

# Legal Services Guide

# **City of West Hollywood**

For service providers and residents



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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **ATTORNEY REFERRALS**

The Los Angeles County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service —which meets the standards of both the State Bar of California and the American Bar Association— has qualified, prescreened lawyers who can help you with your legal matter. Call (213) 243-1525 or go to <u>www.smartlaw.org</u> for more information.

#### COURT

#### www.superiorcourt.org

There is no court in West Hollywood, but the Los Angeles Court system has courts throughout LA County to help with legal matters including small claims, unlawful detainer and traffic cases. Detailed information can be found online or contact the following local courts:

**Small Claims** - Inglewood Courthouse @ (310) 419-5132 **Traffic** - Beverly Hills Courthouse @ (310) 288-1307 **Unlawful Detainer -** Santa Monica Courthouse @ (310) 260-1886

#### LAWHELPCALIFORNIA.ORG

LawHelpCalifornia.org is a website that provides low-income Californians with easy online access to basic legal resources and attorney information. They do not provide direct legal services.

#### LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES

1-800-399-4529 www.lafla.org

The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) provides civil legal services to poor and low-income people in Los Angeles County. Their services include:

#### 1. Self Help Legal Access Centers - (800) 399-4529

For individuals who are representing themselves, walk-in clinics offer legal information, assistance in preparing legal forms, guidance on a variety of civil matters, including evictions, divorces and paternity actions, and civil harassment.

#### **2. Employment Law** - (213) 640-3954

LAFLA's Employment Law attorneys promote the rights of working people to a safe, livingwage job free from discrimination and harassment, and assist low-wage workers with a range of work place issues including payment of wages, meal and rest break violations, access to unemployment benefits, and discrimination based on citizenship and immigration status.

#### 3. Immigration Law

Provides U.S. citizens, permanent residents, refugees and asylum seekers with assistance in family re-unification matters, and helps battered women flee from domestic violence by establishing legal residency under the Violence Against Women Act. Also assists victims of human trafficking. Phone numbers are: Immigration Intake Line - (213) 640-3900, Citizenship Line - (213) 640-3918, Immigration/Domestic Violence - (213) 640-3913

#### **4.** Consumer Law - (323) 801-7989, ext. 5250

Consumer Law attorneys work on behalf of low-income homeowners who do not have the means to defend themselves against unscrupulous lending predators.

#### 5. Government Benefits - (213) 640-3901

Helps low-income people who have trouble obtaining, or are denied, government benefits, including Cal Works, CAPI, Food Stamps/SNAP, Foster Care, Medi-Cal, Medicare and other healthcare programs, Social Security, SSI, IHSS and General Relief.

#### 6. Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Services

Provides monolingual and limited-English Proficient API clients access to Legal Aid services through bilingual and bi-cultural staff, dedicated language lines, and regular legal clinics at community-based organizations.

Korean - (323) 801, 7987, Cantonese/Mandarin - (323) 801-7912, Japanese - (323) 801-7913, Cambodian (Khmer) - (213) 640-3887, Vietnamese/Tiếng Việt - (323) 801-7923

#### LEGAL GRIND®

Locations currently in Santa Monica & Inglewood 1-888-474-6352 www.legalgrind.com

Legal Grind® is a legal resource center within a cafe like atmosphere that combines a storefront lawyer referral service, document processing, self-help law books, and notary services with a coffee bar. Legal Grind® seeks to provide legal assistance to middle class people to obtain answers to questions without paying a large sum of money and to also find out where to go to resolve more complicated disputes.

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Los Angeles Airport Public Defender's Office 210 W Temple Sreet, Suite 19 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-2811 For other locations throughout LA County call (213) 974-2811 or visit the website For deaf and hard of hearing - (800) 801-5551 http://pd.co.la.ca.us/

The Public Defender is a law office established and funded by the County of Los Angeles. The attorneys and other staff employed by the office render legal services to individuals who are accused of public offenses, and who cannot afford to retain the services of a private attorney. They also represent any person under the age of 18 who is facing juvenile delinquency proceedings, or regarding whom the state has instituted wardship proceedings because of habitual truancy or incorrigibility. They represent individuals who are involuntarily detained in medical facilities in a variety of mental health proceedings because of purported mental disabilities, those as to whom conservatorship proceedings have been instituted because they are alleged to be gravely disabled, and patients whose competency to refuse medical treatment is challenged. Finally, they represent individuals who are subject to contempt proceedings for violation of court orders, such as child support and child visitation or custody orders.

### SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTER

http://www.lafla.org/service.php?sect=muni&sub=selfhelp

Developed and funded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Self-Help Legal Access Center (SHLAC) program is administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs, and operated by Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) and Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). The SHLAC program provides information and resources to people that are representing themselves in court without the help of an attorney. SHLACs provide information about court procedures, distribute court forms, provide legal professionals to review court forms after they have been filled out, host workshops and provide one-on-one assistance.

#### SMARTLAW.ORG

Smartlaw.org is a website of the Los Angeles County Bar Association that provides lawyer referrals and information. Check out the website or call (213) 243-1525.

#### **ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

#### **1736 FAMILY CRISIS CENTER**

2116 Arlington, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90018 (323) 737-3900 – Appointments; (213) 745-6434 – 24 Hour Hotline www.1736fcc.org

Provides assistance regarding domestic violence situations including temporary restraining orders.

#### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

1145 Wilshire Blvd. #100 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 250-8190 www.apadrc.org

The Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC) is a non-profit organization that provides mediation and conflict resolution services to diverse communities in the Los Angeles area, with a focus on the Asian Pacific Islander population. Mediation is handled in the areas of landlord-tenant, domestic-family, neighbor-neighbor, consumer/merchant, business, employment, community, small claims and organizational.

#### ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE

1145 Wilshire Boulevard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Legal Hotlines: Main - (213) 977-7500, Chinese - (800) 520-2356, Khmer - (800) 867-3126, Korean - (800) 867-3640, Vietnamese - (800) 267-7395 www.advancingjustice-la.org

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC) is the nation's largest legal organization serving the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities. APALC combines traditional legal services with civil rights advocacy and leadership development. APALC helps in the areas of direct legal services, impacting litigation, policy analysis and advocacy, and leadership development. Direct legal services include providing Asian language hotlines, assisting immigrant survivors of domestic violence and helping immigrants gain citizenship and legal status. Appointments required for assistance.

#### **BARRISTERS' DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING PROJECT**

Los Angeles Superior Court 111 North Hill Street Department 8 (Room 245) Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 896-6491 - Recorded message www.lacba.org Pasadena Court 300 East Walnut Street Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 356-5416

Volunteer attorneys, law students and staff provide free one-on-one legal assistance (\$20 processing donation, but waiver is possible) to obtain restraining orders for victims of domestic violence.

#### CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

360 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Ste. 2070 El Segundo, CA 90245 (323) 951-1041 www.cwlc.org

California Women's Law Center (CWLC) works in collaboration with others to protect, secure and advance the comprehensive civil rights of women and girls. CWLC programs are designed to empower individuals to use the law that governs their rights and to address the legal issues that perpetuate the growing poverty among women and children.

#### **CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE**

Mailing address: 1933 S. Broadway St. Los Angeles, CA 90007 (213) 351-5602 www.dcfs.co.la.ca.us/contactus/childabuse.html

To report child abuse in Los Angeles County, California, contact the Child Protection Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Toll-free within California, phone (800) 540-4000. If calling from outside of California, phone (213) 639-4500. TDD for hearing impaired is (800) 272-6699. Will provide referrals for legal aid.

CLINICA LEGAL 6334 Whittier Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90022 (323) 727-2828

Assistance with family law matters, criminal defense and immigration.

### LEGAL AID SERVICES

(323) 801-7989 www.legal-aid.com

Community Legal Services (CLS) serves many cities in the southeast section of Los Angeles County and provides free, civil legal services to low-income persons and seniors. They offer a wide variety of options to help solve legal problems depending on the nature and complexity of the problem. Services include a hotline intake system, self-help clinics, workshops, on-line court forms and in-depth legal services ranging from preparation of legal documents to legal representation. Areas of assistance include family law, domestic violence, consumer issues, housing, health, taxes, public benefits, work and criminal issues.

#### **ELDER ABUSE**

Los Angeles County Adult Protective Services (213) 351-5401 24-Hour Hotline: 1-877-477-3646 http://www.css.lacounty.gov/

Adult Protective Services is a 24-hour service program designed to investigate all reported atrisk situations without regard to income involving the elderly 65 or older and dependent adults (18-64 who are physically or mentally impaired). Types of referrals include physical, sexual or financial abuse, isolation, neglect or self-neglect. Referrals are received through the Elder Abuse Hotline or from other entities. Does not provide legal aid.

#### **INNER CITY LAW CENTER**

1309 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, CA 90021 (213) 891-2880 www.innercitylaw.org

Inner City Law Center serves the poorest and most vulnerable individuals and families in Los Angeles County. They provide a range of legal representation and social service advocacy focused on housing and homelessness and benefits assistance. Intakes are handled at the Weingart Access Center (501 E. Sixth St, Los Angeles, CA 90013).

#### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE/FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT

13949 Ventura Blvd., Suite 308 Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 Office - (818) 789-1293 24 Hour Crisis Line - (818) 505-0900 http://www.jfsla.org/page.aspx?pid=240

24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, individual counseling, support groups, prevention and education programs targeting teens, parenting education, community outreach and education, advocacy, court accompaniment, 40 hour domestic violence certification training for volunteers and professionals, speaker's bureau, and consultation.

#### LA GAY & LESBIAN CENTER (LAGLC)

Legal Services Department 1625 N. Schrader Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90028 (323) 933-7670 or <u>legalservices@lagaycenter.org</u> www.lagaycenter.org

Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Project - (323) 993-7649 or <u>dvlap@lagaycenter.org</u> Transgender Economic Empowerment Project - (323) 993-7410 or <u>teep@lagaycenter.org</u> Anti-Violence Project - 1-800-373-2227 (English), 1-877-963-4666 (Spanish) or <u>avp@lagaycenter.org</u>

Services: The Legal Clinic offers consultations given by volunteer attorneys who specialize in various areas of law. Additional services are offered by 3 other programs within the department: the Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Project provides legal advocacy to victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault and stalking within the LGBT community; the Anti-Violence Project provides advocacy to victims of hate violence; the Transgender Economic Empowerment Project provides career development services for transgender job seekers, name and/or gender change document preparation and Transgender 101 trainings for prospective employers. For those wishing to retain the services of a private attorney, a State-certified Lawyer Referral Service is offered. All services require an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled either over the phone or during intake hours when an intake volunteer is available. Intake hours are Monday-Thursday 11:00am-5:00pm and Fridays 11:00am-1:00pm.

Service Fees: The \$10 consultation fee is waived for West Hollywood community members and for those individuals who meet low-income guidelines or are receiving government benefits. The Lawyer Referral Service has a mandatory fee of \$25 which provides 3 private attorney referrals.

#### LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES

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#### LEVITT & QUINN FAMILY LAW CENTER

1557 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90026 (213) 482-1800 www.levitt-quinn.org

Provides affordable legal representation in family law matters to low-income residents of Los Angeles County to ensure stability for children and their families in the face of legal difficulties. Key legal services include the areas of adoption, child support, custody and visitation, domestic violence, grandparent visitation, guardianship, marital dissolution, paternity and spousal support.

#### LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

1241 S. Soto Street, Suite 102 Los Angeles, CA 90023 (323) 980-3500 www.laclj.org

Provides legal advice and representation in areas of family, housing and immigration law to low-income residents of east, southeast and northeast Los Angeles.

#### WORKING PEOPLE'S LAW CENTER

1475 Echo Park Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90026 (213) 250-5500

Legal assistance regarding family law and criminal law for low-income persons. LGBT, Immigration.

#### AIDS/HIV-RELATED LEGAL SERVICES

#### **BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES**

3250 Wilshire Blvd., 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90010 (323) 939-0506 www.bettzedek.org

Provides representation in landlord/tenant cases, government benefits, health including HIV/AIDS issues, board and care, nursing home, durable power of attorney for health care, Medicare, MediCal, in-home supportive services, conservatorships, guardianships, wills, consumer law, holocaust reparations, employment rights and bankruptcy. Services are free, but client must meet low-income guidelines. Several languages spoken.

**CENTER FOR CIVIC MEDIATION** (a service of the Los Angeles County Bar Association) For locations in LA County call 1-877-473-7658 or visit <u>www.lacba.org</u>)

Offers mediation to help people and businesses resolve disputes as an alternative solution to litigation with an emphasis on living together agreements, partnership dissolution, child support,

non-biological parent's rights, HIV/AIDS matters, neighbor/neighbor disputes, landlord/tenant disputes and employment disputes.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90013 (800) 884-1684 www.dfeh.ca.gov

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) is the largest state civil rights agency in the country. The DFEH maintains the authority to investigate complaints of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and hate violence.

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#### LOS ANGELES AIDS COORDINATOR'S OFFICE

201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 202-2750 http://lacityaids.org/contact.html

The City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office is committed to developing and supporting programs and policies that prevent transmission of HIV and improve quality of life for people living with HIV and AIDS in the City of Los Angeles. A booklet entitled "HIV & AIDS Discrimination Booklet" can also be found at <u>www.disability.lacity.org</u>

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#### CLEARPOINT CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES

6055 E. Washington Boulevard, Suite 390 Los Angeles, CA 90040 (800) 750-2227 http://www.clearpointcreditcounselingsolutions.org/

ClearPoint is a 501(c) (3) national non-profit organization that helps consumers obtain a clear understanding of their financial situation through counseling and education.

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#### **PUBLIC COUNSEL**

601 South Ardmore Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 385-2977 www.publiccounsel.org

Public Counsel is dedicated to advancing equal justice under the law by delivering free legal and social services to the most vulnerable members of the community, including abused and abandoned children, homeless families and veterans, senior citizens, victims of consumer fraud and nonprofit organizations serving low-income communities. They are the public interest law office of the Los Angeles County and Beverly Hills Bar Associations and the Southern California affiliate of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

#### **PUBLIC GUARDIAN**

Department of Mental Health 320 W. Temple Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-0515

The Director of County Mental Health/Public Guardian functions as the legal guardian or conservator of the person and estate of individuals whom the court has determined to be unable to provide their basic needs of food, clothing and/or shelter. Referrals to the Public Guardian's Office are accepted only from mental health professionals designated to evaluate for both the grave disability (inability to provide for one's basic personal needs for food, clothing or shelter) and the mental disorder. If you, as a relative, friend, or other concerned citizen believe another person needs a Conservator, the proper course to follow is for you to contact the appropriate source and request an evaluation for grave disability and referral to the Public Guardian as follows:

- If the patient is in an acute psychiatric hospital designated by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to accept and treat involuntary patients, contact the treating therapist at the hospital and request an evaluation for conservatorship.

- If the patient is living at home or residing in any other facility, contact the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's Regional Office that covers the area where the patient is located and request a conservatorship evaluation.

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#### THE CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

800 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1140
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 736-1145
http://www.lls.edu/academics/centersprograms/thecenterforconflictresolution/

The Loyola Law School Center for Conflict Resolution provides mediation, conciliation and facilitation services, and conflict resolution training to the communities throughout Los Angeles County (particularly those adjacent to the Law School), and to students, faculty and staff at Loyola. These services are provided in English and <u>Spanish</u>. The Center's services are confidential.

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#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

500 W. Temple St., Room B-96 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (800) 593-8222 www.dca.lacounty.gov

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is here to protect and serve LA County consumers while ensuring a competent and fair marketplace. DCA helps consumers learn how to protect themselves from unscrupulous and unqualified individuals. The Department also protects professionals from unfair competition by unlicensed practitioners. The DCA programs and

services include Consumer Protection Services, Real Estate Fraud & Information Program, Small Claims Court Advisor Program, Dispute Settlement Service, Adult Protective Services - Fraud Protection Program and Identity Theft Unit.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

(800) 433-6251 www.nls-la.org

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLS-LA) provides free legal services to low-income residents throughout Los Angeles County in areas including Consumer Protection, Education, Discrimination, Public Benefits, Housing, Domestic Violence/Family Law, Immigration, Employment and Community Development.

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#### DISCRIMINATION/CIVIL LIBERTIES

#### AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)

Hollywood Chapter - (213) 977-9500 http://www.aclusocal.org/

The ACLU was founded to defend and secure the rights granted by the Bill of Rights. The work of the ACLU is accomplished by lobbying, public education and litigation and can be categorized as follows:

- First Amendment (free speech, free association and assembly, freedom of the press, religious freedom)
- Equal Protection /Discrimination
- The right to be treated fairly (Due Process)
- Personal privacy and autonomy
- Groups and individuals that continue to struggle for civil liberties

#### **ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE**

Los Angeles County Office (310) 446-8000 www.la.adl.org/ The Los Angeles regional office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) focuses on combating anti-Semitism and bigotry of all kinds in the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Kern.

### **ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE** (See Page 4)

#### HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER

3255 Wilshire Blvd., # 1150 Los Angeles, CA 90010 (800) 477-5977 www.hrc-la.org

The Housing Rights Center (HRC) actively supports and promotes fair housing through education and advocacy to the end that all persons have the opportunity to secure the housing they desire and can afford, without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, ancestry, age, source of income or other characteristics protected by law. HRC investigates housing discrimination complaints brought under both State and Federal fair housing laws. HRC has established an effective and comprehensive outreach and education program. They present fair housing law workshops and programs to their target audiences to teach communities how to stop housing inequity. HRC provides telephone and in-person counseling to both tenants and landlords regarding their respective rights and responsibilities under California law and local city ordinances.

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#### LAMBDA LEGAL

4221 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 280 Los Angeles, CA 90010-3512 (213) 382-7600 www.lambdalegal.org

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

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#### MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND (MALDEF)

634 South Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90014 (213) 629-2512 www.maldef.org

MALDEF is the nation's leading non-profit Latino legal organization. Often described as the "law firm of the Latino community," MALDEF promotes equality and justice through litigation, advocacy, public policy, and community education in the areas of employment, immigrants' rights, voting rights, education, and language rights.

#### NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (NAACPLDF)

NAACPLDF - New York office @ (212) 965-2200 or visit <u>www.naacpldf.org</u> NAACP - Los Angeles office @ (310) 397-1171 or visit <u>www.naacp-losangeles.org</u>

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund is America's legal counsel on issues of race. Through advocacy and litigation, LDF focuses on issues of education, voter protection, economic justice and criminal justice. They encourage students to embark on careers in public interest fields through scholarship and internship programs. LDF pursues racial justice to move the United States toward a society that fulfills the promise of equality for all Americans.

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#### **DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER**

800 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 1120 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 736-1031 or toll free at (866) 999-3752 TTY - (213) 736-8310 www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org

Provides legal services to people with disabilities. Programs include mediation, lawyer referrals, civil rights litigation, education and outreach, and a cancer legal research center.

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# CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT

320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 450 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (213) 620-6330

The Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and the Office of the Labor Commissioner adjudicate wage claims, investigate discrimination and public works complaints, and enforce Labor Code statutes and Industrial Welfare Commission orders.

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#### FAMILY LAW

#### **ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

3333 Wilshire Blvd., Suite #550Los Angeles, CA 90010(213) 368-6010www.kids-alliance.org

The Alliance for Children's Rights helps protect the rights and future of abused and impoverished children throughout Los Angeles County through direct legal services, community education and advocacy.

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#### **COMFORT FOR COURT KIDS**

Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court 201 Center Plaza Drive, Suite 3 Monterey Park, CA 91754 (310) 918-2812

Comfort for Court Kids helps abused and neglected children cope with their experiences at Dependency Court.

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#### HARRIETT BUHAI CENTER FOR FAMILY LAW

3250 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 710Los Angeles, CA 90010(213) 388-7515www.hbcfl.org

The Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law is one of the largest providers of family law and domestic violence assistance to low-income persons in Los Angeles. The focus of the Center's efforts is on legal problems involving custody, visitation, support of children, domestic violence, and establishing parentage.

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#### LEGAL PROTECTION FOR WOMEN

5300 East Beverly Boulevard, Suite D Los Angeles, CA 90022 (323) 721-9882

Assistance with family law matters including adoption, domestic violence and name changes.

#### LEVITT & QUINN FAMILY LAW CENTER

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#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

5770 South Eastern Avenue Commerce, CA 90040-2924 (866) 901-3212 http://cssd.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/cssd

The mission of the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department is to improve the quality of life for children and families by providing timely, accurate and responsive child support services.

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#### **CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE RIGHTS**

520 S. Lafayette Park Place, Suite 214 Los Angeles, CA 90057 (213) 383-4519 or (800) 824-0780

The Center for Healthcare Rights provides individual and systemic advocacy for Medicare beneficiaries throughout Los Angeles County. They offer services to aid eligible clients

including information, counseling and legal assistance to better understand the extent of their healthcare coverage.

#### INNER CITY LAW CENTER

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#### DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA

350 S. Bixel St., Suite 290 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 213-8000 (800) 776-5746 Toll Free Hotline http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/

Disability Rights California works to bring about fairness and justice for people living with disabilities. To reach those goals, they may file lawsuits on behalf of individuals or groups, investigate charges of abuse and neglect, build peer/self advocacy groups, forge community partnerships, advocate for change in laws, regulations, and public policy, and provide information to those who may not know about their rights.

#### **DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER**

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#### **GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNCIL ON DEAFNESS (GLAD)**

2222 Laverna Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90041 (323) 478-8000 TTY- (323) 550-4226 VIDEOPHONE - (866) 932-8553 www.gladinc.org The mission of the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. (GLAD) is to ensure equal access for the deaf and hard of hearing community to the same opportunities afforded their hearing counterparts.

### LA GAY & LESBIAN CENTER (LAGLC)

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# **LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES** (See Page 1)

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN

510 S. Vermont, Suite 215 Los Angeles, CA 90020 213-738-2003 or 800-801-0030 http://ombudsman.lacounty.info/

The Office of Ombudsman is a division of Los Angeles County's Community and Senior Services that provides a professional, neutral and impartial forum for people who seek answers and solutions to problems and concerns involving the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Office of Public Safety, and other agencies as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

#### MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICE, INC.

3255 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 902 Los Angeles, CA 90010 (213) 389-2077 www.mhas-la.org

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS) is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation providing free legal services to people with mental disabilities primarily in Los Angeles County.

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#### WESTSIDE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

12901 Venice Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90066 (888) 851-9245 www.wcil.org

The Westside Center for Independent Living is a non-residential center dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with all kinds of disabilities.

#### HOUSING LAW

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**BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES** (See Page 7)

**THE CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL** (See Page 10)

#### **COALITION FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL (CES)**

514 Shatto Place, Suite #270 Los Angeles, CA 90020 (213) 252-4411 www.cesinaction.org

Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) is a multi-racial, multi-culture grass-roots communitybased organization that has been dedicated to organizing low-and moderate-income people to win economic and social justice throughout greater Los Angeles. CES holds a **Tenant's Right Legal Clinic in West Hollywood** at the Comprehensive Services Center in Plummer Park (7377 Santa Monica Blvd.) every Wednesday (7:00pm) and Saturday (10am). Issues addressed include evictions, rent control, getting repairs, maintenance and security deposits. Please arrive on time.

#### COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES

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# **NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (NAACPLDF)** (See Page 13)

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#### PUBLIC COUNSEL

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#### WEST HOLLYWOOD RENT STABILIZATION & HOUSING DEPARTMENT

8300 Santa Monica Boulevard West Hollywood, CA 90069 (323) 848-6450 www.weho.org

The West Hollywood Rent Stabilization & Housing Department answers questions about rent control, provides information about rent-controlled properties, advises how much rent can be collected for specific rent-controlled units, provides information about other advisory services in the community and holds hearings regarding individual rent decreases or increases.

#### **IMMIGRATION LAW**

ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE

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#### CARECEN (CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER)

2845 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 385-7800 www.carecen-la.org

The mission of CARECEN is to empower Central Americans by defending human and civil rights, working for social and economic justice and promoting cultural diversity. Legal services address areas including political asylum and immigration law.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION SERVICES

1531 James M. Wood Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90015 (213) 251-3400 www.catholiccharitiesla.org

Immigration Services provide support and advocacy to individuals and families, helping them to legalize their residency status and become naturalized citizens.

LA GAY & LESBIAN CENTER (LAGLC)

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**LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES** (See Page 1)

**MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND (MALDEF)** (See Page 12)

#### NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER

3435 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90010 (213) 639-3900 www.nilc.org

The National Immigration Law Center (NILC) is dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of low-income immigrants and their family members and is a leading expert on immigration, public benefits, and employment laws affecting immigrants and refugees.

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#### PERSONAL INJURY LAW

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#### **POLICE ABUSE**

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### **POLICE WATCH**

(213) 387-3325

Provides consultations and legal advice for victims of unlawful conduct by police in the Los Angeles area.

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