

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 individuals suffering from addiction, individuals with mental illness, victims of human trafficking, 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

Make a secure, tax-deductible online donation at legalaidthbuffalo.org/donate.

Our services are made possible by:

- State of New York
- NYS IOLA Fund
- NYS AG Home Owner Protection Plan
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- NYS Judiciary Civil Legal Services Fund
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Service is available
Monday to Friday
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Proud to Serve Western
New York Since 1912



CONSUMER AND EMPLOYMENT

- Bankruptcy
- Consumer Claims
- Mortgage Foreclosure Defense
- Unemployment Benefits



We provide legal help to financially eligible,
low-income Western New Yorkers.

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BANKRUPTCY

If you have experienced a catastrophic life event that is financially devastating, such as medical expenses, divorce, job loss, or death of the family's wage earner, you may find yourself overwhelmed by a range of financial problems.

Budget planning and debt maintenance may be possible but, if not, bankruptcy may be necessary.

We work with individuals to analyze their financial problems, and, if appropriate, represent them in Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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

- Loan modifications
- Forbearance plans
- Negotiations
- Housing counseling
- Referrals to social services

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION

If you owe a debt or have issues with your credit report, we can help you explore a number of options pertaining to the following:

- Credit reporting errors
- Challenging identity theft
- Educational debt
- Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- Predatory Lending
- Debt Scams

WE PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

We protect you from creditors acting outside the bounds of the law by defending against the following:

- Attempts to collect debts not owed or without proof of the underlying debt
- Threats to take protected government benefits
- Harassment of the so-called debtor
- Threats of legal action on time-barred debts

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