

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

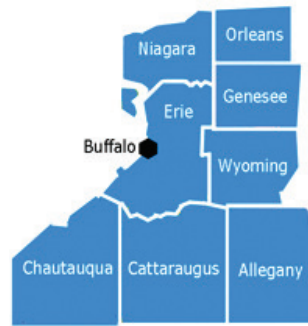
Our mission is to provide access to justice and due process to the most vulnerable individuals, children, and families through quality legal representation and assistance.

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
- Erie County
- NYS Judiciary Civil Legal Services Fund
- NY Bar Foundation
- The John R. Oishei Foundation
- The Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation
- City of Buffalo
- Law firms, corporations, foundations, and individual donors



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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



HOLISTIC CLIENT-CENTERED DEFENSE AND REPRESENTATION

*If we are to keep our democracy,
there must be one commandment:
Thou shall not ration justice.*

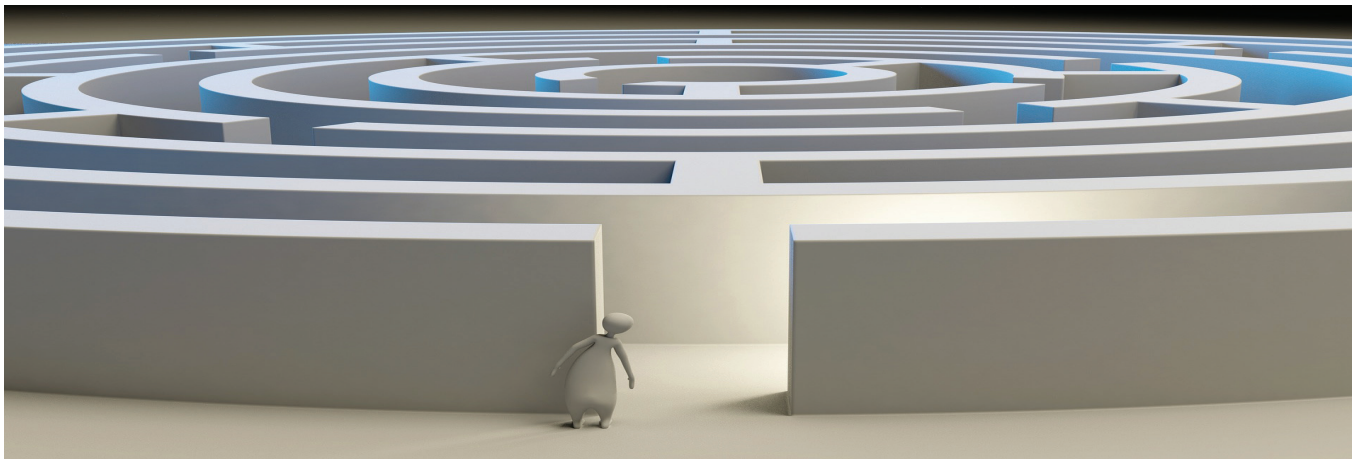


WE ARE THE FUTURE



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

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COMMUNITY DEFENSE

The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo's Criminal Defense Unit is responsible for the representation of indigent persons charged with offenses in the City of Buffalo, including misdemeanors under both the New York State Penal Law and the Vehicle & Traffic Law, as well as D and E Felonies.

We represent all indigent defendants at arraignment in Buffalo City Court. We then continue to represent those clients whose cases are charged as, or are later reduced to, misdemeanors or below, so long as no conflict exists.

We also continue to represent those charged with D and E Felonies that are later moved to the Superior Court.

CLIENT-CENTERED HOLISTIC SERVICES

Our Criminal Defense Unit provides holistic, client-centered defense to over 13,000 indigent people (more than one-fifth of whom are at-risk youth) annually, including representation in Drug Treatment Court, DWI Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Human Trafficking Intervention Court, and the recently established Opioid Intervention Court.

Virtually all of the clients whom we represent in Human Trafficking Court are struggling with substance addiction.

In all of these courts, we provide legal representation as well as wraparound social work services to help over 1,500 clients per year in their struggle to overcome substance addiction.

Our team of attorneys, investigators, social workers and other advocates work together to ensure that the dignity of every client is honored.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We are invested in the success of each of our clients. We connect our clients with resources, opportunities, and services related to education, mental health issues, addiction, and other needs.

We have strong relationships with community partners that can be tremendous resources for our clients.

REENTRY SERVICES

We provide holistic civil legal services to our clients in a wide range of matters:

- ❑ Housing
- ❑ Employment
- ❑ Educational opportunities
- ❑ Family law issues
- ❑ Consumer protection
- ❑ Immigration issues
- ❑ Certificates of Relief from Civil Disability
- ❑ Certificates of Good Conduct
- ❑ Sealing of Criminal Records

JUVENILE JUSTICE

We also provide legal help to the majority of children in Erie County who are involved in the juvenile justice system.

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