

LOCAL LEGAL RESOURCES A Resource List Provided by the Berkeley Information Network

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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: berkeleypubliclibrary.org/bin

→**Alameda County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service**
510-302-2222 M-F 8:30am-4pm 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
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
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
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
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
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**
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
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
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 [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
Mediation and conflict resolution services.

SPECIFIC SERVICES AND EMPHASES

For detailed information, check each organization's listing in the BIN:
berkeleypubliclibrary.org/bin

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
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
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
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
→**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

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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.drlegal.org

→Disability Rights California

1330 Broadway Suite 500 Oakland 94612
510-267-1200 Oakland Office www.disabilityrightsca.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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

→Family Violence Law Center

470 27th St. Oakland 94612 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

→Environmental Law Foundation

1736 Franklin St. 9th floor Oakland 94612
510-208-4555 M-F 9-5 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

→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

→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

HOMELESSNESS

→Homeless Action Center

3126 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley 94705
510-540-0878 M/W/Th 9-5, T 1-5 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

→Asian Law Caucus

55 Columbus Ave San Francisco 94111
415-896-1701 M-F 9-5 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

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

→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.lrccl.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

→Community United Against Violence (CUAV)

427 South Van Ness Ave. San Francisco 94103 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

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
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
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
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
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
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
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.