# MARYLAND LAWYERS CARE

#### OTHER RESOURCES:

MD Judiciary: General judiciary website. www.mdcourts.gov

Peoples Law Library: Self-help website targeted to low and moderate income individuals.

www.peoples-law.org

**Maryland Community Services Locator:** 

Self-help website to locate approximately 9,000 health, social service and legal resource programs in Maryland.

www.mdcsl.org

The Bar Association of Baltimore City has an ongoing commitment to ensuring access to low or no-cost legal help to city residents.

This directory provides information to connect residents of Baltimore City with agencies and organizations offering free or reduced cost help in a wide variety of legal matters. Most organizations have income and case-type requirements that must be met in order to qualify for services.

Due to limitations in volunteers and resources. agencies cannot guarantee legal services will be available for all qualified applicants. If a legal services program is unable to provide you with help. they will often try to provide suggestions about other resources in your community.

If you have additional questions, or if your particu lar legal need was not addressed in this pamphlet, please contact the

# **Baltimore City**

**Lawyer Referral and Information Service** at 410-539-3112 (M-F, 9:00-4:00 p.m.) www.baltimorebar.org/lris

#### **CIVIL RIGHTS**

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) ◆ Public Justice

#### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS / NON-PROFITS**

Community Law Center ◆ Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS)

CONSUMER ISSUES / BANKRUPTCY

Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection Civil

Justice. Inc. ♦ Legal Aid Bureau. Inc. ♦ MVLS

#### CRIMINAL DEFENSE

JustAdvice® ♦ Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) ♦ Office of the Public Defender ♦ Civil Justice, Inc. **CRIMINAL RECORDS EXPUNGEMENT** 

Homeless Persons Representation Project ◆ MVLS

#### DISABLED PERSONS

Maryland Disability Law Center

#### **EDUCATION / SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ◆ Maryland Disability Law Center ◆ MVLS ◆ Public Justice Center

#### **ELDERLY / SENIORS**

Bar Association of Baltimore City Senior Legal Services ◆ LRIS's Sixty Plus Legal Program ◆ Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ◆ Maryland Senior Legal Helpline ◆ MVLS

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Employment Law Hotline ◆ Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ◆ MVLS ◆ Public Justice Center

#### **FAMILY LAW**

AYUDA ♦ Alternative Directions, Inc. ♦ Child Support Enforcement Administration ◆ Family Law Hotline ◆ Family Law Self-Help Center ♦ House of Ruth Maryland Marjorie Cook Domestic Violence Legal Clinic ◆ Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ♦ Legal Forms Helpline ♦ MVLS ♦ Protection Order Advocacy and Representation Project (POARP)

#### **GENERAL CIVIL ISSUES**

Civil Justice, Inc. ◆ Free State Legal Project ◆ Jewish Legal Services Clinic ◆ JustAdvice® ◆ LRIS's Access to Justice Program and Sixty Plus Legal Program ♦ Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ♦ MVLS

## **HOMELESS PERSONS**

Homeless Persons Representation Project ◆ Public Justice

## HOUSING / FORECLOSURE / LANDLORD-TENANT

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. ◆ Foreclosure Legal Assistance Project ♦ Foreclosure Solutions Workshops ♦ Homeless Persons Representation Project ♦ Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ♦ MVLS ♦ Public Justice Center ♦ St. Ambrose Foreclosure Prevention Division

#### **IMMIGRATION**

AYUDA ♦ Catholic Charities of Baltimore Immigration Legal Services ◆ Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI) ◆ Tahirih Justice Center

#### **MEDIATION / SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES**

District Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program **PUBLIC BENEFITS** 

# Homeless Persons Representation Project ♦ Legal Aid

Bureau. Inc. ♦ MVLS VICTIMS OF CRIME (including DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

AYUDA ♦ House of Ruth Maryland Marjorie Cook Domestic Violence Legal Clinic ♦ Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ♦ Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center ◆ MEDOVI ◆ POARP ◆ Sexual Assault Legal Institute 

Tahirih Justice Center

# **BALTIMORE** CITY LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

Pro Bono (Free) AND REDUCED FEE LEGAL SERVICES



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# LOCAL AND STATEWIDE LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS SERVING BALTIMORE CITY

**2-1-1 Maryland**—Community/health & human service resources. Call 211, 410-685-0525, or 800-492-0618

**Alternative Directions, Inc.**—Legal assistance to incarcerated persons. 410-889-5072 ◆ www.alternativedirectionsinc.org

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)—Constitutional Rights 410-889-8555 ◆ www.aclu-md.org

Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection—Services for consumers to resolve complaints against

businesses. 410-528-8662 ◆ <u>www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer</u> **AYUDA**—Legal services to foreign-born clients, focusing on immigration & domestic violence/family law issues.

202-387-4848 ♦ www.ayuda.com

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc.—

Rights/responsibilities in landlord/tenant disputes. 800-487-6007 ♦ www.bni-maryland.org

Bar Association of Baltimore City Senior Legal Services <sup>1</sup>—Pro bono civil legal services for Baltimore City seniors aged 60 & over. 410-396-1322

Battered Spouse Program—Domestic violence/abuse help services, 410-366-1980, 800-899-4601, 410-578-0244

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington:
Archdiocesan Legal Network—Legal services pertaining to consumer debt/bankruptcy, employment, family law, land-lord/tenant/housing, public benefits (social security, disability), & wills. 202-350-4305 • www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/ALN

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington: Immigration Legal Services—Immigration legal services to foreign-born individuals & their families 202-772-4352 ◆ www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/ILS

Catholic Charities of Baltimore Immigration Legal Services (Esperanza Center)—Low-cost legal counseling/representation in immigration matters. 410-534-8015 Centro de la Comunidad, Inc.—Information/referral services on issues such as citizenship, crises/eviction, domestic violence, etc. 410-675-8906 ◆ www.centrodlc.org

**CHANA**—Assists individuals in the Jewish community who are victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, & survivors of childhood trauma by providing support, counseling, & legal assistance. 410-234-0030 ◆ www.chanabaltimore.org

Child Support Enforcement Administration—Assists in securing child support from absent parents. 410-347-5943 ◆ http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page\_id=946

Civil Justice, Inc.—Matches individuals with attorneys for a reduced rate. 410-706-0174 ♦ www.civiljusticenetwork.org
Community Law Center, Inc.—Civil legal services to

community & nonprofit organizations throughout MD.

410-366-0922 ♦ http://communitylaw.org

District Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (ADR)—Offers mediation free of charge in many civil cases before or on the trial date. 410-260-1676 ◆ www.mdcourts.gov/district/adr/home.html

Employment Law Hotline <sup>2</sup>—Attorneys answer questions about employment law & legal rights in the workplace. 877-422-9500 Tu 9:30AM-1PM; first Th of the month 5PM-7PM Eviction Prevention Program—Case management services

to Baltimore city residents who are experiencing a court ordered eviction. 410-878-8650

Family Law Hotline <sup>2</sup>—Information/referrals on family law issues. 800-845-8550 M-F 9:30AM-4:30PM

**Family Law Self-Help Center**—Assists individuals represent themselves in family law matters. Walk-in only M-F 9AM-3PM Circuit Court for Baltimore City, 111 N. Calvert St, Room 114

Foreclosure Legal Assistance Project <sup>3</sup>—Provides legal advice and counsel to homeowners at risk of foreclosure. 888-213-3320 Foreclosure Solutions Workshops <sup>4</sup>—Free brief one-on-one legal advice to homeowners at risk of foreclosure at walk-in clinics provided through PBRC. 800-396-1274 ◆

www.probonomd.org/foreclosure-workshops

Free State Legal Project—Legal services to low-income members of the LGBT community. 410-625-5428 ◆ <a href="https://www.freestatelegal.org">www.freestatelegal.org</a>

Georgetown Law Center for Applied Legal Studies: Asylum Clinic—Georgetown law students represent asylum applicants in immigration court. 202-662-9565

Glen Burnie Self-Help Center—General Civil Legal Assistance. Walk-in M-F 8:30AM-4:30PM; Phone: M-F 8:30AM-12PM & 2PM-4:30PM. Online Chat: M-F 8:30AM-12PM & 2PM-4:30PM. 410-260-1392 ◆

http://www.courts.state.md.us/legalhelp/districtctselfhelpctr.html

Homeless Persons Representation Project—Services
for homeless/at risk of homelessness, including veterans' benefits.
410-685-6589 or 800-773-4340 ◆ www.hprplaw.org

House of Ruth Domestic Violence Legal Clinic— Services to victims of domestic violence. 410-554-8463 M-F 8:30AM-4:30PM ◆ www.hruth.org/legal 410-889-RUTH (7884) (24 Hours) Jewish Legal Services Clinic—Free legal information &

Jewish Legal Services Clinic—Free legal information & advice on civil legal issues for individuals with limited income at walkin clinic 2nd Monday of each month. 410-466-9200

**JustAdvice**® <sup>5</sup>—For a \$10 fee, attorneys provide brief 30-minute legal consultations on a wide variety of civil matters. 410-929-4809 ◆ www.justadvice.wordpress.com

Kids In Need of Defense—Volunteer attorneys represent unaccompanied children in the U.S. immigration system. 202-824-8680 ♦ www.supportkind.org

**Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.**—Civil legal services to low-income individuals on a wide range of civil matters. 410-951-7777 or 800-999-8904 ◆ www.mdlab.org

**Legal Forms Helpline** <sup>2</sup>—Assists individuals filing a family law case without an attorney complete the required domestic relations forms. 800-818-9888 T,W,F 9AM-12:30PM; TH 9AM-4PM 877-293-2507 (Spanish) (leave a message; attorney will call back)

**MD Crime Victims' Resource Center**—Provides information, brief advice, general support & referrals to pro bono

attorneys for eligible crime victims.

410-234-9885 or 877-842-8461 ◆ www.mdcrimevictims.org

**MD Disability Law Center**—Information, referral & advocacy services to individuals with disabilities & their families.

410-727-6352 ♦ www.mdlclaw.org

MD Senior Legal Helpline <sup>3</sup>—Free legal advice over the telephone regarding a variety of civil matters to individuals 60 years of age & older. 410-951-7750 or 800-896-4213 ◆ www.mdlab.org

MD Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS)—Free legal representation to Marylanders with limited income in civil legal matters. \$25 non-refundable application fee. Matches eligible clients with skilled volunteer lawyer. Apply online, all clients except for those with family law cases, can use online intake. Online intake can be found at <a href="https://www.mvlslaw.org/apply">www.mvlslaw.org/apply</a>. Or, call M-Th 9AM-12PM 410-547-6537 or 800-510-0050

www.mvlslaw.org

Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI)<sup>2</sup>

—Represents foreign-born victims of domestic violence in immigration matters. 410-396-3294 M-F 8:30AM-4:30PM

National Veteran's Legal Services Program— 202-265-8305 ♦ www.nvlsp.org

Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement— Enforces Baltimore City anti-discrimination laws. 410-396-3141 Office of the Public Defender—Provides free representation in criminal cases to those who meet income eligibility guidelines. 410-333-4900 or 877-430-5187 ◆ www.opd.state.md.us

Protection Order Advocacy and Representation Project (POARP) <sup>2</sup>—Represents victims of domestic violence in Protective Order hearings in Balto. City, Balto. Co., & Carroll Co. 410-783-0377 M-F 8:30-4:30PM

**Public Justice Center**—Provides legal representation to tenants at risk of eviction, low-wage workers, & students with problems enrolling in public school or obtaining necessary services due to homelessness. 410-625-9409 or 877-625-9409 ◆ www.publicjustice.org

**Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI)**— Provides legal services to survivors of sexual assault, including child sexual abuse. Legal assistance is provided in civil & criminal cases.

301-565-2277 or 877-496-SALI (7254) ♦ www.mcasa.org
Sixty Plus Legal Program—Limited legal services for individuals 60 years of age & older. 410-539-3112 M-F 9-4PM ♦
www.baltimorebar.org/lris

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center—Provides legal advice/representation to help homeowners avoid foreclosure.
410-366-8550 ◆ www.stambros.org

**Tahirih Justice Center**—Provides legal grant victims of gender-based violence. 571-282-6161 ◆ www.tahirih.org



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- <sup>2</sup> operated by the Women's Law Center
- <sup>3</sup> operated by the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.
- 4 coordinated by the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland as part of the Foreclosure Prevention Project
- <sup>5</sup> operated by the Univ. of Maryland Carey School of Law and MVLS