

Legal Resources for Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati 2011

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The following resources are intended as a “starting point” for those in need of legal services in the Cincinnati or Northern Kentucky area. The resources listed below can assist you in finding an attorney, obtaining legal information, or (depending on eligibility criteria) procuring representation free of charge.



Kentucky Resources:

Boone/Kenton/Campbell County Department of Public Advocacy (Public Defender)

<http://dpa.ky.gov/div/>

Department of Public Advocacy
(Boone, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant,
& Owen Counties)
Victory Center, Suite 210
8311 US 42
Florence, KY 41042
Phone: 859.282.0818
Fax: 859.282.1582

Department of Public Advocacy
(Campbell & Kenton Counties)
333 Scott Street, Suite 400
Covington, KY 41011
Phone: 859.292.6596
Fax: 859.292.6590

The DPA is responsible for representing all indigents charged with a crime. Each year, DPA’s criminal specialists handle over 140,000 trial and post trial cases statewide, including DUI cases, involuntary commitment cases, juvenile cases, and demanding, complex and difficult cases involving sex abuse, and cases where death is sought as the penalty.

Children’s Law Center

<http://clcky.squarespace.com/>

1002 Russell Street
Covington, KY 41011
Phone: 859.431.3313
Fax: 859.655.7553
e-mail: childrenslaw@fuse.net

772 Winchester Road
Lexington, KY 40505
Phone: 859.253.0152
Fax: 859.253.0162
e-mail: rebecca.diloreto@fuse.net

The Children’s Law Center is a nonprofit legal service center for children which represents young people in a variety of legal and administrative proceedings including child abuse and neglect matters, special education and other school issues, homelessness, and juvenile justice issues.

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)

<http://www.cincyfairhousing.com/>

2400 Reading Road, Suite 118

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Phone: 513.721.4663

Toll Free: 800.658.0263

Fax: 513.721.1642

HOME's mission is to eliminate illegal discrimination in housing, especially racial discrimination, and to promote balanced living patterns. HOME serves the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Area, including communities within the counties of Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren, Ohio, and Campbell, Kenton, and Boone, Kentucky. HOME offers courses of action to protect your housing rights free of charge. Several staff members are fluent in Spanish.

Kentucky Innocence Project

<http://dpa.ky.gov/kip>

100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 301

Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: 502.564.3948

Fax: 502.564.3949

e-mail: kip@ky.gov

The Kentucky Innocence Project (KIP) was developed by the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy to provide incarcerated men and women who have legitimate claims of innocence with a resource through which their claims may be investigated and presented to the courts for relief. In order to qualify for the services, prospective clients should meet certain criteria.

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass (LAB)

<http://www.lablaw.org>

104 East 7th Street

Covington, KY 41011

Phone: 859.431.8200

Fax: 859.431.3009

The Legal Aid Network of Kentucky is a joint effort by Kentucky's legal services providers to make it easy for Kentuckians to get online information about Kentucky Legal Services programs and services. Kentucky's legal services programs serve several groups of vulnerable individuals, including people over sixty years old, those with limited incomes, and, in some cases, those who are victims of domestic violence. Legal services programs offer free legal representation to qualified clients facing a number of civil legal problems. The agency does not provide criminal defense representation.

Northern Kentucky Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

<http://www.nkybar.com/includes/referral.aspx>

Northern Kentucky Bar Association

529 Centre View Boulevard

Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Phone: 859.781.1300 (Bar Assoc.)

859.781.1525 (Lawyer Referral System)

Fax: 859.781.1277

The Northern Kentucky Lawyer Referral Service is not a pro bono service and is not affiliated with Legal Aid. The referral service will help you find a local attorney, and the attorneys will charge fees for services rendered. Hourly fees and contingency fees are left to the discretion of the individual attorney.

Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers

<http://www.nkybar.com/includes/nkvl.aspx>

Northern Kentucky Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Program

104 East 7th Street

Covington, KY 41011

Phone: 859.431.8200 ext. 1231

Fax: 859.431.3009

The mission of Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers is to provide quality civil legal assistance at no charge to low income and other vulnerable populations by engaging volunteer lawyers and law students to provide pro bono representation, advice, council and education. Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers is a joint program of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association and Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society. The Volunteer Lawyer Program serves Kenton, Campbell, Boone, Grant, Gallatin, Carroll, Owen and Pendleton counties.

Ohio Resources:

Cincinnati Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

<http://www.cincybar.org/intus/referral/>

225 East Sixth Street, Second Floor

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Phone: 513.381.8359 (Lawyer Referral Line)

e-mail: info@cincybar.org

The Cincinnati Bar Association has operated its Lawyer Referral Service since 1943. The Lawyer Referral Service maintains a panel of more than 325 attorneys and makes referrals to the public in most areas of the law. For your convenience, referrals can be made to an attorney located in your geographical area. There is no fee for using the service and the referred attorney will not charge more than \$30 for the first half-hour of consultation.

Hamilton County Public Defender's Office

http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/pub_def/default.htm

Adult Services & Administrative Support

230 E. Ninth Street, Second Floor

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Phone: 513.946.3700

Fax: 513.946.3707

Juvenile Services

230 E. Ninth Street, Third Floor

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Phone: 513.946.3800

Fax: 513.946.3808

The mission of the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office is to defend the life and liberty of our clients and to protect their statutory and constitutional rights, by providing zealous, effective, and ethical representation. If you cannot afford legal representation, the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office will provide you with effective representation in criminal and family law matters.

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Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati/Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio

<http://www.lascinti.org/>

215 E. 9th Street, Suite 200

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Phone: 513.241.9400

Toll Free: 800.582.2682

Fax: 513.241.0047

Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati is a source of legal representation, information, advice and referral for people in need of legal help. Lower-income residents of Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties are eligible for Legal Aid services. Legal Aid will arrange for services in any language. Local offices in Clinton, Butler and Highland counties may be available for appointments in addition to the main Cincinnati location.

Ohio Innocence Project

<http://www.law.uc.edu/institutes-centers/ohio-innocence-project>

Rosenthal Institute of Justice / Ohio Innocence Project

University of Cincinnati, College of Law

P.O. Box 210040

Cincinnati, OH 45221

Phone: 513.556.0752 (Office)

513.861.2946 (Inmate Phone)

Fax: 513.556.0702

The Ohio Innocence Project at the University of Cincinnati, College of Law (OIP) seeks to identify and assist those prison inmates who are actually innocent of the crimes for which they were convicted. The OIP will work only on those cases where new evidence, whether newly discovered or that can be developed through investigation, supports the inmate's claim of innocence. The OIP provides free investigative services to those inmates whose cases are selected for investigation.

Pro Seniors, Inc.

<http://www.proseniors.org/index.html>

7162 Reading Road, Suite 1150

Cincinnati, OH 45237

Toll free/TDD: 800.488.6070

Pro Seniors is a non-profit organization that provides free legal and long-term care help to older adults. Pro Seniors offers Ohio residents age 60 and older the advice and information they need to solve their legal and nursing home, adult care facility, and home health care problems. Pro

Seniors is dedicated to helping older adults maintain their independence by empowering them, protecting their interests, and helping them access resources.

Su Casa Hispanic Center of Cincinnati

<http://catholiccharitiesswo.org/SuCasa/index.html>

7036 Fairpark Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45216
Phone: 513.761.1588

This program partners University of Cincinnati College of Law students with members of Cincinnati's Hispanic community to provide immigration services to the city's growing Latino population. Su Casa will also assist with employment issues and referrals, housing and rental needs, and immigration issues.

University of Cincinnati's Tenant Information Project

<http://www.law.uc.edu/current-students/student-organizations/tenant-information-project>

TIP Hotline: 513.556.0053 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F)

The Tenant Information Project provides information about Ohio landlord-tenant law to the community. TIP members answer phone calls from landlords and tenants who have questions about their rights and responsibilities under Ohio law. While answering calls, volunteers explain the state of Ohio landlord/tenant law to callers with questions involving leases, the eviction process, loud neighbors, or the condition of their apartments. Volunteers explain the rights and responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant. TIP volunteers are not attorneys, and cannot provide legal advice. TIP does not accept questions by e-mail or in person.

Volunteer Lawyer Project

<http://www.lascinti.org/volunteer>

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A joint effort of the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati. The Volunteer Lawyer Project was created in response to a steadily growing gap between the number of requests for services from low-income citizens and Legal Aid's ability to provide these services. Today, the Volunteer Lawyers Project serves as pro bono arm of the Cincinnati and Butler, Clermont, Clinton and Warren County Bar Associations. The VLP allows attorneys to represent low-income persons whose cases have merit but which might otherwise be lost due to their inability to pay for counsel and the resulting inadequate self-representation.