Legal Services Alabama

If you live in Alabama, you may qualify for help from Legal Services Alabama (LSA). LSA is a state-wide, non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance in certain civil matters to people who have limited income, do not own too much property, and meet certain other requirements. Conferences with a lawyer are by appointment only.

LSA may be able to help with the following kinds of matters:
- Protection From Abuse (PFA) order due to recent abuse
- Divorce with domestic violence or other issues
- Eviction defense
- Private foreclosure defense
- Garnishment defense
- Repossession defense
- Utility (electricity, gas, and water) termination
- Wrongful termination
- Unemployment compensation
- Bankruptcy (Chapter 7 and Chapter 13) as a way of solving problems with garnishments, multiple suits, and threatened loss of housing
- Public benefits (Family Assistance, Food Stamps, Medicaid appeals)
- Social Security and SSI cessation appeals
- Social Security and SSI overpayment appeals.

Please note, LSA can only provide limited assistance in some types of cases. Call LSA to find out if it can help you.

Legal Services Alabama (LSA)
207 Montgomery Street, Suite 1200
Montgomery, AL 36104
(866) 456-4995
www.LegalServicesAlabama.org

For information about many legal topics and do-it-yourself forms, go to www.alabamalegalhelp.org.

Alabama State Bar
Lawyer Referral Service

If you don’t meet the requirements for help from the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) or Legal Services Alabama (LSA), it can be hard to know where to find an attorney. The Lawyer Referral Service of the Alabama State Bar can give you the name of a lawyer who handles your kind of case. For a fee, you can talk to that lawyer about your problem. After that consultation, any other legal work (and the fees for that work) will be a matter for the attorney and you to agree upon.

Alabama State Bar
$50 fee for 30-minute Lawyer Referral Service consultation
(800) 392-5660
Email: lrs@alabar.org

The VLP are separately funded by a variety of sources, including:
- Alabama State Bar
- Local Bar Associations
- The Alabama Law Foundation
- Legal Services of Alabama
- Alabama Civil Justice Foundation

Need a Lawyer?
Legal Help for Low-Income Clients
Alabama’s Volunteer Lawyer Programs

All across Alabama, volunteer attorneys donate their time to provide legal services in certain civil (not criminal) matters. These programs are designed to help persons who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. To qualify, you must have income below a certain level and not own too much property. If you think you might qualify, please contact the program in your area to see if you meet these and certain other requirements. Conferences with a lawyer are by appointment only. Although the attorney’s time is free, you will be responsible for any out-of-pocket costs such as filing fees.

The kinds of cases normally accepted are:

- Adoption by relatives with the consent of natural parents
- Bankruptcy – Chapter 7
- Child Support Modification – client has major change in circumstances
- Collections – Small Claims with attorney on other side
- Contracts and warranties
- Custody – by agreement
- Divorce – uncontested and parties are separated or defendant’s whereabouts are unknown.
- Guardianship of child – if needed to enter child in school
- Guardianship of adult – person not of sound mind or medical condition prevents person from caring for self
- Home Ownership – Deed preparation; pre-foreclosure negotiations; or land dispute
- Landlord/Tenant – private housing
- Legitimations – by consent
- Name Change – Adult and minor
- Power of Attorney
- Probate – Wills, living wills, and small estate administration
- Tax
- Tort Defense
- Visitation Change – by agreement

If you have a legal issue that is not listed, please call the VLP to find out if we can help you.

If you live in Jefferson County or if your case is in Jefferson County Call:

Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers
Volunteer Lawyers Program/Birmingham Bar Center
2021 2nd Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203-3703
(205) 250-5198
www.vlpbirmingham.org

If you live in Madison County or if your case is in Madison County Call:

Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program
P. O. Box 2913
Huntsville, AL 35804
(256) 539-2275
www.vlpmadisoncounty.com

If you live in Baldwin, Clarke, Mobile or Washington County or your case is in Baldwin, Clarke, Mobile or Washington County Call:

South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program
56 St. Joseph Street, Suite 312
Mobile, AL 36602
(251) 438-1102
(855) 997-2857
www.savlp.org

If you live in any other county or your case is in any other county Call:

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Montgomery, AL 36101
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