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Minnesota Legal Resources

[Advocates for Human Rights](https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/) [<https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/>].
hrights@advrights.org

General Information: 612-341-3302 or
Immigration Client Intake: 612-341-9845

Volunteer attorneys represent low-income asylum seekers who have fled persecution in their home countries with interviews with ICE asylum officers and in removal proceedings before immigration judges. Also provides brief advice, pro se (self-representation) information and limited assistance in preparing asylum application to asylum seekers not accepted for full representation.

[American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota](https://www.aclu-mn.org/en/request-assistance)

[<https://www.aclu-mn.org/en/request-assistance>].

support@aclu-mn.org

651-645-4097

Investigates, researches and provides free legal counsel for cases that are taken as civil liberties violations. Takes only a limited number of cases involving fundamental issues and constitutional rights under the U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions.

[Central Minnesota Legal Services](https://www.centralmnlegal.org/) [<https://www.centralmnlegal.org/>] (Minneapolis Office)

612-332-8151

Free civil (non-criminal) legal assistance to low-income people in many areas of law including housing, family law, government benefits, domestic abuse, immigration, disability and others.

[Clemency Project at St. Thomas Law School](https://www.stthomas.edu/ipc/clinic/fedcom/)

[<https://www.stthomas.edu/ipc/clinic/fedcom/>]

The project works with those seeking clemency or a pardon in Minnesota State Court.

[Criminal and Juvenile Defense Clinic, St. Thomas Law School](https://www.stthomas.edu/ipc/clinic/criminalandjuveniledefenseclinic/)

[<https://www.stthomas.edu/ipc/clinic/criminalandjuveniledefenseclinic/>].

651-962-4961

The St. Thomas Criminal and Juvenile Defense clinic is dedicated to serving the Twin Cities community by representing youth and adult defendants in criminal and delinquency cases who may otherwise be unable to

afford legal representation. The mission is to provide diligent, effective, and empathetic representation and advocacy in pursuit of each client's desired outcome.

[Criminal Defense Services, Inc.](http://www.criminaldefenseservices.org/) [<http://www.criminaldefenseservices.org/>]

criminal.defense.services@gmail.com

612-238-4784

For low-income criminal defendants in Ramsey County who do not qualify for a public defender. Limited to those charged with petty misdemeanors, misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, or certain low-level felony offenses.

[HelpSealMyRecord.org](https://www.ag.state.mn.us/office/expungement.asp) [<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/office/expungement.asp>]

651-296-3353

Sealing criminal records to enhance justice. This is a free service provided by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office to help expunge older criminal records.

[Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota](https://www.ilcm.org/) [<https://www.ilcm.org/>]

Office 651-641-1011 or Legal Assistance 1-800-223-1368

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) is a nonprofit agency that provides immigration legal assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota.

[Innocence Project](https://www.greatnorthinnocenceproject.org/) [<https://www.greatnorthinnocenceproject.org/>]

admin@gn-ip.org

612-624-4779

The Innocence Project exonerates the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and works to reform the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice.

[Institute to Transform Child Protection](https://transformchildprotection.org/) [<https://transformchildprotection.org/>]

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childprotection@mitchellhamline.edu

1-888-962-5529

Through an interdisciplinary, holistic approach law students represent parents whose children have been removed from the home through the Child Protection Clinic. Most often, the law students meet their client at the initial hearing and continue to represent them throughout the case, including at trial if necessary.

[International Institute of Minnesota](https://iimn.org/programs/immigration-and-citizenship/)

[<https://iimn.org/programs/immigration-and-citizenship/>]

651-647-0191

Each year the Institute assists over 2,000 refugees, asylees, and immigrants with citizenship, lawful permanent residency, replacement of documents, and other immigration-related issues.

[Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners \(LAMP\) Clinic](https://mitchellhamline.edu/clinics/lamp-legal-assistance-to-minnesota-prisoners/)

[<https://mitchellhamline.edu/clinics/lamp-legal-assistance-to-minnesota-prisoners/>]

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651-695-7672

The LAMP clinic provides help with all types of legal matters to Incarcerated Individuals. They provide assistance in a range of civil cases from lawsuits to stop inmate mistreatment to helping an inmate with a divorce or drafting a will. LAMP does assist individuals seeking a pardon on commutation of a sentence. LAMP does not handle appeals for inmates to contest their convictions.

[Minnesota Alliance on Crime](https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/about-mac/) [https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/about-mac/]

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime connects systems, service providers, and victims to advance the response for victims of all crime.

MAC is a membership coalition of more than 90 crime victim service organizations in Minnesota, including prosecution-based victim/witness programs, community programs, law enforcement agencies, civil legal organizations, and also individuals committed to supporting crime victims. We support our membership through training, technical assistance, resources, public policy and legislative initiatives, and networking opportunities.

[Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services](http://www.mnchurches.org/what-we-do/refugee-services) [http://www.mnchurches.org/what-we-do/refugee-services].

mcc@mnchurches.org

612-870-3622

Provides specialized services for individuals with humanitarian protection status to assist them on the path to self-sufficiency and support them as they work towards achieving their dreams.

[Minnesota Legal Advice Online](https://www.mnlegaladvice.org/) [https://www.mnlegaladvice.org/]

Volunteer attorneys answer legal questions via email for individuals who meet income qualifications.

[Neighborhood Justice Center](https://www.njcinc.org/) [https://www.njcinc.org/]

info@njcinc.org

To schedule an intake for representation in a criminal case or an expungement in Ramsey, Dakota or Washington counties, please call NJC directly at 651-222.4703 and ask for an intake.

Neighborhood Justice Center is one of the longest-standing public defense organizations in Minnesota providing comprehensive criminal defense representation to ensure everyone—regardless of income, race, or immigration status—receives fair treatment in Minnesota's legal system.

Ramsey County Bar Association Modest Fee Service

ars@ramseybar.org

651-224-1775

Full representation for those who do not qualify for Legal Aid based on income. Assistance available in Twin Cities Metro counties.

Reentry Clinic

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jon.geffen@gmail.com

651-290-6369

The Reentry Clinic assistants formerly incarcerated individuals and those who are otherwise impacted by the criminal justice system with civil legal matters. Cases include expungements, health licensing appeals, maltreatment allegations, and more.

[SealmyRecord.org](https://www.ag.state.mn.us/office/expungement.asp) [https://www.ag.state.mn.us/office/expungement.asp]

651-296-3353

This is a free service provided by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office to help expunge older criminal records.

[Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services \(SMRLS\)](http://www.smrls.org/) [http://www.smrls.org/]

1-888-575-2954

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services provides free, high-quality legal help to low-income people in critical civil matters. For 110 years, they have assisted individuals and families secure and protect their basic needs, maintaining freedom from hunger, homelessness, sickness, and abuse.

[The Legal Rights Center](https://www.legalrightscenter.org/) [https://www.legalrightscenter.org/]

office@legalrightscenter.org

612-337-0030

The Legal Rights Center's mission is "to work with our communities to seek justice and promote racial equity for those to whom it has been historically denied. We do this through criminal defense, restorative justice, advocacy and community education."

United Way 211

Toll Free: 800-543-7709

Local: 651-291-0211

Operators available 24/7 to provide targeted referrals to legal services and criminal justice resources. All languages

[University of Minnesota Clemency Project](https://www.law.umn.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clemency-project)

[https://www.law.umn.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clemency-project]

The Clemency Project advocates for inmates serving disproportionately long prison sentences.

[Volunteer Lawyers Network \(VLN\)](https://www.vlnmn.org/clinics) [https://www.vlnmn.org/clinics]

612-752-6677 (intake by phone available M/W/Th from 9 am to 1 pm)

Statewide legal services available for low-income people through a network of legal clinics and volunteer attorneys. Spanish legal services available. Assistance can range from brief advice to screening for full representation depending on income level, county of residence, legal issue, and merits of the case.

Clinic assistance is available for family, civil, housing, immigration, criminal expungement, bankruptcy, LGBTQ+, and youth legal issues.

[Youthlink](https://www.youthlinkmn.org/) [https://www.youthlinkmn.org/]

612-252-1200

Free clinic for low-income youth (under 21) with legal problems (family, immigration, employment, public benefits, criminal, and housing).

National Legal Resources

[Lewisburg Prison Project, Inc.](http://www.lewisburgprisonproject.org/) [http://www.lewisburgprisonproject.org/]

P.O. Box 128

Lewisburg, PA 17837-0128

The Lewisburg Prison Project assists inmates with the conditions of their confinement by providing inmates across the United States with information and legal bulletins regarding conditions of confinement. This includes prisoners' rights to personal safety, adequate medical care, religious freedom, freedom of speech, access to information, and a safe, clean environment.

[Prison Law Project – Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook](http://jailhouselaw.org/) [http://jailhouselaw.org/].

National Lawyers Guild
132 Nassau Street, RM 922
New York, NY 10038

This Handbook is a resource for prisoners who wish to file a Section 1983 lawsuit in federal court regarding poor conditions in prison and/or abuse by prison staff. It also contains limited information about legal research and the American legal system.

The Handbook is available for free to anyone: prisoners, lawyers, families, friends, activists, and others.

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