

Legal Resources

GENERAL GUIDANCE & LINKS

Agency: **CT Bar Association Free Legal Answers program**

Website: <https://ct.freelegalanswers.org/>

Eligibility: Applicants will be screened for income qualification

This program is an online civil legal service for people who cannot afford to pay for an attorney. The service is a cooperative effort of the Connecticut Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Agency: **CT Bar Association list of pro bono, legal aid type associations** to which they are directing their members, but which provides a good list of agencies:

<https://www.ctbar.org/members/volunteer-today/pro-bono/pro-bono-organizations>

Agency: **CT Judicial Branch Legal Clinics**

The state has a legal clinic program, BUT Due to Covid-19, the Judicial Branch Volunteer Attorney Programs for divorce/custody, foreclosure, contract collections, and small claims are suspended until further notice.

Project Help for Homeless Individuals in Hartford may still be operating

Agency/Web portal: **CT Law Help** - use for cross references and links

<https://ctlawhelp.org>

Links to multiple sites and agencies.

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Agency/Web portal: Connecticut State Financial Literacy Portal

<https://portal.ct.gov/Financial-Literacy-Portal/Resources/>

Guidelines provided re: Career preparation, College and Higher Education, Fraud Prevention and Identity Theft, Insurance, K-12 Education and Resources for Parents, Personal Finance and Lifelong Money Management, and Retirement and Estate Planning

Agency/Town: LawHelp.org

Website: <https://www.lawhelp.org>

Additional information: - Legal education guides, Referral site from national to state links.
Note, as of March 2021, the site does not carry CT forms.

Agency: New Haven Bar: Pro Bono Legal Aid. If a client is unable to afford the regular NH Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service, it recommends

- Statewide Legal Services of CT (<https://www.slscct.org/>) or the
- New Haven Legal Aid Assistance Association (<https://nhlegal.org/>) to find out eligibility for pro bono help.

Agency/Town: New Haven County Bar Association - Lawyer Referral Service

Main Phone: (203) 562-5750

Hotline Phone: (203) 562-5750. The hotline is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Website: <https://www.newhavenbar.org/page/lrs>

Eligibility: Anyone

What they offer: Referrals only, NO legal advice

Additional information:

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BANKRUPTCY

Warning: Keep in mind, Chapter 7 bankruptcy information stays on your credit report for 10 years (and Chapter 13 bankruptcy for 7 years). This can make it hard to get credit, buy a home, receive life insurance, or get a job.

Note: An individual is entitled to one free copy of his/her/their credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. Order online from www.annualcreditreport.com, the only authorized website for free credit reports, or call 1-877-322-8228.

Agency: **CT Law Help**, <https://ctlawhelp.org>, Provides background information and links for services. There is a helpful article on bankruptcy at <https://ctlawhelp.org/en/should-you-declare-bankruptcy>

- Consumer Law Project for Elders (CLPE) The CLPE provides free legal assistance to Connecticut residents 60 and over who have consumer problems. Call 1-800-296-1467.
- Statewide Legal Services: Call 1-800-453-3320 or visit www.slsc.org for more information about how SLS can help you.
- [U.S. Bankruptcy Court](#): Free legal representation may be available to you through the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Contact the clerk's office shown below and ask for an application for the *pro bono* panel. www.ctb.uscourts.gov
- New Haven County: 157 Church Street, New Haven. Telephone: 203-773-2009.
Fairfield County: 915 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport. Telephone: 203-579-5808.
- If you need to file Chapter 7 bankruptcy, you may be able to do so through [Upsolve](#). [Upsolve](#) helps people file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy at no cost. You can go to [Upsolve's website](#) to see if you qualify.

Agency/Town: **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)**

Federal Agency

Main Phone:

Hotline Phone: (855) 411-2372

Website: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

Eligibility: Anyone

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What they offer: Education and descriptive materials concerning auto lending, banking and credit cards, credit reports and scores, debt collections, frauds and scams, money transfers, mortgages and reverse mortgages, payday loans, prepaid cards and student loans.

Additional information: This agency works to “protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or abusive practices and take action against companies that break the law, [and to] arm people with the information, steps, and tools that they need to make smart financial decisions.”

Agency/Town: Upsolve.org

On-line free nonprofit tool to generate Chapter 7 bankruptcy forms

Website: <https://upsolve.org/>

Eligibility: Anyone

What: This is a website that provides a guided process for preparing simple, straightforward bankruptcy forms. It takes the user through questions to test applicability.

Additional information: This is not a legal firm, and there is no lawyer at hand. The website does note that, if a person doesn't qualify to use its system, it is possible to get a free 1-on-1 evaluation with a private law firm to talk through ways to relieve debt.

BUSINESS/CORPORATE LAW

Agency/Town: Ct. Bar Association Covid 19 Clinic for Small Businesses

Main Phone:

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://www.ctbar.org/home/coronavirus-response/covid-19-small-business-virtual-legal-clinic/for-small-businesses>

Eligibility: Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs with fewer than 25 employees

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What they offer: Information re: COVID-19 assistance available under federal or state programs as well as broader legal questions relating to challenges they face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Registration is on-line at the website.

Agency/Town: Score, New Haven Chapter

Main Phone: (203) 865-7645

Hotline Phone:

Website: www.newhaven.score.org

Eligibility: Open to start ups, focus on small businesses

What they offer: Free counseling by volunteer business professionals on a wide spectrum of business issues, especially business start ups

Additional information: SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow, and succeed. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA, see below).

Agency/Town: Small Business Administration

Federal Agency

Main Phone:

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/>

Eligibility:

What they offer: Education "How-to" guides for setting up and operating businesses, programs for benefits. Also, on-line 'Learning Center' Courses on building a business.

Additional information: COVID relief programs: go to <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

SBAprograms, include:

1. ASCENT - <https://ascent.sba.gov/> - "A learning platform for women entrepreneurs"

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2. Community Economic Development Fund - <https://www.cedf.com/> (CEDF) Lends to early-stage businesses and existing businesses that cannot obtain a loan from a bank. In CT, CEDF has a mission to lend to businesses designated as either targeted or public investment communities, making them '**community eligible**' or '**income eligible**' if the owner's annual household income (Adjusted Gross Income) is less than \$99,700.
3. Small Business Development Councils - (SBDC) Connecticut Small Business Development Center - <https://ctsbdc.com/> New Haven chapter. Guidance on start ups, mentoring, Government COVID programs, funding.
4. Women Business Development Council (WBDC) <https://ctwbdc.org/> mentor programs and financial counseling. Some grants available

Agency/Town: Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, Guilford, Branford and North Branford

Main Phone: (203) 488-5500

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.shorelinechamberct.com/>

Eligibility: Local entrepreneurs/business owners

What they offer: While The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce is a membership, not-for-profit Corporation guiding members in marketing, business development and connections, it may be useful to check in for networking purposes and possible local guidance,

CIVIL RIGHTS

Agency/Town: Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)

Main Phone: (860) 247-6090, (800) 479-2949

Hotline Phone: (860) 524-0601

Website: <https://www.cwealf.org>

Eligibility: Statewide, Women from any income level. Some men, too.

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What they offer: Representation, education, case management, and a lawyer referral list

Additional information: Cover almost any legal topic

CWEALF - <https://www.cwealf.org/legal-education/family-matters/> If seeking support because client is representing herself in a court case, CWEALF has advocates who can meet in person in Hartford or New Haven, call (860) 247-6090 to schedule an appointment.

CWEALF's Cooperating Attorney Network (CWEALF CAN). CWEALF CAN referral attorneys offer CWEALF clients a minimum free 15-30 minute initial consultation. Some then also offer sliding scale fees, payment plans, limited-scope representation and/or pro bono services.

Agency/Town: Quinnipiac Law School Legal Clinic, the Civil Justice Clinic

Main Phone: (203) 582 3238

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.qu.edu/schools/law/academics/clinics-externships.html>

Eligibility: They only serve people below the poverty line.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Legal topics include Immigration and Refugee Law, Prisoners' Rights, Prisoner Reentry, Family Law, Human Trafficking Prevention, Juvenile Sentencing, Immigrants' Rights Policy, Criminal Justice Reform, Tax, Transgender Civil Rights, Veterans Advocacy, and Voting Rights.

Agency/Town: Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut (SLS)

Main Phone: (800) 453-3320

Hotline Phone: (860) 344-0380

Website: <https://www.slsct.org/>

Eligibility: Limited to who they can serve by guidelines from the federal govt.: 125% of the federal poverty level. Also, cannot serve folks who are undocumented or dealing with a criminal matter because they are federally funded

What they offer: Primarily a hotline. Offers referrals and legal advice. Grants for veterans and domestic violence (DV)

Additional information: Legal topics include anything that would be heard in superior custody court: custody, divorce, termination of parental rights, visitation. Any kind of family court issue. Also housing discrimination based on DV

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Agency/Town: Yale Law School Jerome Frank Legal Service Organization (LSO)

Main Phone: (203) 432 4800

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://law.yale.edu/studying-law-yale/clinical-and-experiential-learning/jerome-n-frank-legal-services-organization-lso>

Eligibility: Any CT resident

What they offer: Full representation and referrals

Additional information: Legal topics include immigration, veterans, landlord/tenant, real estate, and civil cases. Can make referrals for divorce, criminal cases.

Agency/Town: Yale Law School Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC)

Main Phone:

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://law.yale.edu/wirac>

Eligibility:

What they offer: Students in the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC) represent immigrants, low-wage workers, and their organizations in labor, immigration, criminal justice, civil rights, and other matters.

Additional information:

CONTRACTS

Agency/Town: Connecticut State Department of Banking

Main Phone: (800) 831-7225 and (860) 240-8299

Hotline Phone:

Website: www.ct.gov/dob

What they offer: Consumer assistance with problems with banks and financial institutions. Assistance with identity theft, scams and fraud.

Additional information: Also assistance re: issues with loans.

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Agency/Town: Connecticut State Department of Consumer Protection

Main Phone: (860) 713-6100

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCP>

Eligibility:

What they offer: On web site can find categories (auto, home repair, etc.,) of possible contract/complaint issues

Additional information: Fact sheet about consumer contracts in CT:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCP/pdf/publications/contractsrev13pdf.pdf>

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CRIMINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Agency/Town: **Center for Domestic Violence Services,** Connected with Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven

Main Phone: (203) 7809-2037

Hotline Phones: (203) 736-9944, (203) 789-8104. Toll-free (888)774-2900

Website:

<https://www.bhcare.org/page/22595-The-Umbrella-Center-for-Domestic-Violence-Service>

Eligibility: Residents of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Branford, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, West Haven, and Woodbridge.

What they offer: 24 hour crisis hotline, advocacy and information about crime victim compensation, filing of temporary restraining orders, referral, and safety planning.

Additional information: Can provide safe houses and then, for women who have used the safe houses, work to find transition housing. Help with obtaining protective orders. Teen programs, Elderly Programs.

Agency/Town: **Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies (CCFSA),** VOCA CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Main Phone: 1-800-505-9000

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.ctfsa.org/voca-case-management-program>

Eligibility: Connecticut residents, or people who endured abuse/crime in CT

What they offer: Links to network of agencies

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Agency/Town: Connecticut Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA)

Main Phone: (860) 566-2106

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/OVA>

Eligibility: Statewide service

What they offer: Legal referrals, interventions in cases of oversight for state programs.

Additional information: Legal assistance covers, but is not limited to, crime victims, including brochures with phone numbers for services re civil orders of protection, elder abuse, human trafficking, identity theft

Agency/Town: UConn Law Student Legal Clinics, Criminal clinics from time-to-time

Main Phone: (860) 570 5165

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://www.law.uconn.edu/academics/clinics-experiential-learning/clinics-field-placement-s/>

Eligibility: CT residents. In non-COVID times, they generally only serve people from the more immediate Hartford area, but are presently serving clients from other areas. Also have income requirements that vary depending on family size.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Legal topics - criminal defense cases, legal tax matters (not tax filing, but IRS, and CTRS audits etc) and asylum cases

Note - Clinics are offered according to the academic schedule

DISABILITY: (see Social Security)

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ELDER LAW

NOTE - To Report a case of Elder Abuse in Connecticut, contact the Connecticut Protective Services for the Elderly,

Call

PHONE: (In Connecticut) 888-385-4225

PHONE: (Outside Connecticut) 800-203-1234

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(203) 458-6699 www.womenandfamilylife.org

Agency/Town: Agency on Aging (South Central Connecticut)

Main Phone: (203) 785 8533

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.aoascc.org/>

Eligibility: CT Elders (60 years or older)

What they offer: Referrals only

Additional information: Legal topics may include elder abuse, medical care, any other legal needs. Call 203 785 8533 or fill out a contact form at <https://www.aoascc.org/contact-form/>

Agency/Town: Connecticut Legal Services, Covers state EXCEPT for Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford

Main Phone: (800) 453-3320

Hotline Phone: (800) 453-3320

Website: <https://ctlegal.org/what-we-do/our-work/>

Eligibility:

What they offer: Assist with civil legal issues including —housing, family, public benefits, elder, children, and immigration

Additional information:

Agency/Town: Connecticut Office of the Attorney General

Main Phone: (800) 860-808-5318

Email: Attorney.General@ct.gov

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/AG/Senior-Issues>

Eligibility:

What they offer: For Senior issues related to discrimination based on disability; health care, long term care, etc.

Additional information: The AG's office represents the public interest, not individuals, and cannot provide legal advice. As a public service, however, the office may provide informal mediation services to assist consumers who are unable to resolve an issue on their own. The office may also refer complaints it receives to other government agencies.

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Agency/Town: Connecticut Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA)

Main Phone: 860-566-2106

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/OVA>

Eligibility: Statewide service

What they offer: Legal referrals, interventions in cases of oversight for state programs.

Additional information: Legal topics include, but are not limited to, Crime victims, including brochures with phone numbers for services re civil orders of protection, elder abuse, human trafficking, identity theft

Agency/Town: Consumer Law Project for Elders, a program of CTLawHelp.org, and Agency on Aging and others

Main Phone: (800) 296-1466

Hotline Phone: (800) 296-1467 - Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. - Bi-lingual English and Spanish.

Website: <https://ctlawhelp.org/en/self-help/537>

Eligibility: Seniors aged 60 and above

What they offer: Information, education, possible referrals

Additional information: See brochures:

https://ctlawhelp.org/files/pamphlets/elderly/CLPE_Brochure_English.pdf

<https://ctlawhelp.org/files/pamphlets/elderly/Elder-Financial-Exploitation-Guide.pdf>

Also contact Statewide Legal Services of CT at (800) 453-3320

Agency/Town: Elder Justice Initiative

Federal office - US Department of Justice

Website: <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>

Eligibility:

What they offer: Information about Laws relevant to Elder Abuse: Elder abuse is an intentional or negligent act by any person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an older adult. It is a term used to describe five subtypes of elder abuse: physical abuse,

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financial Fraud, scams and exploitation, caregiver neglect and abandonment, psychological abuse, and sexual abuse.

Agency/Town: University of Connecticut Law Clinics, Elder Law Clinic

Main Phone: (860) 570-5165. Attn: carmen.arroyo@uconn.edu

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://www.law.uconn.edu/academics/clinics-experiential-learning/clinics-field-placement-s>

Eligibility:

What they offer: Legal assistance re: asylum and human rights; child advocacy; civil rights enforcement; criminal prosecution and defense; elder law; energy and environmental law; intellectual property (patents and trademarks); mediation; nonprofit and municipal law; and tax.

Note - Clinics are offered according to the academic schedule

Agency/Web portal: CT Law Help - use for cross references and links

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Links to multiple sites and agencies.

ESTATES, WILLS, TRUSTS, PROBATE

Write your own will:

<https://www.redcrosslegacy.org/sites/all/tracking/pdf/RedCrossTouchingTheFuture%20v7.20.pdf>

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FAMILY (DIVORCE, CUSTODY)

Agency/Town: Children's Law Center

Main Phone: (860) 232-9993

Helpline Phone: (860) 232-9993

Website: <http://www.clcct.org/>

Eligibility: To be eligible, parents must be of low or moderate income

What they offer: Legal representation especially for the children in court cases, mediation

Additional information: Children's Law Center also provides:

1. A divorce process called "Streamlined Collaborative Family Law Program", see <http://www.rebuildingfamiliesllc.com/Streamlined-Collaborative-Divorce.php>
2. Law line (No income screening) for help navigating legal system generally, and if more specific to a particular case, referral to a case lawyer

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Main Phone: (800) 860-808-5318

Email: Attorney.General@ct.gov

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/AG/Childrens-Issues>

Eligibility:

What they offer: For Children’s issues covering adoption, foster care, child support enforcement, health care (Husky Program), teen violence, reporting child abuse and neglect

Additional information: The AG’s office represents the public interest, not individuals, and cannot provide legal advice. As a public service, however, the office may provide informal mediation services to assist consumers who are unable to resolve an issue on their own. The office may also refer complaints it receives to other government agencies.

Agency/Town: Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)

Main Phone: 860-566-2106

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/oca>

Eligibility: Children only. Statewide service

What they offer: Legal referrals, interventions in cases of oversight for state programs.

Additional information: Legal topics include, but are not limited to, vulnerable child populations i.e. incarcerated youth, special education, child mental health.

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Agency/Town: Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)

Main Phone: (860) 247-6090, (800) 479-2949

Hotline Phone: (860) 524-0601

Website: <https://www.cwealf.org>

Eligibility: Statewide, Women from any income level. Some men, too.

What they offer: Representation, education, case management, and a lawyer referral list

Additional information: Cover almost any legal topic

CWEALF - <https://www.cwealf.org/legal-education/family-matters/> If seeking support because client is representing herself in a court case, CWEALF has advocates who can meet in person in Hartford or New Haven, call (860) 247-6090 to schedule an appointment.

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Agency/Town: New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. (NHLAA)

Main Phone: (203) 946-4811

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://nhlegal.org/about-us/>

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What they offer: Free legal services providing legal advice, brief service, and full representation to individual clients.

Additional information: Handles: Family and Housing law; Public Benefits and Social Security, and Disability; Employment and Immigration Law:

Agency/Town: Quinnipiac Law School Legal Clinic, the Civil Justice and Mediation Clinics

Main Phone: (203) 582 3238

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.qu.edu/schools/law/academics/clinics-externships.html>

Eligibility: They only serve people below the poverty line.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Legal topics include Immigration and Refugee Law, Prisoners' Rights, Prisoner Reentry, Family Law, Veterans Advocacy, Human Trafficking Prevention, Voting Rights, Juvenile Sentencing, Immigrants' Rights Policy, Criminal Justice Reform, and Transgender Civil Rights and Tax issues.

Agency/Town: Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut (SLS)

Main Phone: (800) 453-3320

Hotline Phone: (860) 344-0380

Website: <https://www.slsct.org>

Eligibility: Limited to who they can serve by guidelines from federal govt. 125% of the federal poverty level Cannot serve folks who are undocumented or dealing with a criminal matter because they are federally funded

What they offer: Primarily a hotline. Offers referrals and legal advice. Grants for veterans and domestic violence (DV).

Additional information: Legal topics include Anything that will be in superior custody court- custody, divorce, termination of parental rights, visitation. Any kind of family court. Also housing discrimination based on DV

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Agency/Town: University of Connecticut Law Clinics, Child Advocacy Clinic

Main Phone: (860) 570-5165. Attn: carmen.arroyo@uconn.edu

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://www.law.uconn.edu/academics/clinics-experiential-learning/clinics-field-placement>
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Eligibility:

What they offer: Legal assistance re: asylum and human rights; child advocacy; civil rights enforcement; criminal prosecution and defense; elder law; energy and environmental law; intellectual property (patents and trademarks); mediation; nonprofit and municipal law; and tax.

Note - Clinics are offered according to the academic schedule

Agency/Town: Yale Law School Jerome Frank Legal Service Organization (LSO)

Main Phone: (203) 432 4800

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://law.yale.edu/studying-law-yale/clinical-and-experiential-learning/jerome-n-frank-legal-services-organization-lso>

Eligibility: Any CT resident

What they offer: Full representation and referrals

Additional information: Legal topics include immigration, veterans, landlord/tenant, real estate, and civil cases. Can make referrals for divorce, criminal cases.

Agency/Web portal: CT Law Help - use for cross references and links

<https://ctlawhelp.org>

Links to multiple sites and agencies.

At WFLC, consider providing our Adapt booklet--or at least parts of it--to all participants with divorce questions.

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FORECLOSURE

Be Alert!!!! Beware of "foreclosure rescue scams", non-lawyers who ask for payment for a counseling service, modification of an existing loan, or foreclosure prevention or "forensic audit" of loan documents. Never pay attorneys you have not met in person.

Agency/Town: Ct. Department of Banking - Statewide

Main Phone: (800) 831-7225 and (860) 240-8299

Hotline Phone: (877) 472 8313 (Foreclosure Hotline)

Websites: www.ct/gov/dob

Also - Foreclosure Hotline Bulletin: Go to

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOB/Consumer/Consumer-Education/Avoiding-Foreclosure> to find link to pdf in English and Spanish -
Foreclosure-Hotline-Bulletin-1.pdf

Eligibility:

What they offer: Advice and guidance regarding mortgage issues and foreclosures.

Additional information: If a message is left, calls are to be returned in 2 days. The CT Housing Finance Authority offers Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMAP) (see below)

Agency/Town: Connecticut Fair Housing Center (CT Fair Housing)

Main Phone: (860) 247-4400 (Hartford), and (888) 247-4401 (toll free)

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.ctfairhousing.org/>

Email info@ctfairhousing.org

Eligibility:

What they offer: counseling on foreclosure prevention, anti-predatory lending, and fair lending. CT Fair Housing offers a free Foreclosure Advice Virtual Meeting to speak with an attorney and receive legal advice about representing one's self in a foreclosure case

Agency/Town: Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA)

Main Phone: (877) 571-2432 (CHFA Customer Call Center)

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Hotline Phone:

Website: www.chfa.org/homeowners/emergency-mortgage-assistance-program/

Eligibility: Assistance to people facing hardship with mortgages who have already tried to negotiate a repayment plan with their lender.

What they offer: Foreclosure assistance - Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMAP)

Additional information: Be sure to review the website and EMAP application form to prepare for call.

HOUSING

Agency/Town: Connecticut State Department of Banking

Main Phone: (800) 831-7225 and (860) 240-8299

Hotline Phone:

Website: www.ct.gov/dob

What they offer: Consumer assistance with problems with banks and financial institutions. Assistance with identity theft, scams and fraud.

Additional information: Also assistance re: issues with loans.

Agency/Town: Connecticut Fair Housing Center (CT Fair Housing)

Main Phone: (860) 247-4400 (Hartford), and (888) 247-4401 (toll free)

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.ctfairhousing.org/>

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What they offer: Foreclosure assistance - Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMAP)
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Agency/Town: **Connecticut Legal Services**, Covers state EXCEPT for Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford
Main Phone: (800) 453-3320
Hotline Phone: (800) 453-3320
Website: <https://ctlegal.org/what-we-do/our-work/>
Eligibility:
What they offer: Assist with civil legal issues including —housing, family, public benefits, elder, children, and immigration
Additional information:

Agency/Town: **Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)**
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Hotline Phone: (860) 524-0601
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Eligibility: Statewide, Women from any income level. Some men, too.
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Main Phone: (203) 946-4811

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://nhlegal.org/about-us/>

Eligibility: People living in poverty in New Haven County and the Lower Naugatuck Valley - seniors, people with mental and physical disabilities, children, domestic violence survivors, immigrants, low-wage workers, families at risk of homelessness, and individuals who face additional challenges to representing themselves, such as those with limited English proficiency.

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Additional information: Handles: Family and Housing law; Public Benefits and Social Security, and Disability; Employment and Immigration Law.

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Main Phone: (203) 582 3238

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.qu.edu/schools/law/academics/clinics-externships.html>

Eligibility: They only serve people below the poverty line.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Legal topics include mediation re housing evictions.

Agency/Town: Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut (SLS)

Main Phone: (800) 453-3320

Hotline Phone: (860) 344-0380

Website: <https://www.slsct.org>

Eligibility: Limited to who they can serve by guidelines from federal govt. 125% of the federal poverty level Cannot serve folks who are undocumented or dealing with a criminal matter because they are federally funded

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Agency/Town: Yale Law School Jerome Frank Legal Service Organization (LSO)

Main Phone: (203) 432 4800

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://law.yale.edu/studying-law-yale/clinical-and-experiential-learning/jerome-n-frank-legal-services-organization-lso>

Eligibility: Any CT resident

What they offer: Full representation and referrals

Additional information: Legal topics include immigration, veterans, landlord/tenant, real estate, and civil cases. Can make referrals for divorce, criminal cases.

IMMIGRATION

Agency/Town: Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI)

Main Phone: (203) 336-0141

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://cirict.org/>

Eligibility: Must be an immigrant/refugee/asylum seeker. Statewide service.

What they offer: Counseling and representation. Refugee Services are focused on meeting the immediate basic needs of refugees upon arrival, and ongoing support to refugee clients

Additional information: Legal topics include Asylum/refugee cases, undocumented and documented immigration, human trafficking, limited DV cases. Fees for initial consult are \$60 for general immigration matters, and \$80 for asylum and refugee matters.

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Website: <https://ctlegal.org/what-we-do/our-work/>
Eligibility:
What they offer: Assist with civil legal issues including —housing, family, public benefits, elder, children, and immigration
Additional information:

Agency/Town: **Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)**

Main Phone: (860) 247-6090, (800) 479-2949
Hotline Phone: (860) 524-0601
Website: <https://www.cwealf.org>
Eligibility: Statewide, Women from any income level. Some men, too.
What they offer: Representation, education, case management, and a lawyer referral list
Additional information: Cover almost any legal topic
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Agency/Town: **Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS)**

Main Phone: (203) 562-2095
Hotline Phone:
Website: <http://www.irisct.org/>
Eligibility: Refugees, asylees, and special immigrant visa holders (i.e., Iraqi and Afghans who helped us during the war). Started to expand services to undocumented people.
What they offer: Full representation

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Additional information: Legal topics include immigration, citizenship, asylum

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Main Phone: (203) 946-4811

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://nhlegal.org/about-us/>

Eligibility: People living in poverty in New Haven County and the Lower Naugatuck Valley - seniors, people with mental and physical disabilities, children, domestic violence survivors, immigrants, low-wage workers, families at risk of homelessness, and individuals who face additional challenges to representing themselves, such as those with limited English proficiency.

What they offer: Free legal services providing legal advice, brief service, and full representation to individual clients.

Additional information: Handles: Family and Housing law; Public Benefits and Social Security, and Disability; Employment and Immigration Law.

Agency/Town: Quinnipiac Law School Legal Clinic, the Civil Justice Clinic

Main Phone: (203) 582 3238

Hotline Phone:

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Eligibility: They only serve people below the poverty line.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Legal topics include Immigration and Refugee Law, Prisoners' Rights, Prisoner Reentry, Family Law, Human Trafficking Prevention, Juvenile Sentencing, Immigrants' Rights Policy, Criminal Justice Reform, Tax, Transgender Civil Rights, Veterans Advocacy, and Voting Rights.

Agency/Town: University of Connecticut Law Clinics, Asylum & Human Rights Clinic

Main Phone: (860) 570-5165. Attn: carmen.arroyo@uconn.edu

Hotline Phone:

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Website:

<https://www.law.uconn.edu/academics/clinics-experiential-learning/clinics-field-placement>
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Eligibility:

What they offer:

Additional information: Legal assistance re: asylum and human rights; child advocacy; civil rights enforcement; criminal prosecution and defense; elder law; energy and environmental law; intellectual property (patents and trademarks); mediation; nonprofit and municipal law; and tax.

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Agency/Town: The Victim Rights Center of Connecticut (VRCCT)

Main Phone: 203-350-3515

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://endsexualviolencect.org/vrcct-team/>

Eligibility: Serve victims of sexual assault. Some cases of domestic abuse.

Handled by county: New Haven County, Middlesex County, the Greater Bridgeport area, and Hartford, and Windham and Tolland.

What they offer: Full legal representation

Additional information: Legal topics include, but are not limited to, sexual assault, domestic violence, civil protective orders, family orders, emergency custody. Some work with housing, employment, DV cases with issues of U-Visas, T-Visas, asylum.

Agency/Town: Yale Law School Jerome Frank Legal Service Organization (LSO)

Main Phone: (203) 432 4800

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://law.yale.edu/studying-law-yale/clinical-and-experiential-learning/jerome-n-frank-legal-services-organization-lso>

Eligibility: Any CT resident

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What they offer: Full representation and referrals

Additional information: Legal topics include immigration, veterans, landlord/tenant, real estate, and civil cases. Can make referrals for divorce, criminal cases.

Agency/Town: Yale Law School Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC)

Main Phone:

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://law.yale.edu/wirac>

Eligibility:

What they offer: Students in the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC) represent immigrants, low-wage workers, and their organizations in labor, immigration, criminal justice, civil rights, and other matters.

Additional information:

LABOR/EMPLOYMENT

Agency/Town: New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. (NHLAA)

Main Phone: (203) 946-4811

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://nhlegal.org/about-us/>

Eligibility: People living in poverty in New Haven County and the Lower Naugatuck Valley - seniors, people with mental and physical disabilities, children, domestic violence survivors, immigrants, low-wage workers, families at risk of homelessness, and individuals who face additional challenges to representing themselves, such as those with limited English proficiency.

What they offer: Free legal services providing legal advice, brief service, and full representation to individual clients.

Additional information: Handles: Family and Housing law; Public Benefits and Social Security, and Disability; Employment and Immigration Law.

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Additional information:

PERSONAL INJURY

Agency/Town: Connecticut Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA)

Main Phone: (860) 566-2106

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/OVA>

Eligibility: Statewide service

What they offer: Legal referrals, interventions in cases of oversight for state programs.

Additional information: Legal assistance covers, but is not limited to, crime victims, including brochures with phone numbers for services re civil orders of protection, elder abuse, human trafficking, identity theft

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SMALL CLAIMS

Agency/Town: Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)

Main Phone: (860) 247-6090, (800) 479-2949

Hotline Phone: (860) 524-0601

Website: <https://www.cwealf.org>

Eligibility: Statewide, Women from any income level. Some men, too.

What they offer: Representation, education, case management, and a lawyer referral list

Additional information: Cover almost any legal topic

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Agency/Town: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

Federal Agency

Main Phone:

Hotline Phone: (855) 411-2372

Website: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

Eligibility: Anyone

What they offer: Education and descriptive materials concerning auto lending, banking and credit cards, credit reports and scores, debt collections, frauds and scams, money transfers, mortgages and reverse mortgages, payday loans, prepaid cards and student loans.

Additional information: This agency works to “protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or abusive practices and take action against companies that break the law, [and to] arm people with the information, steps, and tools that they need to make smart financial decisions.”

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SOCIAL SECURITY/DISABILITY and Related Benefits

Agency/Town: Connecticut Office of the Attorney General

Main Phone: (800) 860-808-5318

Email: Attorney.General@ct.gov

Websites: <https://portal.ct.gov/AG/Senior-Issues> and
<https://portal.ct.gov/AG/Health-Issues>

Eligibility:

What they offer: For Senior issues related to discrimination based on disability

Additional information: The AG's office represents the public interest, not individuals, and cannot provide legal advice. As a public service, however, the office may provide informal mediation services to assist consumers who are unable to resolve an issue on their own. The office may also refer complaints it receives to other government agencies.

Agency/Town: Disability Rights of CT, Inc.

Main Phone: (800) 842-7303 and (860) 297-4300

E-mail: info@disrightsct.org

Website form <https://www.disrightsct.org/request-services>

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.disrightsct.org/>

Eligibility:

What they offer: Legal advocacy and rights protection on focus areas: to a wide range of people with disabilities. This includes assisting individuals with problems such as abuse and neglect, community living, education, and employment

Additional information:

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TAX LAW

Agency/Town: Quinnipiac Law School Legal Clinic, the Tax Clinic

Main Phone: (203) 582 3238

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.qu.edu/schools/law/academics/clinics-externships.html>

Eligibility: They only serve people below the poverty line.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Referrals and representation.

Additional information: Legal topics include representing low-and moderate-income individuals in administrative and court proceedings with the IRS at the audit, appeals and collection levels.

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Agency/Town: UCONN Law Student Legal Clinics, Tax Clinic

Main Phone: (860) 570 5165

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://www.law.uconn.edu/academics/clinics-experiential-learning/clinics-field-placement-s#>

Eligibility: CT residents. In non-COVID times, they generally only serve people from the more immediate Hartford area, but are presently serving clients from other areas. Also have income requirements that vary depending on family size.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Legal assistance re: asylum and human rights; child advocacy; civil rights enforcement; criminal prosecution and defense; elder law; energy and environmental law; intellectual property (patents and trademarks); mediation; nonprofit and municipal law; and tax.

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VAWA, VOCA, Title IX, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT

Agency/Town: Center for Domestic Violence Services, Connected with Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven

Main Phone: (203) 7809-2037

Hotline Phones: (203) 736-9944, (203) 789-8104. Toll-free (888)774-2900

Website:

<https://www.bhcare.org/page/22595-The-Umbrella-Center-for-Domestic-Violence-Service-s>

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Eligibility: Residents of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Branford, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, West Haven, and Woodbridge.

What they offer: 24 hour crisis hotline, advocacy and information about crime victim compensation, filing of temporary restraining orders, referral, and safety planning.

Additional information: Can provide safe houses and then, for women who have used the safe houses, work to find transition housing. Help with obtaining protective orders. Teen programs, Elderly Programs.

Agency/Town: Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies (CCFSA), VOCA CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Main Phone: 1-800-505-9000

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.ctfsa.org/voca-case-management-program>

Eligibility: Connecticut residents, or people who endured abuse/crime in CT

What they offer: Links to network of agencies

Additional information:

Agency/Town: Connecticut Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA)

Main Phone: (860) 566-2106

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/OVA>

Eligibility: Statewide service

What they offer: Legal referrals, interventions in cases of oversight for state programs.

Additional information: Legal assistance covers, but is not limited to, crime victims, including brochures with phone numbers for services re civil orders of protection, elder abuse, human trafficking, identity theft

Agency/Town: CT SafeConnect

Main Phone: (888) 774-2900

Hotline Phone: (888) 774-2900

Website: <https://ctsafecconnect.com/>

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Eligibility: Any person, of any gender who is a victim of domestic violence or harassment.

Additional information: Will assist with restraining orders

Agency/Town: Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)

Main Phone: (860) 247-6090, (800) 479-2949

Hotline Phone: (860) 524-0601

Website: <https://www.cwealf.org>

Eligibility: Statewide, Women from any income level. Some men, too.

What they offer: Representation, education, case management, and a lawyer referral list

Additional information: Cover almost any legal topic

CWEALF - <https://www.cwealf.org/legal-education/family-matters/> If seeking support because client is representing herself in a court case, CWEALF has advocates who can meet in person in Hartford or New Haven, call (860) 247-6090 to schedule an appointment.

CWEALF's Cooperating Attorney Network (CWEALF CAN). CWEALF CAN referral attorneys offer CWEALF clients a minimum free 15-30 minute initial consultation. Some then also offer sliding scale fees, payment plans, limited-scope representation and/or pro bono services.

Agency/Town: The Victim Rights Center of Connecticut (VRCCT)

Main Phone: (203) 350-3515

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://endsexualviolencect.org/vrcct-team/>

Eligibility: Serve victims of sexual assault. Some cases of domestic abuse.

Handled by county: New Haven County, Middlesex County, the Greater Bridgeport area, and Hartford, and Windham and Tolland.

What they offer: Full legal representation

Additional information: Legal topics include, but are not limited to, sexual assault, domestic violence, civil protective orders, family orders, emergency custody. Some work with housing, employment, DV cases with issues of U-Visas, T-Visas, asylum.

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VETERANS' NEEDS

Agency/Town: Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC)

Main Phone: (203) 794-4291

Intake Phone: (203) 479-0375

Website: <https://ctveteranslegal.org>

Eligibility: Must be a veteran living in Connecticut.

What they offer: Full legal representation. Medical-legal partnership that works jointly with medical facilities (VA).

Additional information: Legal topics include Landlord, disability, mental health care, specialized veteran needs, etc.

Agency/Town: Quinnipiac Law School Legal Clinic, the Veterans Law Project (Clinic)

Main Phone: (203) 582 3238

Hotline Phone:

Website: <https://www.qu.edu/schools/law/academics/clinics-externships.html>

Eligibility: They only serve people below the poverty line.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Limited because need direct contact with relevant professor.

Represent veterans in their cases for veteran's benefits and for changes in their discharge status.

Agency/Town: Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative

Federal office - US Department of Justice

Website:

<https://www.justice.gov/servicemembers/servicemembers-veterans-and-military-family-members>

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Eligibility: Must be connected to a servicemember or veteran
What they offer: Education about protections concerning civil rights, financial/housing, employment and voting matters.

Agency/Town: University of Connecticut Law Clinics, Veterans Benefit Advocacy Clinic

Main Phone: (860) 570-5165. Attn: carmen.arroyo@uconn.edu

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://www.law.uconn.edu/academics/clinics-experiential-learning/clinics-field-placement>
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Eligibility: CT residents. In non-COVID times, they generally only serve people from the more immediate Hartford area, but are presently serving clients from other areas. Also have income requirements that vary depending on family size.

What they offer: Referrals and representation

Additional information: Legal assistance re: asylum and human rights; child advocacy; civil rights enforcement; criminal prosecution and defense; elder law; energy and environmental law; intellectual property (patents and trademarks); mediation; nonprofit and municipal law; and tax.

Note - Clinics are offered according to the academic schedule

Agency/Town: Yale Law School Jerome Frank Legal Service Organization (LSO)

Main Phone: (203) 432 4800

Hotline Phone:

Website:

<https://law.yale.edu/studying-law-yale/clinical-and-experiential-learning/jerome-n-frank-legal-services-organization-lso>

Eligibility: Any CT resident

What they offer: Full representation and referrals

Additional information: Legal topics include immigration, veterans, landlord/tenant, real estate, and civil cases. Can make referrals for divorce, criminal cases.

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Note: There is a **network of legal assistance for veterans** which can be identified through the web site <https://legalassistance.law.af.mil> Not all are regional, and they may be limited in services they can provide for individuals.

Legal Assistance:

One such office for Navy veterans is:

U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps

Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic (RLSO MIDLANT)

https://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/rlso/rlso_mid_atlantic.htm

With a New London Office

Detachment Groton, Naval Submarine Base

New London (SUBASE NLON)

Legal Assistance Office

Mailing Address: Naval Submarine Base New London, Box 46
Groton, CT 06349-5046

Phone Numbers: Comm: (860) 694-3741
DSN: 694-3741

Hours: 0800-1630; Monday-Friday

Appointments: Please call for appointments and walk-in hours.

Legal assistance can include advice on topics such as consumer/financial affairs, disaster relief support and advice, family law, foreclosure advice and counseling, immigration, notary services, powers of attorney, landlord/tenant matters, Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, small claims court matters, victim assistance, and wills/estate planning. Pre-deployment services are given priority. Please contact your local office to see how it can best meet your pre-deployment needs.

Fill out the **Client Intake Form** before the first appointment. Visit the website (listed above) and see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for more information. If visiting for estate planning or family law, the offices recommend watching instructional videos prepared by our staff in advance.

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