

LOCAL LEGAL RESOURCES

GENERAL SERVICES & REFERRALS:

**Dealing with a varied clientele
and/or a broad range of legal issues...**

Alameda County Bar Association

Lawyer Referral Service

510-893-7160 M-F 8:30-4 www.acbanet.org

Referrals to private attorneys in most areas of the law. Fee: \$25 for first half-hour. Ask about Modest Means Panel.

Alameda County Bar Association

Volunteer Legal Services Corporation

510-893-7160 Eligibility/Appointments M,W 9-noon

www.acbanet.org

Free legal advice to low-income clients in family law, immigration, and debt collection/bankruptcy. Also provides assistance to low-income landlords. Call to establish eligibility, to make appointment, and for details.

Alameda County Superior Court

Wiley W. Manuel Self Help Center

510-268-7221 www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/courts

Free legal advice concerning civil harassment, evictions, guardianships, and small claims litigation. Service available to all sides in small claims court. Drop-in clinics held weekly for evictions and small claims matters.

Bar Association of San Francisco

Lawyer Referral Service

415-989-1616 M-F 8:30-5:30 www.sfbar.org

Appointments arranged with San Francisco attorneys experienced in over 100 areas of law. Fee: \$25 for initial consultation. Free consultation in cases of injury.

Bay Area Legal Aid

405 14th St. 11th Floor Oakland 94612

510-250-5270 M,W,Th 10-2 www.baylegal.org

Free legal services in eviction defense, public benefits, SSI matters, and family law to qualifying low-income clients. Call to establish eligibility and make appointment.

East Bay Community Law Center

3130 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley 94705

510-548-4040 Call M-F 9-5 www.ebclc.org

Free legal services (by Boalt Hall students and supervising attorneys) to low-income Alameda County residents. Landlord/tenant, AIDS law, CalWORKS, unemployment, etc. Call to establish eligibility.

Law Center for Families

510 16th St. Suite 300 Oakland 94612

510-451-9261 Call M-F 9-5 www.lcff.org

Free and sliding scale legal services in family, housing (no eviction defense), and consumer law. Telephone and walk-in clinics; call first.

Bankruptcy Lawyers in the Library—Oakland Public Library

Main Branch 125 14th St. Oakland 94612

510-238-3134 [Lawyers available **1st Wednesday** 6-8pm]

Lawyers in the Library—Berkeley Public Library **Call first to verify lawyers' availability.**

North Branch 1170 The Alameda Berkeley 94707

510-981-6250 [Lawyers available **1st Thursday** 6-8pm]

South Branch 1901 Russell Berkeley 94703

510-981-6260 [Lawyers available **2nd Thursday** 6-8pm]

Claremont Branch 2940 Benvenue Berkeley 94705

510-981-6280 [Lawyers available **3rd Thursday** 6-8pm]

West Branch 1125 University Ave. Berkeley 94702

510-981-6270 [Lawyers available **4th Thursday** 6-8pm]

Free legal advice and referrals in areas such as employment, consumer, landlord/tenant rights, and domestic relations.

In-person sign-ups **only**, beginning at 5pm. Names pulled by lottery at 6pm.

Lawyers in the Library—Oakland Public Library

Call first for the hours and to verify lawyers' availability.

Main Library 125 14th St. Oakland 94612

510-238-3134 [Lawyers available **1st four Thursdays** 6-8pm]

Asian Branch 510-238-3400 [**4th Tuesday** 5:30-7:30pm]

Dimond Branch 510-482-7844 [**1st Tuesday** 6-8pm]

Rockridge Branch 510-597-5017 [**1st Tuesday** 6-8pm]

Temescal Branch 510-597-5049 [**1st Monday** 6-8pm]

Free legal advice and referrals in areas such as employment, consumer, landlord/tenant rights, and domestic relations.

LAW LIBRARIES

Bernard E. Witkin—Alameda County Law Library

125 12th St. Oakland 94607 www.acgov.org/law

510-208-4800 or 510-208-4832 (Reference Desk)

M-F 8:30-6

County legal library, open to all. All resources available for in-library use. Alameda County residents, 18 and over, may borrow circulating materials with deposit.

Boalt Hall Law Library [G.W. McEnerney Law Library]

UCB Campus Berkeley 94720

510-642-4044 www.law.berkeley.edu/library

M-Th 8-midnight; F 8-10; Sat 10-6; Sun 10-midnight.

Reduced hours during summer and intersessions.

Academic law library, open to the public for in-house legal research except during peak pre-exam times.

MEDIATION

Alameda County Bar Association

Alternative Dispute Resolution Placement Service

510-893-7160 Call M-F 8:30-5 www.acbanet.org

Mediation, arbitration, or neutral evaluation services.

California Community Dispute Services

3720 Barrett Ave. Richmond 94805

510-231-4190 Call M-Th 9-4 www.cacds.org

Mediation and arbitration for business and personal disputes.

East Bay Community Mediation

1968 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley 94702

510-548-2377 Call M-Th 9-5 F 9-2 www.ebcm.org

Mediation and conflict resolution services for Berkeley & Oakland.

SPECIFIC FOCUS: Serving a specific clientele, focusing on a specific legal area...

AIDS Legal Referral Panel

415-701-1200 M-F 9-5 www.alrp.org

Referrals to free and low-cost legal services for people with AIDS or HIV. Civil law (wills, power of attorney, etc.) only.

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (API)

1212 Broadway Suite 400 Oakland 94612

510-251-2846 M-F 9-5 www.apilegaloutreach.org

Legal services to low-income APIs in family law, domestic violence, naturalization, immigration, human trafficking, elder abuse, wills, and estates. Sliding scale. Multilingual staff.

Bay Area Workers Rights Clinic

415-864-8848 www.las-elc.org

Volunteer lawyers and law students provide counsel on job-related problems for low-income or unemployed workers.

California Indian Legal Services

510 16th St. 4th Floor Oakland 94612

510-835-0284 M-F 9-5 www.calindian.org

Legal representation to low-income Native Americans.

Generally does not handle criminal cases.

California Lawyers for the Arts

Fort Mason Building C Room 255 San Francisco 94123

415-775-7200 Call M-F 10-5 www.calawyersforthearts.org

Referrals to member attorneys specializing in legal issues relevant to artists. Referral fee: \$30 (\$20 for members) includes the first half-hour consultation. Copyright clinic; arts arbitration and mediation services; legal self-help workshops.

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc.

2212 6th St. Berkeley 94710

510-644-2555 (Phone/TTY) M-F 9-5 www.dredf.org

Technical assistance to persons with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities concerning disability civil rights law, job and housing discrimination, etc. Cost: free.

Earthjustice

426 17th St. 6th Floor Oakland 94612

510-550-6700 M-F 9-5 www.earthjustice.org

Free legal representation to groups and organizations working to enforce and strengthen environmental laws.

Family Violence Law Center

P.O. Box 22009 Oakland 94623

510-208-0255 M-F 9-5 www.fvlc.org

Helps survivors of domestic violence find realistic alternatives to their abusive environments; restraining orders, divorce referrals.

Cost: sliding scale.

Homeless Action Center

2500 MLK Jr. Way Suite 1 Berkeley 94704

510-540-0878 M,W,Th 9-noon, 1-5 Tu 1-5

Free legal and social service advice (focus is on SSI applications) to mentally disabled homeless and near-homeless residents of Alameda County. Call for appointment. Monthly legal clinics (at other locations!).

Housing Rights, Inc.

1966 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley 94702

510-548-8776 M-Th 10-2 Client intake hours

www.housingrights.org

Free counseling and assistance in housing discrimination cases.

Referrals to other housing-related agencies. Landlord/tenant counseling and housing mediation in some East Bay communities.

Law Center for Families

510 16th St. Suite 300 Oakland 94612

510-451-9261 M-F 9am-5pm

Legal services and clinics for family law, housing, and consumer law.

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights

131 Steuart St. San Francisco 94105

415-543-9444 M-F 9-5:30 www.lccr.com

Provides legal services for poor and people of color in areas of immigration and refugee rights, civil rights violations, etc. Call for eligibility information.

Legal Assistance for Seniors

464 7th St. Oakland 94607

510-832-3040 Call M-F 9-5

Free legal services, information, and referrals for Alameda County seniors (60+) focusing on Medi-Cal, Medicare, HMO, Social Security, etc. Also HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) for health insurance or Medicare problems. Call for details (510-839-0393).

Legal Services for Children

1254 Market St. 3rd Floor San Francisco 94102

415-863-3762 M-F 9-5 www.lsc-sf.org

Advice, referral, and advocacy for those under 18. Limited representation outside of San Francisco.

Mental Health Advocates

954 60th St. Suite 10 Oakland 94608

510-835-5532 Call M-F 9-5 www.mhaac.org

Free representation for mentally disabled adults at Social Security hearings and welfare-related fair hearings. Assistance obtaining Medi-Cal & food stamps.

National Center for Lesbian Rights

870 Market St. Suite 370 San Francisco 94102

415-392-6257 Call M-F 9-5 www.nclrights.org

Legal resource center, with primary commitment to the rights and safety of lesbians and their families, services those discriminated against because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Protection & Advocacy, Inc./ Protection & Advocacy for Individuals Rights Program [people with disabilities]

433 Hegenberger Suite 220 Oakland 94621 www.pai-ca.org

Phone: 510-430-8033 TTY: 800-776-5746 M-F 9-5

Free legal assistance to people with disabilities; focus on employment law, housing, health insurance, etc.

Berkeley Information Network (THE BIN) 510-981-6166

<http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org> TTY 510-548-1240

A free service of the Berkeley Public Library. Available by phone or on the Web.