

Make Justice Happen

Houston Volunteer Lawyers is the pro bono legal aid arm of the Houston Bar Association



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How to Get Help

Need help?

* **Call our Intake Line at (713) 228-0732 or view Upcoming Events on the homepage** to learn the dates and times of our upcoming legal clinics, where you can meet with a licensed Texas attorney about your legal problem and apply for longer term service.

- If your application is accepted, we will attempt to refer your case to a volunteer attorney. **We cannot guarantee that we will be able to find a volunteer willing to take your case.** If, after 3 months on our waiting list, no attorney volunteers to take your case, we will close your file and notify you.

- We do not accept applications or provide legal advice over the phone. Free legal advice is available by phone through the Houston Bar Association's LegalLine program at (713) 759-1133. LegalLine is open on the first and third Wednesday of every month between 5 pm and 9 pm, and is available for Spanish speakers on the first Thursday of every month, between 6 pm and 8 pm.

* **Accommodations.** If you do not speak English, a translator is available in person or via telephone service. If you need other accommodations, call our office at (713) 228-0735 or email info@hvlp.org.

* **We provide the following legal advice clinics on an ongoing basis:**

- **Saturday Clinic:** walk-in clinic held twice monthly on Saturdays at various locations for the first 75 people in line. Clinics begin at 9:00 am. Applicants are encouraged to come early (at or before 8:00 am) to secure a place in line. We do not hold Saturday clinics in December.

- **Veterans Clinic:** walk-in clinic every Friday from 1 - 5 pm at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, for U.S. Veterans and spouses of deceased Veterans

- **Hurricane Harvey Clinics:** [click here](#) or call 713-228-0733 for a schedule of legal advice clinics for people who were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

- **Low Income Taxpayer Clinic:** by appointment, for assistance with IRS issues. Call (713)

255-1TAX.

- **Courthouse Information Booth:** for help representing yourself in court, go to the 17th floor of the Civil Courthouse (located at 201 Caroline Street, downtown), weekdays from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm on a first come, first serve basis. You can now also visit our Harris County Law Library location for self help: 1019 Congress basement, open weekdays from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 5pm on a first come, first serve basis. At these locations, legal information only is provided, specific case advice is not.

- **Self Help Divorce Clinics:** held quarterly by appointment. To schedule, please fill out our Screening Form to ensure your situation meets the forms we have available. If so, you'll be asked to leave a phone number and we will call you back to make the appointment.

*** To be eligible for free legal services, you must:**

- (1) reside in Harris County,
- (2) have household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and
- (3) have limited assets.

*** Exceptions:**

- * United States Veterans and spouses of deceased Veterans who reside in Bell, Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Grimes, Fort Bend, Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, McLennan, Montgomery, Orange, San Jacinto, Travis, Walker, or Waller counties *and* have a household income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- * Persons with HIV or AIDS who reside in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, or Waller counties *and* have household income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- * Persons with IRS disputes who have household income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

NOTE: We do not accept criminal, traffic, or fee-generating cases.

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