

LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO

Established in 1912 and serving more than 20,000 individuals annually, the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo is the largest and oldest provider of indigent legal services in Western New York. Our agency provides legal help in both civil and criminal law.

We provide a range of holistic services to help domestic violence victims, abused and neglected children, children facing challenges in obtaining equal access to education, tenants, veterans, formerly incarcerated individuals, victims of workplace abuse, immigrants and refugees, persons with disabilities, homeowners facing foreclosures, and other vulnerable Western New Yorkers.

Our staff, volunteers, funders, and donors have been making a difference for over 100 years.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide access to justice and due process to the most vulnerable individuals, children, and families through quality legal representation and assistance.

HOW TO HELP

Help us empower individuals, children and families by making a secure, tax-deductible online donation at legalaidthbuffalo.org/donate.

Our services are made possible by:

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NYS AG Home Owner Protection Plan
Erie County
NYS Judiciary Civil Legal Services Fund
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Service is available
Monday to Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Equal Access to Justice for
Everyone We Serve

Proud to Serve Western
New York Since 1912



NEED LEGAL HELP BUT
CAN'T AFFORD IT?

LEGAL AID BUREAU
OF BUFFALO
CAN HELP

We provide legal help to financially eligible, low-income Western New Yorkers in the following areas:

HOUSING
FORECLOSURE
FAMILY JUSTICE
EDUCATION LAW
UNEMPLOYMENT
BANKRUPTCY
CONSUMER LAW
REENTRY SERVICES
VETERANS SERVICES
IMMIGRATION LAW



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We fight everyday for equal access to justice for everyone we serve, including single parents seeking child support; victims of domestic violence; parents seeking custody of children to protect them from abuse; veterans; homeowners facing foreclosure; tenants; workers denied unemployment benefits; abused and neglected children; children denied access to educational opportunities; formerly incarcerated individuals reentering society; immigrants and refugees; and many other vulnerable WNYers.



FAMILY MATTERS

Going through a family legal issue can be an emotionally stressful time. Our Family Law attorneys have experience handling complex cases:

- ❑ Separation or Divorce
- ❑ Child custody or visitation
- ❑ Child support
- ❑ Distribution of assets/debts
- ❑ Exclusive occupancy of marital residence
- ❑ Orders of protection

HOUSING

Tenants and homeowners struggle to balance affordability and safety. Many clients do not know the rights they have to safe and habitable housing. Our housing practice can help you with:

- ❑ Eviction proceedings
- ❑ Housing code violations
- ❑ Tax Foreclosures
- ❑ Housing Discrimination
- ❑ Landlord/Tenant issues

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

We represent homeowners facing foreclosure to pursue a number of applicable loss mitigation options, including:

- ❑ Loan modifications
- ❑ Forbearance plans

CONSUMER PROTECTION

If you have experienced a financially catastrophic life event, we might be able to assist you with the following:

- ❑ Chapter 7 bankruptcy
- ❑ Requesting and reviewing credit reports
- ❑ Challenging identity theft

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

We assist workers who have been wrongfully denied unemployment benefits after loss of employment through no fault of their own. We help you protect your rights in a variety of settings:

- ❑ Unemployment benefits hearings
- ❑ Discrimination, unpaid wages, labor matters, and OSHA violations

EDUCATION ADVOCACY PROJECT

We believe every child deserves equal access to educational opportunities. We provide assistance and support for the following:

- ❑ School suspensions
- ❑ Violations of education law
- ❑ Advocacy for children with special education needs

REENTRY & VETERANS SERVICES

We provide holistic support to formerly incarcerated individuals and veterans in a wide range of matters:

- ❑ Housing, employment, or educational opportunities
- ❑ Certificates of Relief from Disability/Certificates of Good Conduct
- ❑ Sealing of Criminal Convictions

CHILD PROTECTION & JUVENILE JUSTICE

We provide legal help to the majority of children in Erie County who are abused, neglected, in foster care, or involved in the juvenile justice system. We are dedicated to improving the lives of the children whose circumstances have brought their families into Family Court.

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

We are the lead agency of the Coordinated Refugee/Asylee Legal Services Project. We assist immigrants and refugees with obtaining US citizenship, housing matters, education matters, family matters, and financial matters.

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