franklin St. 9th Floor Oakland 94612

510-208-7744 M-F 9-5:30 [www.thefirstamendment.org](http://www.thefirstamendment.org)

→Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights [specializes in low-income communities, people of color, refugees, and immigration]

131 Steuart St. Suite 400 San Francisco 94105

415-543-9444 M-F 9-5:30 [www.lccr.com](http://www.lccr.com)



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## SPECIFIC SERVICES continued

### DISABILITY RIGHTS

These organizations advocate for people with disabilities, provide assistance and referrals, and may litigate in ADA-related areas.

#### →Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

2001 Center St. 4th Floor Berkeley 94704

510-665-8644, TTY 510-665-8716 M-F 9-5:30 [www.dralegal.org](http://www.dralegal.org)

#### →Disability Rights California

1330 Broadway Suite 500 Oakland 94612

510-267-1200 Oakland Office [www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org](http://www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org)

800-776-5746 Toll-free, TTY 800-719-5798 M-F 9-5

#### →Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

3075 Adeline St. Suite 210 Berkeley 94703

510-644-2555, TTY 510-841-8645 M-F 9-5 [www.dredf.org](http://www.dredf.org)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### →Family Violence Law Center

470 27th St. Oakland 94612 [www.fvlc.org](http://www.fvlc.org)

800-947-8301 24-hour crisis line, 510-208-0220 Office (M-F 9-5)

Legal assistance, support services, information, and referrals for victims of domestic violence. Crisis line available 24/7.

### ENVIRONMENT

These organizations provide legal assistance with environmental matters

#### →Earthjustice

50 California St. Suite 500 San Francisco 94111

415-217-2000 M-F 9-5 [www.earthjustice.org](http://www.earthjustice.org)

#### →Environmental Law Foundation

1736 Franklin St. 9th floor Oakland 94612

510-208-4555 M-F 9-5 [www.envirolaw.org](http://www.envirolaw.org)

### HEALTH AND MEDICAL

→AIDS Legal Referral Panel [provides referrals and help in civil law for people with HIV/AIDS, including power of attorney and wills]

1663 Mission St. Suite 500 San Francisco 94103

415-701-1100 Client line 415-701-1200 Office [www.alrp.org](http://www.alrp.org)

#### →Americans for Safe Access [medical marijuana legal issues]

1600 Clay St. Suite 600 Oakland 94612

510-251-1856 M-F 10-5 [www.americansforsafeaccess.org](http://www.americansforsafeaccess.org)

#### →Family Caregiver Alliance [resources/referrals for caregivers]

785 Market St. Suite 750 San Francisco 94103

415-434-3388 M-F 9-5 [www.caregiver.org](http://www.caregiver.org)

### HOMELESSNESS

#### →Homeless Action Center

3126 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley 94705

510-540-0878 M/W/Th 9-5, T 1-5 [www.homelessactioncenter.org](http://www.homelessactioncenter.org)

Free legal assistance with a range of public benefits programs. Also provides advice and referrals for non-benefits related legal issues.

### HOUSING

#### →Eviction Defense Center

1611 Telegraph Ave. Ste 726 Oakland 94612

510-452-4541 M-F 9-5

Defends low-income tenants who face eviction.

See also East Bay Community Law Center on reverse.

### IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Legal assistance with immigration and other areas for low-income people.

#### →Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach

1305 Franklin St. Suite 410 Oakland 94612

510-251-2846 MTWF 9-5 [www.apilegaloutreach.org](http://www.apilegaloutreach.org)

#### →Asian Law Caucus

55 Columbus Ave San Francisco 94111

415-896-1701 M-F 9-5 [www.asianlawcaucus.org](http://www.asianlawcaucus.org)

#### →Centro Legal de La Raza

3022 International Blvd. Suite 410 Oakland 94601

510-437-9164 M-Th 9-12 and 2-4 [www.centrolegal.org](http://www.centrolegal.org)

## Immigration, continued

#### →International Institute of the Bay Area

405 14th St. Suite 500 Oakland 94612

510-451-2846 M-F 9-5 [www.iibayarea.org](http://www.iibayarea.org)

#### →La Raza Centro Legal

474 Valencia St. Suite 295 San Francisco 94103

415-575-3500 M-Th 10-12 and 1-4, F 10-1 [www.lrci.org](http://www.lrci.org)

See also Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights on reverse

### LGBTQQ

These organizations provide legal advice and services for those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning.

#### →National Center for Lesbian Rights [serves all gay/bi/trans individuals regardless of gender]

870 Market St. Suite 370 San Francisco 94102

415-392-6257 M-F 9-5 [www.nclrights.org](http://www.nclrights.org)

#### →Community United Against Violence (CUAV)

427 South Van Ness Ave. San Francisco 94103 [www.cuav.org](http://www.cuav.org)

415-777-5500 Office M-F 10-6 415-333-4357 Helpline

#### →Transgender Law Center

870 Market St. Suite 400 San Francisco 94102

415-865-0176 M-F 9-5 [www.transgenderlawcenter.org](http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org)

### NATIVE AMERICAN

#### →California Indian Legal Services

117 J St. Suite 300 Sacramento 95814

1-800-829-0284 or 916-978-0960 M-F 9-5 [www.calindian.org](http://www.calindian.org)

Legal assistance and/or referrals, including but not limited to child welfare cases, Indian wills and estates, and civil rights issues.

### PRISONERS AND PRISONS

#### →Justice Now

1322 Webster St. Suite 210 Oakland 94612

510-839-7654 T-F 10-6 [www.justicenow.org](http://www.justicenow.org)

Legal services and advocacy for women prisoners, including compassionate release, healthcare access, and defense of parental rights. Does not handle appeals of convictions or civil suits.

### SENIORS

#### →Legal Assistance for Seniors

1970 Broadway Suite 300 Oakland 94612

510-832-3040 M-F 9-5 [www.lashicap.org](http://www.lashicap.org)

Provides legal services and informs seniors of their rights regarding Medi-Cal, Medicare, HMOs, Social Security, SSI, elder abuse, guardianship, immigration, and health care directives.

### VETERANS

#### →Swords to Plowshares

1433 Webster St. Suite 100 Oakland 94612

510-891-8773 Drop-ins M-Th 9:30-12; Appointments M-Th 1-5

[www.swords-to-plowshares.org](http://www.swords-to-plowshares.org)

Legal help with veteran's disability appeals and other VA issues.

### WORKERS' RIGHTS

#### →Legal Aid Society Workers' Rights Clinics

415-864-8848 Appointment line for Bay Area clinics [www.las.elc.org](http://www.las.elc.org)

East Bay Clinic Thursdays 6:30-8pm

Neighborhood Justice Clinic 3130 Shattuck Ave Berkeley

Workers' Rights Disability Law Clinic Tuesdays Appts 6:30 and 7:30

Ed Roberts Campus 3075 Adeline St. Berkeley

Phone-in Clinic Wednesdays 5:45-7:30pm

English/Español 415-864-8208; Mandarin/Cantonese 415-593-0066

### WOMEN'S RIGHTS

#### →Equal Rights Advocates

180 Howard St. Suite 300 San Francisco 94105 [www.equalrights.org](http://www.equalrights.org)

800-839-4372 Free and confidential advice and counseling hotline

Provides legal advice and referrals in areas including gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and different treatment.



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