**LEGAL RESOURCES**

*This is a list of organizations that may be able to provide you or a family member with legal help or legal information. The “General Legal” section is a good place to start since they may provide assistance with a variety of problems. Other organizations are listed based on their focus area. Please call or visit the organization’s website to find out more information about their services and costs.*

**General Legal**

Houston Volunteer Lawyers – Make Justice Happen

Representation in family and general civil matters including: divorce, custody, name change, probate, guardianship, consumer, homeownership, landlord/tenant, bankruptcy, IRS tax, estate planning.

[www.makejusticehappen.org](http://www.makejusticehappen.org) (713) 228-0732

Lone Star Legal Aid

Representation in domestic violence, child advocacy, homeowner protection, tenants’ rights and public housing, income maintenance and public beneﬁts, health care access, consumer fraud, disabilities rights, employment, education, civil rights, and disaster relief.

[www.lonestarlegal.org](http://www.lonestarlegal.org) (713) 652-0077

University of Houston Legal Aid Clinic

Civil family law, guardianship, custody, divorces, probate, immigration, transactional and consumer.

(713) 743-2094

South Texas College of Law

Family law, estate planning, probate, guardianship, child welfare, social security, asylum and human trafficking.

[www.stcl.edu/lawclinics/](http://www.stcl.edu/lawclinics/) (713)-646-2990

Texas Southern University School of Law Clinic

Immigration, Criminal Matters (Misdemeanors), Family Law (Simple Divorces/ No property and no children), Wills & Probate Matters, ADR/Mediation.

(713) 313-7275

Dispute Resolution Center

Mediation for disputes between neighbors, family members landlord/tenant, employer/employee, and consumer matters.

[www.harriscountytx.gov/drc/](http://www.harriscountytx.gov/drc/) (713) 755-8274

Houston Lawyer Referral Service

Free referrals; 30 min consultation with attorney for reduced fee ($20).

[www.hlrs.org/for-the-public/](http://www.hlrs.org/for-the-public/) (713) 237-9429

Houston Bar Association Legal Line

Free legal advice over the phone in English, Vietnamese and Spanish, see website for dates.

[www.hba.org/services/legalline/](http://www.hba.org/services/legalline/) (713) 759-1133

Texas Legal Services Center

Legal hotline for Texans over 60 or on Medicare. (800) 622-2520

Pension Rights Project. (800) 443-2528

Assistance for crime victims. (888) 343-4414

Assitance for caregivers or minors. (866) 979-4343

<http://www.tlsc.org>

TexasLawHelp.org

Provides free, reliable legal information to low-income Texans.

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

Beacon Law

Assists with access to safe and affordable housing, access to income and employment, economic justice, and consumer rights for homeless/low-income individuals.

[www.chomhouston.org](http://www.chomhouston.org) (713) 220-9780

**Family Law/Children/Minors**

Attorney General’s Office – Child Support Division

Child support, paternity establishment.

[www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/) (713) 974-4876

Domestic Relations Ofﬁce

Enforcement of child support, visitation and paternity establishment.

[www.dro.hctx.net](http://www.dro.hctx.net) (713) 755-6757

Fathers for Equal Rights

Custody, child support, paternity establishment, document preparation.

[www.fathers4kids.com](http://www.fathers4kids.com) (713) 226-8485

Houston Area Women’s Center (HAWC)

Support for victims or domestic or sexual violence including resources, counseling, patient advocates and children’s court services.

[www.hawc.org](http://www.hawc.org) (713) 528-2121

Jane’s Due Process, lnc.

Legal representation and information about rights for pregnant minors.

[www.janesdueprocess.org](http://www.janesdueprocess.org) (866) 999-5263

Justice for Children

Advocacy and legal services on behalf of abused or neglected children.

[www.justiceforchildren.org](http://www.justiceforchildren.org) (713) 225-4357

Texas Access

Custody issues, parental rights, paternity establishment, child support. Hotline provides legal advice over the phone in English and Spanish.

[www.txaccess.org](http://www.txaccess.org) (866) 292-4636

**Veterans**

State Bar of Texas

Legal referrals and advice to active duty armed forces, and legal resources for veterans, including free lawyer referral service.

[www.texasbar.com/lamp](http://www.texasbar.com/lamp)

[www.texasbar.com/veterans](http://www.texasbar.com/veterans) (800) 204-2222

Houston Bar Association Veterans Legal Initiative

Legal advice and representation for veterans and spouses of deceased veterans. Legal clinics in the community and weekly at Houston VA Hospital.

[www.hba.org/services/veterans-legal-initiative/](http://www.hba.org/services/veterans-legal-initiative/) (713) 333-8387

Texas Veterans Commission

Disability claims representation, and counseling assistance, employment services and education beneﬁts.

[www.tvc.state.tx.us](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us) (800) 252-8387

Veterans Legal Assistance Project

Civil legal matters, family law, employment, housing, consumer protection, bankruptcy, VA benefits.

[www.tlsc.org](http://www.tlsc.org) (800) 622-2520

Disabled American Veterans

Beneﬁts assistance, representation of veteran interests, and more.

[www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) (713) 383-2715

Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

Pro bono representation before court of Veterans Appeals in DC.

[www.vetsprobono.net](http://www.vetsprobono.net) (888) 838-7727

HEROS: for Children in Military Families

Assistance with paternity establishment, child support, custody/visitation.

[www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/family-initiatives#heros](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/family-initiatives#heros) (512) 460-6400

**Civil Rights/Employment/Wages**

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Job applicant or employee discrimination issues.

[www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov) (800) 669-4000

Texas Workforce Commission – Civil Rights Division

Employee rights, unemployment benefits, housing discrimination. [www.twc.state.tx.us](http://www.twc.state.tx.us) (888) 452-4778

Texas Department of Insurance

Workers compensation and claim information.

[www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov) (800) 578-4677

American Civil Liberties Union

Advocating for civil rights of individuals, legal assistance.

[www.aclutx.org](http://www.aclutx.org) (888) 653-6498

Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF)

Education, employment, voting, and immigration rights for Latinos.

[www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org) (210) 224-5476

Texas Civil Rights Project

Civil rights violations, employment/wages, VAWA & DACA assistance.

[www.texascivilrightsproject.org](http://www.texascivilrightsproject.org) (832) 767-3650

**Law Enforcement/Criminal Matters**

Harris County District Attorney's Ofﬁce

Crime prevention and victim assistance.

<http://app.dao.hctx.net> (713) 755-7114

Harris Co. Sheriff's Office

Report a crime, missing person or inmate care concerns.

<http://www.harriscountyso.org/> (713) 221-6000

Texas Innocence Network

Represents inmates who have persuasive claims of actual innocence.

<http://texasinnocencenetwork.com/> (713) 743-7552

TSU Criminal Law Clinic (713) 313-7275

**Health Law**

Legal Line *-* Health Law Project

Legal assistance with health care issues including Medicare/Medicaid, FMLA, denial of treatment, end of life directives.

[www.tlsc.org](http://www.tlsc.org) (866) 979-4343

**Professional Grievances**

Attorney Grievance Information

Confidential dispute resolution for Texas lawyers and their clients.

[www.texasbar.com/caap](http://www.texasbar.com/caap) (800) 932-1900

**Elder Law**

Texas Department of Family & Protective Services

Hotline to report abuse, neglect or exploitation.

[www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us) (800) 252-5400

South Central Pension Rights Project

Assists with public and private pension beneﬁt claims. [www.southcentralpension.org](http://www.southcentralpension.org) (800) 443-2528

Texas Advocates for Nursing Home Residents

Education, 30 day notices, disaster relief.

[www.tanhr.net](http://www.tanhr.net) (888) 826-4748

Texas Department on Aging and Disability Services

[www.dads.state.tx.us](http://www.dads.state.tx.us) (800) 252-9240

Advocate Legal Senior Center

Legal representation and assistance with obtaining guardianship.

[www.senioradvocatetx.org](http://www.senioradvocatetx.org) (832) 393-4073

**IRS Issues**

HVLP Low-income Taxpayer Clinic

Tax controversies, innocent spouse.

[www.makejusticehappen.org](http://www.makejusticehappen.org) (713) 225-1TAX

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Free tax return preparation.

[irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/](http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/) (800) 906-9887

Taxpayer Advocate Service - Houston

Assistance with IRS problems and understanding your rights.

[www.irs.gov/advocate](http://www.irs.gov/advocate) (713) 209-3660

**Consumer issues**

Better Business Bureau Greater Houston

[www.bbb.org/houston](http://www.bbb.org/houston) (713) 868-9500

Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline

Consumer complaints against an individual or business.

[www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/consumer-protection](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/consumer-protection) (800) 621-0508

Consumer Fraud Harris County DA

File a Consumer Fraud complaint/report. (713) 755-5836

Legal Line - VICARS for Crime Victims

Assistance for victims of identity theft.

[www.idvictim.org](http://www.idvictim.org) (888) 343-4414

The People’s Lawyer

Information regarding consumer, tenants' rights, small claims. [www.peopleslawyer.net](http://www.peopleslawyer.net); <http://www.texasccc.com> (877) 839-8422

**Landlord/Tenant/Homeownership**

Tenants’ Council of Houston

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

Houston Area Urban League

Foreclosure intervention program.

[www.haul.org](http://www.haul.org) (713) 393-8751

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Consumer information, complaints hotline.

[www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us) (888) 782-8477

**LGBT issues**

Lambda Legal Help Desk

Information and resources regarding discrimination related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and HIV status.

<http://www.lambdalegal.org/help> (866) 542-8336