

Additional Pro Bono Resources

ABC for Health

Assists families throughout Wisconsin who have legal issues related to health care access and insurance.
(800) 585-4222 or safetyweb.org

Centro Legal

Provides bilingual, low-cost legal assistance to low-income residents in the Milwaukee area.
(414) 384-7900 or centrolegalwisconsin.org

Community Justice Incorporated

Provides legal assistance to low-income families and individuals using a sliding-scale fee structure relative to family size and income.
(608) 204-9642 or communityjusticeinc.org

Disability Rights Wisconsin

Provides free legal help to persons with disabilities.
(800) 928-8778 or disabilityrightswi.org

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

Provides advice and support for senior citizens in the areas of guardianship, elder abuse, nutrition, caregiver support, Social Security/Medicare. They also provide legal backup help to county Elder Benefit Specialists.
(608) 243-5670 or gwaar.org

Legal Action of Wisconsin

Provides free civil legal services to low-income people and senior citizens using both staff attorneys and a volunteer lawyers program. Offices in Milwaukee, Madison, La Crosse, Green Bay, Oshkosh and Racine.
legalaction.org

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee

Provides free legal assistance to indigent clients in the Milwaukee area.
(414) 727-5300 or lasmilwaukee.com

Marquette Legal Initiative for Nonprofit Corporations (M-LINC)

Serves nonprofit corporations that demonstrate an inability to pay for full cost legal services. The service provides general legal awareness sessions, and free or substantially reduced legal services in the areas of corporate, employment, real estate, intellectual property, and regulatory compliance.
(414) 288-4965 or m-linc.org

Milwaukee Justice Center

Utilizes volunteers to address the unmet legal needs of Milwaukee County's low-income self-represented litigants through court-based self-help desks and legal resources.
milwaukeejusticecenter.com

UW-Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic

Provides free legal services to help entrepreneurs and small business owners. They collaborate with the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, and more than a dozen of Wisconsin's leading law firms.
uwle.org

Self-help Law Center

Provided by the Wisconsin courts, the self-help law center is designed to help persons find forms, learn about Wisconsin law and court procedures and self-representation in some court matters.
wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp

Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.

Serves indigent clients in northern Wisconsin from its office in Wausau. Judicare provides civil legal services to eligible clients through private attorneys who handle cases for low-income people at reduced hourly rates.
(800) 472-1638 or judicare.org

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Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS)

LRIS' experienced legal assistants help consumers locate the best source of legal help, including referrals to lawyers. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, please visit wisbar.org/lris or call (800) 362-9082.

LRIS

Pro Bono/Access to Justice

Small Business Assistance Project - Volunteer lawyers provide brief advice and counsel to small businesses in Wisconsin. Consultations of up to 1 hour are held on weekday mornings via Zoom or telephone. wisbar.org/smallbusiness.



Modest Means – The State Bar of Wisconsin's Modest Means Program assists people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services, but too low to pay a lawyer's standard rate. The State Bar will work to match qualified

candidates with an attorney who has agreed to consider certain cases at a reduced rate. For more information or to download an application, go to wisbar.org/modestmeans.

Wisconsin Foreclosure Mediation Network – It provides an independent mediation option for lenders and borrowers, who pay a small administrative fee to participate in the program with a volunteer mediator. Visit mediatewisconsin.com.

Military Pro Bono Project – The ABA Military Pro Bono Project (MPBP) was created to assist service members who need civil legal assistance that they are unable to afford during their deployment. For more information, please visit militaryprobono.org.



Wisconsin Wills for Heroes - Volunteer attorneys and support personnel participate in clinics scheduled at the request of first responder organizations (police, fire, EMT) to prepare simple wills and other basic estate planning documents at no charge for eligible first responders and their spouses or domestic partners. Visit wisbar.org/heroes.

Wisconsin Free Legal Answers – This online free legal clinic is open 24/7 for your constituents who have civil (not criminal) legal questions. Visit wi.freelegalanswers.org.



Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

Established by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the fund reimburses clients who suffer the loss of money or other property due to the dishonest conduct of an attorney. The fund is a remedy for clients who cannot be repaid from other sources. For more information, please visit www.wisbar.org/clientprotection.

Resolution of Fee Disputes

The State Bar of Wisconsin's Fee Arbitration Program was developed as an informal and economic alternative to litigation for lawyers and clients who are unable to agree upon a fee charged for legal services. Visit wisbar.org/lawyerdispute.



Office of Lawyer Regulation



The Wisconsin Supreme Court has authority over all attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin. The lawyer regulation system supervises the practice of law and protects the public from misconduct by persons practicing law in Wisconsin. The Office of Lawyer Regulation is responsible for investigating attorneys who may have violated the rules governing attorney conduct. For more information, please visit wicourts.gov/OLR.

Public Education

The State Bar of Wisconsin's Public Education programs offer public members of all ages an understanding and appreciation of the law, the legal system, and their rights and responsibilities. For information about Public Education programs, go to wisbar.org/pubedu or email pubedcoordinator@wisbar.org.

Programs administered by the State Bar include:

High School Mock Trial – Hundreds of high school students across the state study, prepare, and present a hypothetical courtroom case. Check out wisbar.org/mocktrial.



Court with Class – Students observe oral arguments held before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, tour the Supreme Court Hearing Room, and meet one of the Supreme Court Justices. See wisbar.org/courtwithclass.

Resources and Materials

Resources are available for educators, parents, and citizens at wisbar.org/educatorresources. A print booklet entitled "What You Should Know about Wisconsin Law: Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities" is available free of charge to schools and community groups. Spanish and Hmong versions are available online.



Advocacy Network

The State Bar of Wisconsin's Advocacy Network connects constituents with their lawmakers to advocate for policies that protect and expand access to justice throughout the state. Go to wisbar.org/GovRelations to learn more.