

**The Network:**

*The legal services programs in Connecticut are a group of nonprofit organizations that provide legal assistance in civil matters to people with low income. Services are free. Eligibility depends upon income, family size, assets, and legal issues.*

**Working Together:**

*The programs work together to advocate for (and with) people who have low income on a variety of issues. In addition to individual legal advice and representation, the legal services programs help clients, community groups, and providers through free trainings, pamphlets, and other information.*

**www.CTLawHelp.org**

Connecticut’s legal aid programs created [ctlawhelp.org](http://ctlawhelp.org) to help people with very low income find help for their legal problems. This web site will give you legal information and tools to help you represent yourself.

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

**Statewide Legal Services**

Statewide Legal Services (**SLS**) is available by phone to clients throughout Connecticut. Generally, SLS is the entry point for accessing legal assistance. SLS may provide advice over the phone, mail information, or refer clients to a legal services office or a private attorney at no cost to the client.

800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT)  
[www.slsct.org](http://www.slsct.org)

*If you are undocumented or over 60, call your local legal services office.*

**Connecticut Legal Services**

Connecticut Legal Services (**CLS**) provides legal representation to low-income persons throughout the state, except those living in the greater Hartford or New Haven areas. To apply for legal help, call SLS at 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT). CLS has service offices in the following cities:

Bridgeport	1000 Lafayette Blvd	203-336-3851
New Britain	16 Main Street	860-225-8678
New London	125 Eugene O'Neill Dr.	860-447-0323
Stamford	1177 Summer Street	203-348-9216
Waterbury	85 Central Avenue	203-756-8074
Willimantic	1125 Main Street	860-456-1761

CLS Administrative Office  
860-344-0447    [www.ctlegal.org](http://www.ctlegal.org)  
62 Washington St., Middletown, CT 06457

**Greater Hartford Legal Aid**

Greater Hartford Legal Aid (**GHLA**) provides legal representation to low-income persons who live in the greater Hartford area. To apply for legal help, call SLS at 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT).

860-541-5000    TDD: 860-541-5069  
999 Asylum Avenue, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06105  
[www.ghla.org](http://www.ghla.org)

**New Haven Legal Assistance Association**

New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. (**NHLAA**) provides legal representation to low-income persons in the greater New Haven and lower Naugatuck Valley areas. To apply for legal help, call SLS at 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT).

203-946-4811 (TDD available)  
205 Orange Street, New Haven, CT 06510  
[www.nhlegal.org](http://www.nhlegal.org)

**Center for Children’s Advocacy**

The Center for Children's Advocacy focuses on rights and interests of poor children involved in judicial, welfare, health, mental health, education, and juvenile justice systems.

860-570-5327  
65 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105  
[www.kidscounsel.org](http://www.kidscounsel.org)

**The Children’s Law Center of Connecticut**

The Children's Law Center of Connecticut represents children whose families are involved in divorce and custody matters in court. The *Law Line* provides legal information on family issues such as custody, visitation, and child support.

860-232-9993  
30 Arbor Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
[www.clcct.org](http://www.clcct.org)

**Connecticut Fair Housing Center**

Connecticut Fair Housing Center provides legal representation for people claiming discrimination in housing matters and foreclosures.

860-247-4400  
60 Popieluszko Ct, Hartford, CT 06106  
[www.ctfairhousing.org](http://www.ctfairhousing.org)  
[info@ctfairhousing.org](mailto:info@ctfairhousing.org)

**Connecticut Legal Rights Project**

Connecticut Legal Rights Project provides legal representation to low income adults with psychiatric disabilities and primarily legal problems related to their treatment and civil rights.

877-402-2299  
P.O. Box 351, Silver St., Middletown, CT 06457  
[www.clrp.org](http://www.clrp.org)

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### *Lawyers for Children America*

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Lawyers for Children America provides training and support for volunteer attorneys who represent children in child protection matters in Juvenile Court.

860-273-0441

151 Farmington Avenue, RW61, Hartford, CT 06156

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

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### *Consumer Law Project for Elders (CLPE)*

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Are you 60 or over? The Consumer Law Project for Elders (CLPE) provides free legal assistance to people age 60 or over. If you have a debt collection or other consumer problem, please call Consumer Law Project for Elders.

1-800-296-1467

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

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### *Connecticut Veterans Legal Center*

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Connecticut Veterans Legal Center exists to help military veterans recovering from homelessness and mental illness to overcome legal barriers to stable housing and income.

203-479-0375 or 203-794-4291

114 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516

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

**CTLawHelp.org**

*Helping Connecticut residents solve their legal problems.*

### *Areas of Legal Assistance from*

Statewide Legal Services (SLS)  
Connecticut Legal Services (CLS)  
Greater Hartford Legal Aid (GHLA)  
New Haven Legal Assistance Association (NHLAA)

#### *We offer help in the following areas:*

**Benefits & Health Care:** Public assistance, SSI, food stamps, child care, and medical assistance.

**Immigration:** Representation and advice in immigration matters including deportation proceedings, naturalization, victims of domestic violence, and other crimes.

**Employment:** Discrimination, unemployment compensation, economic development, wages, and work hours.

**Children & Family:** Divorce, child support, custody, visitation, restraining orders, guardianship, representing children, domestic violence issues, and education.

**Consumer:** Bankruptcy, debt collection, small claims actions, and repossession.

**Elderly:** Nursing home problems, right to home care, medical assistance, social security, consumer issues, and more.

**Housing:** Discrimination, evictions, lockouts, rent increases, utility shutoffs, homelessness, unsafe conditions, landlord/tenant disputes, public housing.

**Persons with Disabilities:** Accessibility, discrimination, independent living, special education, vocational rehabilitation, and transportation.



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A Guide for  
Finding Free  
Legal Assistance  
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