

# RESOURCES & REFERRALS

*Below are free and low-cost legal services and resources for Louisianans.*

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## 1) 'Find Legal Help' Online Portal: [www.LSBA.org/goto/FindLegalHelp](http://www.LSBA.org/goto/FindLegalHelp)

The Find Legal Help Portal found on the Louisiana State Bar Association's page provides information on the spectrum of legal resources available throughout the state. This page includes information on: lawyer referral programs, legal aid organizations, online resources, forms, self-represented litigant resources, and other organizations that provide legal information.

## 2) Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator: [www.LouisianaLegalNavigator.org](http://www.LouisianaLegalNavigator.org)

The Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator is a FREE online resource that provides customized legal information, local court forms, referrals to legal aid, and more for a limited number of civil legal topics. These topics include divorce, child custody, employment law, and private landlord-tenant law. In order to access this information, you will need to answer a few questions about yourself and your situation.

## 3) Louisiana's Legal Service Providers

Legal service organizations are non-profit legal aid programs that provide civil legal help to those who meet certain income qualifications. Refer patrons to a legal aid office in their area:

### Acadiana Legal Service Corporation: [www.la-law.org](http://www.la-law.org)

- Alexandria Office (d.b.a. Legal Services of Central Louisiana): (800) 256-4343
- Franklin Office: (844) 577-6456
- Lafayette Office: (800) 256-1175
- Lake Charles Office: (877) 256-0639
- Monroe Office (d.b.a. Legal Aid of North Louisiana): (800) 259-6591
- Natchitoches Office (d.b.a. Legal Aid of North Louisiana): (800) 960-9109
- Shreveport Office (d.b.a. Legal Aid of North Louisiana): (800) 826-9265

### Southeast Louisiana Legal Services: [www.slls.org](http://www.slls.org)

- Baton Rouge Office: (855) 512-3980
- Covington Office: (800) 891-0076
- Hammond Office: (800) 349-0886
- Gretna Office: (800) 624-4771
- Houma Office: (800) 256-1660
- New Orleans Office: (877) 521-6242
- St. Charles Office: (985) 331-3034

## 4) Modest Means Directory: [www.LSBA.org/public/FindLegalHelp/ModestMeans.aspx](http://www.LSBA.org/public/FindLegalHelp/ModestMeans.aspx)

The Modest Means Online Directory provides a list of attorneys who charge reduced fees to people who earn up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Line.

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## 5) Free Legal Answers: <https://LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org>

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org is an online pro bono program that allows people to ask civil legal questions that are answered by attorney volunteers. Financial Eligibility Requirements apply.

## 6) Guides for Self-Represented Litigants & Court Forms

- The Law Library of Louisiana's Guide for Self-Represented Litigants ([lasc.libguides.com/SRL](http://lasc.libguides.com/SRL)) includes help finding legal information, resources, and referrals.
- The Legal Education & Assistance Program (LEAP) has published LibGuides, which provide basic information about various legal issues and connect people with attorneys and services in their area.
- A variety of approved forms for self-represented litigants, mostly for domestic issues, are available at: [www.lsba.org/Public/FindLegalHelp/Forms.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/Public/FindLegalHelp/Forms.aspx).

## 7) Louisiana Law Help: [www.louisianalawhelp.org](http://www.louisianalawhelp.org)

Louisiana Law Help is a free site designed to offer clear, concise legal information to members of the public in a variety of areas. The site also provides self-help tools for people representing themselves and links to local legal aid providers.

## 8) LSBA Disaster Hotline: 1-800-310-7029

Those in need of disaster-related help can call the LSBA's Disaster Hotline to speak with an attorney. Post-disaster tips for recovery, tips for filing insurance or FEMA claims, and information on legal aid, fraud, and important contact information is also available in this Post-Disaster Tips for Recovery:

[www.lsba.org/documents/News/LSBANews/DisasterTipsWorksheet.pdf](http://www.lsba.org/documents/News/LSBANews/DisasterTipsWorksheet.pdf).

## 9) Lawyer Referral Programs

If patrons don't know the name of an attorney, some cities have local bar associations that provide contact for a referral to attorneys in their area. These referral programs are listed below:

- Lafayette Bar Association: (337) 237-4700 - [www.lafayettebar.org](http://www.lafayettebar.org)
- New Orleans Bar Association: (504) 561-8828 - [www.neworleansbar.org](http://www.neworleansbar.org)
- Shreveport Bar Association: (318) 221-8104 - [www.shreveportbar.com](http://www.shreveportbar.com)

## 10) Other State Resources

- Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs: (225) 342-7100 or <http://goea.louisiana.gov/>
- Louisiana Child Abuse Hotline: 1-855-4LA-KIDS, (1-855-452-5437)
- LA Domestic Violence Hotline: (888) 411-1333 or [www.lcadv.org](http://www.lcadv.org)
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233 or [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)