

## Additional Pro Bono Resources

### Business Assistance Program

Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network manages the Business Assistance Program. Under this program, small and emerging businesses throughout Wisconsin can receive up to two hours of counseling from a business lawyer at no cost. **(608) 263-3315** or [www.wenportal.org/services.htm](http://www.wenportal.org/services.htm)

### Centro Legal

Provides bilingual, low-cost legal assistance to low-income residents in the Milwaukee area.

**(414) 384-7900** or [www.centrolegalwisconsin.org](http://www.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 [www.communityjusticeinc.org](http://www.communityjusticeinc.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. [www.legalaction.org](http://www.legalaction.org)

### Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee

Founded in 1916, it is one of the oldest, continuously operating, public interest law firms in the nation. The Society provides free legal assistance to indigent clients in the Milwaukee area.

**(414) 727-5300** or [www.lasmilwaukee.com](http://www.lasmilwaukee.com)

### Marquette Legal Initiative for Nonprofit Corporations (M-LINC)

M-LINC will serve 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 [www.m-linc.org](http://www.m-linc.org)

### Milwaukee Justice Center

The 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. [www.milwaukeejusticecenter.com](http://www.milwaukeejusticecenter.com)

### Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic

The University of Wisconsin Law School's Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic provides free legal services to help entrepreneurs and small business owners realize their potential. They collaborate with the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation and more than a dozen of Wisconsin's leading law firms. [www.law.wisc.edu/academics/clinics/le](http://www.law.wisc.edu/academics/clinics/le)

### The Economic Justice Institute

EJI programs are dedicated to serving low-income and other under-represented clients in matters designed to enhance access to justice and economic security. The Economic Justice Institute (EJI) is home to the law school's civil, anti-poverty clinical programs:

- Consumer Law Clinic
- Neighborhood Law Clinic
- Consumer Mediation Clinic
- Immigrant Justice Clinic
- Family Court Clinic

[www.law.wisc.edu/eji](http://www.law.wisc.edu/eji)

### The Center for Patient Partnerships

The Center for Patient Partnerships, affiliated with the University of Wisconsin Schools of Law, Medicine & Public Health, Nursing, and Pharmacy:

- Educates graduate students and working professionals in health advocacy
- Provides free advocacy services to anyone with a serious or life-threatening illness, regardless of income or residence
- Works to strengthen the field of health advocacy through research on advocacy's impact and promotion of best practices
- Enhances the capacity of patients to influence health policy and the responsiveness of the health care system to consumers' experiences

[www.patientpartnerships.org](http://www.patientpartnerships.org)

### 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, (715) 842-1681** or [www.judicare.org](http://www.judicare.org)

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## 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 was established to carry out the Supreme Court's constitutional responsibility to supervise the practice of law and protect 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. Please visit [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov) or call (608) 267-7274 or (877) 315-6941.

## Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS)

People who need help with a legal issue or who think they may need a lawyer should contact the State Bar of Wisconsin's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS). LRIS has experienced legal assistants who help consumers locate the best source of legal help, including referrals to lawyers. Please call (800) 362-9082 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday or visit [www.wisbar.org/lris](http://www.wisbar.org/lris)

## Pro Bono/Access to Justice

The State Bar of Wisconsin can help locate low-cost or free legal services resources for those unable to afford representation. **Contact the State Bar Pro Bono Coordinator at (800) 444-9404, ext. 6177 or visit [www.wisbar.org/probono](http://www.wisbar.org/probono)**

**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 Modest Means Program is run by LRIS. Once candidates download and complete the application, 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, please visit [www.wisbar.org/needalawyer](http://www.wisbar.org/needalawyer)

**Legal Assistance for Military Personnel** – The Wisconsin Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP) program is a project of the State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program. Referrals to volunteer and reduced cost attorneys or other legal resources for eligible individuals are available to veterans, active duty military personnel, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve. Individuals must have legal issues that can be resolved by a Wisconsin lawyer and meet our income requirements. Family members of eligible individuals may also receive legal assistance through this project. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/lamp](http://www.wisbar.org/lamp)

**Military Pro Bono Project** – The ABA Military Pro Bono Project (MPBP) was created to assist service members who need legal assistance which they are unable to afford during their deployment. MPBP will connect eligible, active-duty service members with pro bono attorneys to assist with the resolution of civil legal issues. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/lamp](http://www.wisbar.org/lamp)

**Wisconsin Will Projects** – Through Wisconsin's various will programs, volunteer attorneys and support personnel participate in clinics scheduled at the request of first responder, senior, and veteran organizations. At these events, volunteer lawyers prepare wills and other estate planning documents at no charge for eligible first responders, seniors, veterans, and their spouses. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/heroes](http://www.wisbar.org/heroes)

## Foreclosure Assistance

A number of counties around the state now have foreclosure mediation programs to help homeowners navigate the foreclosure process and understand the options and resources available to them.

**Wisconsin Foreclosure Mediation Network** – This program is operated by Wisconsin Mediation Services, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and administered through the Milwaukee County Clerk of Circuit Court. 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. The program aims to keep people in their homes whenever possible and assist in the process by bringing all parties together to find viable solutions. Please call (877) 721-6262, (414) 939-8800, or visit [www.mediatewisconsin.com](http://www.mediatewisconsin.com)

**Dane County Foreclosure Mediation** – Dane County requires lenders to inform homeowners when a foreclosure is served about the option of requesting mediation through this program. If mediation is requested and the lender agrees to participate, the mediation will be conducted by volunteer mediators to discuss possible solutions. The UW Law School Consumer Law Clinic can help homeowners with questions. Please call the Consumer Law Clinic at (608) 261-5677 or visit [www.daneforeclosurehelp.org](http://www.daneforeclosurehelp.org). Additional information regarding foreclosure assistance can be found at [www.wisbar.org/public](http://www.wisbar.org/public)

## Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

The Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection was established by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to reimburse clients who suffer 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, such as from the attorney involved. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/clientprotection](http://www.wisbar.org/clientprotection) or call (800) 444-9404, ext. 6185.

## Resolution of Fee Disputes

The Resolution of Fee Disputes Committee oversees the State Bar of Wisconsin's Fee Arbitration Program. The State Bar developed the program as an informal and economic alternative to litigation for lawyers and clients who are unable to agree upon a fee charged for legal services. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/lawyerdispute](http://www.wisbar.org/lawyerdispute) or call (800) 444-9404, ext. 6185.

## Public Education

The State Bar of Wisconsin's Public Education Committee administers several programs that promote civic awareness and informed participation in government. Public Education programs and curricula offer public members of all ages an understanding and appreciation of the law, the legal system, and their rights and responsibilities as citizens through the use of practical and experiential learning. Programs administered by the State Bar include:

**Mock Trial** – An annual program in which hundreds of high school students across the state study, prepare and present a hypothetical courtroom case. Case materials are developed by State Bar members. Students are coached by teachers and attorneys. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/pubedu](http://www.wisbar.org/pubedu)

**Court with Class** – High school students observe oral arguments held before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, tour the Supreme Court Hearing Room, and meet one of the Supreme Court Justices to discuss general legal issues. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/pubedu](http://www.wisbar.org/pubedu)

**Our Courts** – Judges and attorneys pair up to offer non-partisan adult educational programs to community and civic groups directed toward increasing public knowledge of the importance and value of the court system. Programs are designed to be informational, interactive and to engage a broad range of audiences. Please visit [www.wisbar.org/ourcourts](http://www.wisbar.org/ourcourts)

**Resources and Materials** – Various online resources are available for educators, parents and citizens at [www.wisbar.org/pubedu](http://www.wisbar.org/pubedu). 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.

For information about Public Education programs, please visit [www.wisbar.org/pubedu](http://www.wisbar.org/pubedu) or contact the Public Education Program Manager at (608) 250-6191 or email [pubedcoordinator@wisbar.org](mailto:pubedcoordinator@wisbar.org).