LEGAL RESOURCES IN GEORGIA 2025

Statewide – General

Georgia Free Legal Answers

• Georgia Free Legal Answers uses volunteer attorneys to answer legal questions. Visit <u>georgia.freelegalanswers.org</u> to learn more.

GeorgiaLegalAid.org

• GeorgiaLegalAid.org is a legal education website that is maintained by Atlanta Legal Aid and Georgia Legal Services Program. You can find articles on many different legal topics. You can also use the "Find a Self-Help Center" tool to see if your local court system offers additional legal assistance. Visit <u>georgialegalaid.org</u> to learn more.

Georgia Legal Services Program

 Georgia Legal Services Program provides legal assistance to low-income persons outside of the Atlanta-area counties. You can call the statewide intake line at 833-457-7529, or you can visit the Georgia Legal Services Program "Get Help" page of the website to get the phone number for the office nearest you. Visit <u>glsp.org/need-help</u> to learn more.

Georgia Senior Legal Aid

• The Senior Legal Hotline is now called Georgia Senior Legal Aid. Georgia Senior Legal Aid provides legal advice, brief services, and referrals to persons over the age of 60. Call 404-389-9992 to reach Senior Legal Aid.

Metropolitan-Atlanta Area – General

Atlanta Legal Aid Society

• Atlanta Legal Aid Society assists low-income people who live in the Atlanta-area counties. To reach the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, call the number below for your county or visit <u>atlantalegalaid.org/get-help</u>.

Clayton and South Fulton: 404-669-0233 Cobb: 770-528-2565 DeKalb: 404-377-0701 Fulton/Main Office: 404-524-5811 Gwinnett: 678-376-4545 Georgia Senior Legal Aid (for persons 60 or older): 404-389-9992 Spanish line: 404-377-5381

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

 The Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation provides free legal assistance in several areas of law. You can see what kind of cases the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation helps with by calling 404-521-0790 or visiting <u>avlf.org/programs</u>. You can also visit <u>avlf.org/get-help</u> for more information about receiving assistance

DeKalb Pro Bono

• DeKalb Pro Bono helps people with low income who live in DeKalb County. To get help, you can call 404-373-0865 or visit the DeKalb Pro Bono program website at <u>dekalbprobono.org/getlegalhelp</u>.

County-Based Resources

Many counties' court systems have free information or clinics for people who are handling their own legal issues without an attorney. To see if your county has a program, visit your county's website or do a search using the <u>georgialegalaid.org</u> "Find a Self-Help Center" tool.

Criminal Law – Defense and Victim Assistance

The Georgia Victim Legal Assistance Network

• Several organizations work together in the Georgia Victim Legal Assistance Network. The network provides legal assistance to people who have been victims of crimes. The network's website explains how to request help and also has a legal help directory. You can search by legal issue to see if there are other programs that might help you. Visit <u>georgiavictimnetwork.org</u> to learn more.

Criminal Defense

Public Defender

• If you have been accused of a crime but cannot afford an attorney, the government will provide a public defender for you. You can find out the public defender office for your county by using the directory on the Georgia Public Defender Council's website, gapubdef.org/find-your-public-defender.

Georgia Innocence Project

 The Georgia Innocence Project helps innocent people wrongfully convicted of crimes get out of jail. The Georgia Innocence Project's website has a list of additional resources for people involved with the criminal justice system <u>here</u>. To get help, visit <u>georgiainnocenceproject.org/cases/apply-for-help</u> or call 404-373-4433.

Georgia Justice Project

• The Georgia Justice Project offers social services and legal assistance to people who have pending charges, who are in jail, or who have gotten out of jail. To get help, go to the Georgia Justice Project's website "Get Help" page at <u>gip.org/get-help</u> and find the issue you are having. Then use the email or phone number provided for your issue.

People with Disabilities

The Georgia Advocacy Office

• The Georgia Advocacy Office provides free legal assistance to people with disabilities. To get help, call 404.885.1234 or email <u>info@thegao.org</u>. To read about the services the Georgia Advocacy Office provides, visit <u>thegao.org/what-we-do</u>.

Immigration Assistance

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta

 Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta provides immigration legal services to immigrant communities in Georgia. Services are available in many languages. Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta also offers legal workshops and community education programs. To learn more, call the immigration legal hotline at 404-890-5655 or visit <u>advancingjustice-</u> <u>atlanta.org/legal-services</u>.

Catholic Charities

• Catholic Charities offers free and reduced-cost immigration legal services. To get assistance, call 678-222-3920 and leave a voicemail. You will receive a return call. You can also visit <u>catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/services/immigration-legal-services</u>.

Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network

 The Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network assists people seeking asylum with legal representation in asylum cases. For information about how to get assistance, email <u>help@georgiaasylum.org</u> or call 678-335-6040, extension 110. You must leave a voicemail.

The Latin American Association

 The Latin American Association offers reduced-cost immigration services for people with low incomes. Services are available in English, Portuguese, and Spanish. To learn more about services, visit <u>thelaa.org/what-we-</u><u>do/Immigration</u>. To get help, call 404-471-1889 or email immigrationservices@thelaa.org.

National Immigration Legal Services Directory

• The National Immigration Legal Services Directory lists immigration-focused legal resources by state. There are many more resources listed in the directory than in this document. To see resources in Georgia, visit <u>immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=GA</u>.

Southern Poverty Law Center

• The Southern Poverty Law Center's Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative provides representation of immigrants who are detained in immigrant detention centers in Georgia. To seek assistance, visit <u>splcenter.org/our-issues/immigrant-justice/southeast-immigrant-freedom-initiative/english/seeking-legal-assistance</u> or call 229-838-6500.

Veterans' Assistance

Atlanta Legal Aid Veterans' Law Project

• The Atlanta Legal Aid Veterans' Law Project handles civil legal matters including eviction defense, VA benefits, public benefits and health insurance, access to appropriate support services, disability rights, poor housing conditions, end of life planning, family law, and consumer law. To get help, call 404-614-3915.

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Homeless Veterans Legal Clinic

• Law school students are supervised by attorneys in this program. The clinic offers criminal defense representation for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. To get the application and full details about the program, visit johnmarshall.edu/ajmls-students/career-services-professional-

<u>development/externships/information-for-students/clinical-studies-intensive-</u> <u>externships/homeless-veterans-legal-clinic</u>. You can also call 678-916-2645 or email <u>vetclinic@johnmarshall.edu</u>.

Georgia Department of Veteran's Services

• The Georgia Department of Veteran's Services offers assistance with seeking and maintaining state and federal veterans' benefits. This includes assisting with appeals. To get help, visit <u>veterans.georgia.gov/services</u> and find the service you need. There is a different phone number for each service.

The University of Georgia School of Law Veterans' Legal Clinic

• The University of Georgia School of Law Veterans' Legal Clinic provides free assistance and can assist with claims that have already been denied or deferred by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. To contact the clinic, call 706-542-6439, email <u>veteranslegalclinic@uga.edu</u>, or visit the clinic's website at <u>law.uga.edu/veterans-legal-clinic.</u>

Veterans' Consortium Pro Bono Program

 The Veterans' Consortium Pro Bono Program is based in Washington, D.C. but serves veterans nationwide. The program offers assistance in various legal issues. To request assistance, visit the "Contact Us" page at <u>vetsprobono.org/contact</u> and find the service you need. A telephone number and email address are listed for each type of service.

Law School Clinics

Many law schools have clinics, which are programs where a law school student can help with legal issues under the supervision of a licensed attorney. Each law school in Georgia has several clinics. To see if there is a clinic that might help, you visit the law school's webpage and search for a clinic that handles the legal issue you have.

- Emory University School of Law <u>law.emory.edu/academics/clinics/index.html</u>
- Georgia State University College of Law <u>law.gsu.edu/student-</u> <u>experience/experiential-learning/clinics</u>
- Mercer University School of Law <u>mercerlaw.university-tour.com/practice-</u> <u>makes-purpose/clinics#</u>
- University of Georgia School of Law <u>law.uga.edu/clinics-and-externships</u>

Referral Services

Referral services do not provide legal assistance. Referral services help you find legal assistance.

Atlanta Bar Lawyer Referral Service

- The Atlanta Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service match you with any attorney who handles the legal problem you are having. The attorney that the referral service recommends to you will charge for their services. Call 404-521-0777 or visit <u>atlantabar.org/?pg=lrishome</u> for more information.
- If you are low-income but make too much money to qualify for a legal aid program, you can ask to apply for the Modest Means Program. In this program, the referral service connects you to an attorney who has agreed to charge a set amount of money that you will know ahead of time. This service is for people who live in the metropolitan-Atlanta area and is only available for certain types of legal cases.

Raksha

- Raksha is a non-profit organization in Georgia that strengthens the South Asian community of Georgia through legal advocacy, confidential support services, education, and advocacy. Raksha primarily serves the South Asian community, but anyone who faces similar barriers to justice, due to things like having a disability or their country of origin, race, religion, caste, socioeconomic status, gender identity, age, immigration status, or sexual orientation, can seek assistance from Raksha.
- Raksha assists people with finding affordable legal counsel or accessing community-based legal programs.
- To get help, visit <u>raksha.org/contact-raksha</u>, call 404-876-0670 or 866-725-7423, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or email <u>raksha@raksha.org</u>.