

Legal Assistance, Resources & Information for

# **KANDIYOHI COUNTY**

Legal Help – General

# Central Minnesota Legal Services (Willmar Office)

https://www.centralmnlegal.org/

(320) 253-0138; New Clients (320) 235-9600

415 7<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest, Suite 101, Willmar, MN 56201

*Free civil (non-criminal) legal assistance to eligible clients in areas of family law, housing, government benefits, consumer law, and employment law.* 

# Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid (Willmar Office)

https://mylegalaid.org/get-help

(320) 235-9600 or 1-888-360-3666

415 S.W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 1866, Willmar, MN 56201 Free civil (non-criminal) legal assistance to low-income people.

# Volunteer Lawyers Network

#### https://www.vlnmn.org/

(612) 752-6677 (intake by phone available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) 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. Visit <u>https://www.vlnmn.org/clinics</u> for a current clinic schedule. **Phone legal assistance** is also available in the following areas:

- Administrative Law (DHS disqualifications)
- Bankruptcy (Chapter 7, Adversary Proceedings, Student loan hardship discharge)
- Civil (Consumer, Debtor-Creditor)
- Employment
- Family
- Landlord-tenant
- Real Estate
- Immigration
- Tax (State and Federal, once legal aid has declined to assist)

# Willmar Area Legal Advice Hotline

https://www.centralmnlegal.org/venue/willmar-phone-hotline-2/

#### (320) 212-6395

Financially eligible clients who have questions regarding civil legal matters may call 320-212-6395 to speak with an attorney on the first Thursday of each month from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. To be eligible, client's household income must be at or below the 125% of federal poverty guidelines. Serves residents of the following counties: Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Meeker, Renville, Swift, and Yellow Medicine. Pre-registration is not required.



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## Minnesota Courts Self-Help Center and Legal Advice Clinics

http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/ Directory of legal clinics and Self-Help Centers across the state.

#### Kandiyohi County Law Library

In the Kandiyohi County Courthouse: 505 Becker Avenue Southwest, Willmar, MN 56201 Law library providing access to Westlaw and Minnesota legal materials, including statutes, rules, court rules, practice guides, and self-help materials.

## Kandiyohi County Courthouse

(320) 231-6206 505 Becker Avenue Southwest, Willmar, MN 56201

# Minnesota State Law Library

http://mn.gov/law-library/ (651) 297-7651

Get help finding legal information: askalibrarian@courts.state.mn.us

Room G25, Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Our librarians can help you find legal information, court forms, and other materials by phone, email, or in person. In addition, we offer two clinics for those working on appeals: <u>General Appeals Self-Help Clinic</u> held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. This is a brief advice clinic for people who are representing themselves. There is no income-qualification required for attendance. <u>Unemployment Appeal Legal</u> <u>Advice Clinic</u> - service for people who have already had a hearing with the Unemployment Law Judge and have also requested reconsideration and it has been denied. BEFORE filing an appeal with the Minnesota Court of Appeals, call or attend a clinic and get advice about how to proceed. Clinics held on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Appointments are required. More information available on our website: <u>https://mn.gov/law-library/services/clinics/</u>.

# LawHelpMN.org

#### http://www.lawhelpmn.org/

Website providing Minnesotans with legal information and resources on a variety of civil (non-criminal) legal topics and helping connect individuals to legal aid and assistance. Live online chat help service available.

# Legal Advice Clinic – Central Minnesota Legal Services

https://www.centralmnlegal.org/venue/kandiyohi-county-courthouse/

(320) 403-1051

505 Becker Avenue SW, Willmar, MN 56201

Free legal advice clinic for low-income families and individuals with a volunteer attorney from Central Minnesota Legal Services. Services are available for civil legal issues. Pre-registration is required. Contact (320) 403-1051 to register.

# Minnesota Legal Advice Online (MLAO)

http://www.mnlegaladvice.org/

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



#### **Justice Buses**

#### https://www.reachjustice.org/justice-buses

Justice Buses are mobile legal aid offices that will travel to rural areas, bringing with them the ability to meet in person or obtain legal information so clients can stay close to home.

# Legal Kiosk Project

#### https://www.legalkiosk.org/locations

The Minnesota Legal Services Coalition has legal kiosks in community locations throughout the state to provide access to legal aid services to individuals without access to wifi or technology. The kiosks offer the public the ability to apply for civil legal aid services, access legal resources, and in some cases, attend remote court hearings in privacy. Anyone can use the computer at one of these legal kiosks free of charge.

To find a legal kiosk available for remote court hearings, choose the option for "locations that have privacy" on the <u>kiosk location map</u>.

#### Minnesota Unbundled Law Project

#### https://mnunbundled.org

Directory of attorneys offering unbundled legal services (also known as limited scope legal services) that are customizable for your needs and budget. Practice areas include family; business; employment; real estate; benefits; housing; wills, trusts, and elder law; consumer protection and debt; and more. For more information about unbundled legal services, visit <u>https://mnunbundled.org/pages/faq</u>.

#### Minnesota State Bar Association Lawyer Referral

http://www.mnfindalawyer.com/ Free online lawyer search and referral service.

# Minnesota Lawyer Referral and Information Service (MNLRIS)

#### https://mnlawyerreferral.org/

(612) 752-6699

MNLRIS connects persons with legal issues to one of over 200 qualified private attorneys practicing in over 50 areas of law. Referral counselors are available who can set up appointments with attorneys, provide general information about the legal process, and direct people to appropriate legal resources. MNLRIS is sponsored by the Hennepin and Ramsey County Bar Associations.

# **MNLRIS Reduced Fee Program**

#### https://www.mnlawyerreferral.org/public-area/cant-afford-a-private-attorney/

#### (612) 752-6699

The Reduced Fee Program provides full representation for a reduced fee to clients for most legal issues. Eligible clients are financially over-income for free legal services, but cannot afford the traditional fees of private attorneys. A private attorney is one that you pay to represent you. A referral Counselor helps you determine if you qualify for this service. Attorneys are located in the Twin City metro area.



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# **Community Mediation Minnesota**

https://communitymediationmn.org/ 1-833-266-2663 Providing mediation and restorative justice resources to help resolve disputes involving neighbors, families, businesses, consumers, crime victims, landlords, tenants, or other matters.

# **United Way 211**

http://www.211unitedway.org/ Dial 2-1-1 Operators available 24/7 to provide targeted referrals to legal services and resources.

# Criminal

# Public Defender – Eighth Judicial District

(320) 231-6064

316 Becker Ave SW, Suite 301, Willmar, MN 56201

Legal services by court appointment for low-income people involved in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases.

# Sealing Criminal Records to Enhance Justice

https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Expungement.asp

If you have a criminal record for an offense that was prosecuted in state court, prosecutors from the Attorney General's Office may be able to help you determine if you qualify for expungement. If you qualify, the Attorney General's Office may be able to help you get your record sealed by the Court at no cost to you.

# Reentry Clinic – Mitchell Hamline School of Law

(651) 695-7672

The Reentry Clinic helps those individuals burdened with a criminal record fully reenter society by providing holistic representation to ensure recently released persons have the best opportunity to live a safe and fulfilling life. Students provide direct representation to individuals in a whole host of legal matters, including family law, expungement, and civil rights lawsuits.

# Ramsey County Law Library Criminal Defense Law Clinic

Ramsey County Law Library, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Ramsey County Court House 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 266-8391 *Clients may speak with a volunteer attorney for up to half an hour per session for questions about traffic tickets, missed hearings, or the criminal trial process on the First and Third Thursdays of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Ramsey County Law Library. This clinic is free and open to all Minnesota residents. Call (651) 266-8391 for more information.* 



# **Disability & Health**

# Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/family\_services/index.php (320) 231-7800 or 1-877-464-7800 or (320) 231-7076 (V/TDD) Providing child and adult mental health, chemical health, vulnerable adult, disability, and financial services to residents of Kandiyohi County.

# Minnesota Disability Law Center

http://mylegalaid.org/about/our-work/disability-law 1-800-292-4150 or (612) 332-4668 (TTY) Free civil legal assistance to individuals with disabilities statewide on legal issues related to their disabilities.

# **Disability Hub MN**

https://disabilityhubmn.org/

1-866-333-2466 A free statewide information, referral and assistance service called Disability Hub MN is available to help people with disabilities, chronic illnesses and their representatives connect to community services.

# National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

https://namimn.org/ Information: 1-888-NAMI-Helps (1-888-626-4435); Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: call or text 988 Education, advocacy, support, and referrals for people with mental illness and their families.

# 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

https://988lifeline.org/ Call or text 988 The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers providing 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you and your loved ones. Call or text 988 for crisis assistance. Assistance is also available in Spanish.

# **Rainbow Health**

https://rainbowhealth.org/living-with-hiv/assistance/legal-services/ (612) 373-2437 Rainbow Health's Legal Services provide legal advice, brief services, and direct representation for HIV– related legal matters.

# **Cancer Legal Care**

http://www.cancerlegalcare.org/ (651) 917-9000 3503 High Point Drive, Suite 270, Oakdale, MN 55128 Cancer Legal Care provides caring and compassionate legal services at no cost to Minnesotans affected by cancer.



# **Disability & Health,** *continued*

#### Volunteers of America Center for Excellence in Supported Decision Making

https://www.voamnwi.org/cesdm

Guardianship Information Line: 1-844-333-1748

Statewide resource offering free in-depth telephone consultation, referrals, information and assistance for families, individuals, and professionals regarding individuals at risk for guardianship/conservatorship. <u>Virtual Guardianship Clinic</u>: social workers and attorneys are available to talk about less restrictive alternatives to guardianship on the first Wednesday of every month from 12-2 pm. No appointments are needed, but please complete a <u>registration form</u> to help with planning.

#### Health Care - MNSURE

https://www.mnsure.org/ 1-855-366-7873

#### Health Care - Minnesota Care

http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-andservices/minnesotacare.jsp 1-800-657-3672

#### **Medical Assistance**

http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-careprograms/programs-and-services/medical-assistance.jsp

#### (320) 231-7800 or 1-877-464-7800

Non-cash assistance program designed to meet medical needs of eligible children, adults with a severe disability, adults with incomes less than 75% of poverty guideline and adults over age 65.

# **Domestic Abuse**

#### **Safe Avenues**

https://www.willmarshelter.com/advocacy 24-hour crisis line: 1-800-792-4210 Emergency shelter for the lower Southwestern corner of Minnesota and safe parenting time services for families in need.

# Violence Free Minnesota (formerly Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women)

https://www.vfmn.org/

24-Hour Phone Line: (866) 223-1111

Statewide coalition of over 90 member programs working together to end relationship abuse and providing representation and referrals for victims and survivors of relationship abuse.

# Standpoint (Formerly Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project)

#### http://www.standpointmn.org/

1-800-313-2666 or (612) 343-9842; Text: (612) 743-7397 Statewide program serving domestic and sexual violence survivors, their advocates, attorneys and other professionals working within the justice system in Minnesota.



# Kandiyohi County Family Services

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/family\_services/index.php (320) 231-7800 or 1-877-464-7800 or (320) 231-7076 (V/TDD) After hours: Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department: (320) 235-1260 Providing child protection, child support, and family child care resources to residents of Kandiyohi County.

# Kandiyohi County Public Health – Families and Children

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/public health/family home visits.php (320) 231-7800 or 1-877-464-7800 or (320) 231-7076 (V/TDD) Providing services to expectant parents, parents, and children.

# Safe Avenues – Harmony Visitation Center

https://www.willmarshelter.com/parenting-time-services (320) 214-0799 or 24-hour crisis line: 1-800-792-4210 Safe parenting time services for families in need. HVC provides supervised visits, semi-supervised visits, and supervised exchanges seven days a week.

# Kandiyohi County Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/public\_health/wic\_nutritional\_program.php (320) 231-7066 2200 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NE, Suite 1080, Willmar, MN 56201 Supplemental food program for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women. Infants and children up to age 5 may also participate.

# Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Law Center

http://www.icwlc.org/ (612) 879-9165 Legal representation to parents, family members, Indian custodians and children, who are involved in legal matters governed by the ICWA.

# **Children's Law Center of Minnesota**

http://www.clcmn.org/ (651) 644-4438 450 N Syndicate St, Suite 315, St. Paul, MN 55104 Free advocacy and legal representation for foster care youth in Minnesota.

# **Youth Law Project**

https://mylegalaid.org/our-work/programs/youth-law

(612) 334-5970

The Project works with children/youth from birth to age 24 anywhere in Minnesota. Legal assistance (no criminal) for low income youth are abused, neglected, experiencing or are at risk of homelessness or sexual exploitation, or have questions about safety, minor consent, access education, public benefits, obtaining government identification, or any other civil legal issues.



# Family, continued

# **School Law Center**

http://www.schoollawcenter.com/ (651) 222-6288 Statewide Legal representation for individual students, their families and groups of students and/or families or agencies serving students and their families in all areas of education law.

# **Office of Ombudsperson for Families**

https://mn.gov/ombudfam/ (651) 539-1257 or 1-888-234-4939 1450 Energy Drive, Suite 106, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108 Assistance with child protection matters, social service issues, and failure to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) or the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA).

# **Bridge to Benefits**

#### http://www.bridgetobenefits.org/

Bridge to Benefits is a multi-state project by Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota to improve the wellbeing of families and individuals by linking them to public work support programs and tax credits.

# Minnesota Family Investment Program

http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/economic-assistance/income/programs-and-services/mfip.jsp

Cash program for adults with children limited to 60 months of lifetime assistance, including health coverage and child care. Crisis funds are available on a limited basis for MFIP qualified families in crisis situations.

# **Food & Nutrition Services**

# Kandiyohi County Human Services - Financial Support

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/family\_services/financial\_support/index.php (320) 231-7800 or 1-877-464-7800 or (320) 231-7076 (V/TDD) Providing assistance programs for food, medical care, child care, and more.

# Kandiyohi County Area Food Shelf

http://kandiyohicountyfoodshelf.com/

(320) 235-2641

624 Pacific Ave SW, Willmar, MN 56201

In person distribution is available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 AM to 3 PM and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. You will need to bring your own bags and boxes. Curbside pickup is available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 AM to 3:45 PM and Friday from 8 AM to 2 PM. Delivery is also an option for those that don't drive or don't have anyone to pick up the food for you. Call (320) 235-2641 to schedule a delivery.

#### Food & Nutrition Services, continued

## **The Link Food Pantry**

http://www.youarethelink.org/programs-services/ (320) 354-5555 or (320) 354-LINK (5465) 20 Central Avenue East, New London, MN 56273 Distribution Tuesday through Thursday from 10 AM to 3 PM and other hours by appointment.

# **Hope CARE Pantry**

https://www.hopechurchspicer.org/care-pantry (320) 796-2650 7730 North Short Drive, Spicer, MN 56288 Distributions on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11 AM to 1 PM. To be on the list for distribution, you must have a referral and contact the church office by 5 PM on Monday.

# Tuesday's Table – The Link

http://www.youarethelink.org/programs-services/ (320) 354-5555 or (320) 354-LINK (5465) Weekly community meal. Dates and locations vary.

# Kandiyohi County Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/public\_health/wic\_nutritional\_program.php (320) 231-7066 2200 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NE, Suite 1080, Willmar, MN 56201 Supplemental food program for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women. Infants and children up to age 5 may also participate.

#### Salvation Army – Willmar

<u>https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern/Willmar/programs-and-services/</u> Providing youth lunches during the summer and Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Call 320-235-2033 to learn more or request help.

# Kandiyohi County Extension Office

https://extension.umn.edu/local/kandiyohi (320) 231-7890 2200 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NE, Suite 2025, Willmar, MN 56201 *4-H and nutritional programs* 

#### Minnesota Food HelpLine

https://www.hungersolutions.org/programs/mn-food-helpline/

1-888-711-1151 If you or someone you know does not have enough food, call the MN HelpLine to find out if you qualify for SNAP and where to find emergency food assistance close to your home.



#### **Housing & Homelessness**

# Kandiyohi County House and Redevelopment Authority

https://www.willmarmn.gov/government/boards\_and\_commissions/kandiyohi\_county\_hra.php (320) 235-8637 2200 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 2090, Willmar, MN 56201 Creating affordable housing opportunities and strengthening neighborhoods to sustainably achieve a quality living environment for all.

# Family Promise of Kandiyohi County

www.familypromiseofkc.org (320) 441-2288 312 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Willmar, MN 56201 Providing shelter, meals, and hospitality to homeless families with the Willmar/Kandiyohi County area.

# **United Community Action Partnership**

https://www.unitedcapmn.org/services/housing/ (320) 235-0850 or 1-800-992-1710 200 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Willmar, MN 56201 Helping people find safe, affordable housing and handle related expenses

# Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota

https://www.habitat.org/mn/willmar/hfh-west-central-minnesota (320) 231-2704 4722 Highway 71 NE, Willmar, MN 56201

# HOME Line (Tenant Hotline)

http://www.homelinemn.org/ Call: (612) 728-5767 or (866) 866-3546; <u>Email an attorney</u> Statewide tenant's rights organization that provides free legal advice to renters in Minnesota.

# Small Business Landlord Brief Legal Advice Clinic – LegalCORPS

http://legalcorps.org/

Speak with a housing law attorney to ask questions or receive some general guidance. To be eligible, landlords must be at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the size of their household. This clinic provides brief advice; full representation is not available. The clinic takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month between 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. To make an appointment, email Program Coordinator Sarah Lewis at slewis@legalcorps.org or call (651) 583-5980.

# Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans

http://www.mac-v.org/ 1-833-222-6228 Assistance throughout Minnesota to veterans and their families who are homeless or experiencing other life crises.



#### Minnesota Multi Housing Association

http://www.mmha.com/ (952) 854-8500

The Minnesota Multi Housing Association (MHA) supports the multi-housing industry through advocacy, information, education, and innovation. Submit your question regarding rental property management <u>here</u>.

#### Minnesota Homeownership Center

http://www.hocmn.org/ (651) 659-9336 or 1-866-462-6466 Home help services in Minnesota including first-time home buyer assistance, foreclosure process assistance and home mortgage assistance.

#### Immigration

#### **Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**

http://www.ilcm.org/ 1-800-223-1368 or (651) 641-1011 Free brief legal advice and full legal representation to immigrants and refugees in Minnesota who qualify for services.

#### The Advocates for Human Rights

http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/ (612) 341-9845 330 Second Avenue South, Suite 800, Minneapolis, MN 55401 Legal services for low-income asylum seekers and immigrant detainees.

#### **Immigration Program, Standpoint**

#### https://www.standpointmn.org/immigration

1-800-313-2666 or (612) 343-9842; Text: (612) 743-7397 Direct services, support and representation to victims seeking U and T Visas, Removal of the Condition of Residency, Legal Permanent Residency, Violence Against Women Act Self-Petition and Citizenship, among other petitions.

#### Center for New Americans – University of MN Law School

<u>https://www.law.umn.edu/james-h-binger-center-new-americans</u> Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic, Detainee Rights Clinic, & Immigration and Human Rights Clinic The education and outreach program educates noncitizens about their legal rights. For more information, call 612-625-5515.

#### **Immigration**, *continued*

#### **United Cambodian Association of Minnesota**

https://united-cambodian-association-of-mn.business.site/ (651) 222-3299

1385 Mendota Heights Rd Suite 500, Mendota Heights, MN 55120 Bilingual and bicultural legal and immigration assistance to low-income refugees and immigrants living in Minnesota.

Seniors

#### Kandiyohi County Human Services – Services for Those Over the Age of 65

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/family\_services/elderly\_or\_under\_65\_disabled.php (320) 231-7800 or 1-877-464-7800 or (320) 231-7076 (V/TDD) Helping people over the age of 65 find resources to live successfully in the community

#### **Estate & Elder Law Services (Volunteers of America)**

http://www.voamnwi.org/estate-and-elder-law

(612) 676-6300

Attorneys assist clients with wills, trusts, estate planning, probate, powers of attorney, health care directives, guardianship, conservatorship, special needs trusts, Medical Assistance planning, and real estate matters. All individuals are eligible to receive services at private-pay rates and those with disabilities or age 60 and older may qualify to receive services at subsidized rates based on monthly income and asset level.

#### **Minnesota Elder Justice Center**

https://elderjusticemn.org/our-services/victim-services/

(651) 440-9300

Providing information and resources statewide to older and/or vulnerable adults and their loved ones around issues of limited legal representation, and referrals. To get more information, please call (651) 440-9312 to speak to an advocate or use the contact form: <a href="https://elderjusticemn.org/contact-us/">https://elderjusticemn.org/contact-us/</a>.

#### **Senior Linkage Line**

#### https://mn.gov/senior-linkage-line/

1-800-333-2433

Free statewide telephone information and assistance service on Medicare, prescription drug expense assistance, health insurance counseling, forms assistance, long-term care insurance and planning, caregiver planning and support, and grandparents raising children.

# Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights (formerly Upper Midwest Pension Rights Project)

https://trellisconnects.org/programs/retirement-rights/

1-866-783-5021 or (651) 251-5765

Regional provider of free legal counseling services to individuals with retirement and pension plan issues.



## Kandiyohi County Veterans Services

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/veterans\_services/index.php (320) 231-6226 2200 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NE, Willmar, MN 56201 Providing assistance to Veterans and their dependents in obtaining any of a variety of benefits provided by the State of Minnesota and the Federal Government.

#### **Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans**

http://www.mac-v.org/ 1-833-222-6228 Assistance throughout Minnesota to veterans and their families who are homeless or experiencing other life crises.

#### **Veterans Legal Services**

Statewide assistance through Central Minnesota Legal Services Minneapolis (612) 332-8151; St. Cloud (320) 253-0138 Services to veterans on civil (non-criminal) legal matters such as consumer debt, family, housing, and benefits. Ask for veterans legal services when calling.

# LinkVet Support

https://linkvet.org/ 1-888-546-5838 24-7 support from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) for Minnesota Veterans and their families.

# The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

http://www.vetsprobono.org/apply/ (888) 838-7727 Provides assistance to unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

# **Other Organizations**

# Minnesota Department of Human Rights Mediation Program

#### https://mn.gov/mdhr/intake/mediation/

#### (651) 539-1100 or 1-800-657-3704

No cost and voluntary alternative dispute resolution process by which the parties attempt to settle their discrimination disputes with the help of a trained mediator. Mediation takes place before the Department begins an investigation into allegations of discrimination and before a probable cause finding is made.

# Debtor Lawsuit Answering Service (Volunteer Lawyers Network)

(612) 752-6677

Advice and assistance for debtors who have been sued and those wondering about filing bankruptcy.

#### Other Organizations, continued

#### **Legal Corps**

http://legalcorps.org/ (612) 206-0780 Free legal help to low-income owners of small businesses and small nonprofit organizations in Minnesota.

#### Wills for Heroes

#### http://www.willsforheroes.org/

Call (612) 672-8349 for information about Minnesota programs and clinics. Free wills and other estate planning documents to first responders and their spouse or domestic partner.

#### Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP)

(651) 695-7672 *Civil (non-criminal) and family law services to those incarcerated in MN correctional facilities.* 

#### Agricultural Worker Project/El Proyecto Para Trabajadores Agrícolas

https://www.smrls.org/get-help/legal-services/ Trabajadores Agrícolas Statewide help through Southern MN Regional Legal Services 1-800-652-9733 or Text/WhatsApp: 507-475-0804 Staff attorneys provide statewide legal representation, advice and referrals to low-income agricultural workers. Services available in English and Spanish.

# **Farmers Legal Action Group**

http://www.flaginc.org/ (651) 223-5400 or 1-877-860-4349 6 West 5th Street, Suite 650, St. Paul, MN 55102-1404 Legal services for family farmers and their communities.

#### Minnesota Lawyers for the Arts - Springboard for the Arts

#### https://springboardforthearts.org/resources-access/legal-assistance/

Legal advice for low income artists and creatives who need help with business organization, contracts, artist tax audits, copyright and trademark infringement, artist immigration, music royalties, and leasing and buying property. Complete the <u>online intake form</u> to see if you are eligible for services. For assistance, email <u>legal@springboardforthearts.org</u> or call (651) 294-0907.

#### **Gender Justice**

https://www.genderjustice.us/legal-assistance/

(651) 789-2090

Gender Justice provides legal representation for transgender and other clients relative to employment discrimination, health care, and other necessities.



# Other Organizations, continued

# Insurance Law Clinic – University of MN Law School

(612) 625-9375 Free legal assistance to persons facing insurance denials for all types of insurance claims (auto, homeowners, accident, etc.).

# Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA)

http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/economic-assistance/income/programs-andservices/msa.jsp Cash program that assists eligible elderly or disabled people with room, board, and basic necessities; health care coverage in included.

#### **General Assistance**

http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/economic-assistance/income/programs-and-services/ga.jsp Cash Assistance for adults due to various circumstances. This very limited program. Also includes health coverage.



# Legal Help – Federal Court

#### **Minnesota Federal Public Defender**

(612) 664-5858 United States Courthouse: 300 South Fourth Street, Room 107, Minneapolis, MN 55415

#### **United States District Courts – District of Minnesota**

www.mnd.uscourts.gov

#### Federal Pro Se Project - Federal Bar Association Minnesota Chapter

Collaboration between the Minnesota District Court and the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association to help provide civil pro se litigants with an opportunity to have a meaningful consultation with a volunteer lawyer. Parties may be referred to the program by letter from court after filing a civil case in the District of Minnesota.

#### **US Bankruptcy Courts**

http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy

Bankruptcy Advice Clinics held bi-weekly at the Minneapolis and St. Paul Federal Courthouses. For more information about these clinics, visit this site: <u>http://www.mnb.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy-advice-clinics</u> or contact the Volunteer Lawyers Network at (612) 752-6677.

#### Representing Yourself - U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/representing-yourself Pro Se Civil Guidebook, forms, federal rules and more.

# The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

http://www.vetsprobono.org/apply/ (888) 838-7727

*Provides assistance to unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.* 

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