LEGAL ACCESS
ALAMEDA

CLASP Referral Sheet

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES BY COUNTY

Alameda County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service (LRS): 510-302-2222, option 4.
Online request at: https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/
*Low-income clients can contact LRS here as well to be screened for free Bankruptcy, Family Law and Low-income Landlord clinics

Contra Costa Lawyer Referral Service: 925-825-5700. Monday-Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to Noon; closed for lunch from Noon -1pm and closed on Court holidays. Online request at: https://www.cccba.org/?pg=find-a-lawyer

San Francisco/Marin County Lawyer Referral Service: 415-989-1616. Monday–Friday | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. PST. Online request at: https://www.sfbar.org/lris/need-a-lawyer/

San Mateo County Lawyer Referral Service: 650-369-4149. Monday – Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online request at: https://www.smcba.org/?pg=find-a-lawyer

BALI | Bay Area Legal Incubator: A community of California attorneys dedicated to building successful businesses providing affordable, accessible legal services. Website: https://www.bayarealegalincubator.org/

CIVIL RIGHTS

ACLU of Northern California: (415) 621-2488. M-F 10am-12pm & 1-3pm. Constitutional rights issues.

CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

Legal Assistance for Seniors: (510) 832-3040. Must be 60+ years, 50+ years for guardianship assistance. Elder abuse, guardianship, conservatorship, public benefits, health law, immigration.

Legal Services for Children: offers immigration, guardianship and foster care assistance, helps unaccompanied minors in Alameda County. Website: https://lsc-sf.org/how-we-can-help/immigration/

CONSUMER SERVICES

Bay Area Legal Aid: Help low-income consumers with unlawful debt collection, predatory lending, and credit reporting. Alameda County Office: (510) 663-4744 (Low-income only). Go to www.baylegal.org for other counties. Legal Advice Line: 1(800) 551-5554

East Bay Community Law Center: (510) 548-4040 (low-income only). General/Consumer Defense clinic/Tenant clinic. 2921 Adeline Street, Berkeley.

Housing & Economic Rights Advocates (HERA): (510) 271-8443. Website: www.heraca.org Assist with housing, consumer issues, foreclosure, re-entry, credit building, etc.

Legal Assistance to The Elderly (LAE): (415) 538-3333; Based in San Francisco. Provides legal advice and representation in select civil matters, including housing (tenants only), public benefits, elder abuse prevention, nursing home terminations, consumer and debt collection issues. LAE also provides end-of-life planning services. Website: https://laesf.org/

CRIMINAL LAW

Alameda County Public Defenders: (510) 272-6600. Criminal defense: Death Penalty Cases, Felonies, Misdemeanors, Minors, Appeals, PRCS Violations/Parole Revocation Hearings, Clean Slate, Immigration.

Bay Area Legal Aid: Help individuals with arrest or conviction histories address legal barriers to housing, benefits, employment, etc. Alameda County Office: (510) 663-4744 (Low-income only). Go to www.baylegal.org for other counties. Legal Advice Line: 1(800) 551-5554

DISABILITY RIGHTS AND ELDER LAW

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach: (510) 251-2846 (Oakland office). www.apilegaloutreach.org Housing, Senior Law, Elder Abuse, Disability Rights, Immigration, Human Trafficking, Violence Against Women.

Center for Independent Living: (510) 841-4776; wellness program for seniors; housing assistance, independent living skills instruction.

Disability Rights California: (800) 776-5746. Helps Californians with disabilities.

Legal Assistance for Seniors: (510) 832-3040. Must be 60+ years, 50+ years for guardianship assistance. Elder abuse, guardianship, public benefits, health law, immigration.

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Swords to Plowshares: (510) 844-7500; health and social services; supportive housing, legal services and employment and training services for veterans.

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Equal Rights Advocates: www.equalrights.org Workplace and economic justice, including sexual harassment; equity in schools and universities.

Legal Aid at Work: (866) 864-8208; workers' rights clinic; racial equality in the workplace; disability or language rights' work and family; unemployment benefits appeals.

Swords to Plowshares: (510) 844-7500; health and social services; supportive housing, legal services and employment and training services for veterans.

FAMILY LAW AND DV SERVICES

Alameda County Family Justice Center: (510) 267-8800. Assistance with issues of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, child abduction, human trafficking.

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach: (510) 251-2846 (Oakland office). www.apilegaloutreach.org Housing, Senior Law, Elder Abuse, Disability Rights, Immigration, Human Trafficking, Violence Against Women.

Bay Area Women Against Rape: 24-hour hotline: (510) 845-7273. Counseling for people affected by sexual violence.

Department of Child Support Services:
1-866-901-3212 (statewide), 1-925-468-9349 (local agency). Website: www.acdcss.org

Family Violence Law Center: (510) 208-0220. 24-hour crisis line number is: 1-800-947-8301. Address: 470 27th St, Oakland. Assist with domestic violence restraining orders.

Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP): Based in Oakland but is statewide. FVAP can help provide free appellate services in family and civil law matters (except juvenile court matters) to survivors of gender-based abuse, including DV, sexual assault, stalking, elder abuse, and dependent adult abuse. FVAP also has a free legal resource library (https://fvaplaw.org/resource-library/) with free written materials and trainings for litigants, advocates, and attorneys. Website: https://fvaplaw.org/

Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA): (415) 431-2562; offers a variety of programs for immigrant women in the San Francisco Bay Area, such as informational workshops, trainings, counseling and advocacy campaigns.

S.A.V.E (Shelter Against Violent Environments): (510) 574-2250. Shelter for domestic violence victims. 24-hour crisis hotline: (510)794-6055. Therapy and support groups, case management.

Tri-Valley Haven: (800) 884-8119 or (925) 449-5842. (24 hour hotline) Livermore. www.trivalleyhaven.org Rape crisis, domestic violence and homelessness services.

HOUSING SERVICES

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach: (510) 251-2846 (Oakland office). www.apilegaloutreach.org Housing, Senior Law, Elder Abuse, Disability Rights, Immigration, Human Trafficking, Violence Against Women.

Bay Area Legal Aid: Help low-income tenants in cases involving evictions, discrimination, habitability, and public housing (ex Sec 8 and public housing). Alameda County Office: (510) 663-4744 (Low-income only). Go to www.baylegal.org for other counties. Legal Advice Line: 1(800) 551-5554

East Bay Community Law Center: (510) 548-4040 (low-income only). General/Consumer Defense clinic/Tenant clinic. 2921 Adeline Street, Berkeley.

Eviction Defense Center: (510) 452-4541. 1611 Telegraph Ave #726, Oakland, CA 94612. By appointment only. Low-fee eviction defense services.

Homeless Action Defense Center: (510) 540-0878. Free legal assistance with a range of public benefits programs, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medi-Cal, CalWorks, General Assistance (GA), Food Stamps, and Cash Assistance Programs for Immigrants (CAPI).

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IDENTITY THEFT

Identity Theft Resource Center: National non-profit in the U.S. to provide live, direct identity crime advice and victim assistance at no-cost. Website: https://www.idtheftcenter.org/about-us/

Identity Theft.gov: The federal government's one-stop resource for identity theft victims. The site provides streamlined checklists and sample letters to guide you through the recovery process. Website: identitytheft.gov

Federal Trade Commission: (877) 438-4338; Can be used to report suspected identity theft.

Social Security Office: (800) 772-1213; Can be used to report theft of social security number.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach: (510) 251-2846 (Oakland office). www.apilegaloutreach.org Housing, Senior Law, Elder Abuse, Disability Rights, Immigration, Human Trafficking, Violence Against Women.

Centro Legal de la Raza: (510) 437-9164. 3400 E 12th Street, Oakland. M-Th 9am-1pm, 2-5pm. Website: www.centrolegal.org Provides bilingual-bicultural family support, advocacy, info, social services, and immigration help.

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant: (510) 540-5296; offers legal, social, and advocacy programs to address the many challenges that immigrants face, helps unaccompanied minors in Alameda County. Website: https://eastbaysanctuary.org/immigration-legal-services/

International Institute of the Bay Area: (510) 451-2846. Website: www.iibayarea.org Assists with immigration, citizenship, and deportation issues.

Legal Services for Children: offers immigration, guardianship and foster care assistance, helps unaccompanied minors in Alameda County. Website: https://lsc-sf.org/how-we-can-help/immigration/

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MEDIATION SERVICES

SEEDS Community Resolution Center: (510) 548-2377; mediation services.

PUBLIC BENEFITS/ SSI / DISABILITY BENEFITS

Bay Area Legal Aid: Help appeal denials or other issues with state or county benefits (ex. CalWORKs, CalFresh, General Assistance, and IHSS). Also, help individuals with disabilities appeal denial, termination or overpayments of SSI, SSDI, CAPI and related benefits. Alameda County Office: (510) 663-4744 (Low-income only). Go to www.baylegal.org for other counties. Legal Advice Line: 1(800) 551-5554

SELF-HELP CENTERS BY COUNTY

Alameda Superior Court Self-Help Center:
Phone: (510) 272-1393 M-Th 2-4pm
(Messages can only be left during phone hours. Calls are returned within 5 business days.)
Live Chat Hours: M-Th 9am-12pm
http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/self-help
*They may stop taking new chats before the stated hours
once they reach capacity
DVRO, CHO & Elder Abuse clinic on Monday afternoons (call or live chat to schedule)

ACCESS (Legal Self-Help) Center in San Francisco: Live Helpline: (415) 551-0605, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
LiveChat (Dissolution of Marriage/Domestic Partnership) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Website: https://sf.courts.ca.gov/access-legal-self-help-center

Contra Costa County Superior Court Self-Help Resource Center: Website:
https://contracosta.courts.ca.gov/self-help

San Mateo County Superior Court Self-Help Resource Center: Website:
https://sanmateo.courts.ca.gov/self-help