

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 legallaidbuffalo.org/donate.

Our services are made possible by:

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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



HOUSING RIGHTS AND DEFENSE

Housing Code Violations

Evictions

Landlord/Tenant

Tax Foreclosures



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

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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

TAX FORECLOSURE

The City of Buffalo holds an annual tax foreclosure sale for homes with outstanding taxes, user fees or water bills. This process targets the poorest homeowners in our community. We can assist qualifying homeowners in Buffalo to avoid foreclosure.

HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS

Housing in Western New York is old and, in many municipalities, badly neglected. Tenants and homeowners struggle to balance affordability and safety. Many clients do not know the rights they have to safe and habitable housing. We represent qualifying homeowners facing code violation actions and assist them to get the financial help they need to address all health and safety concerns.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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

- ❑ Loan modifications
- ❑ Forbearance plans
- ❑ Housing counseling

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

The Buffalo-Niagara region is the 6th most segregated metropolitan area in the nation. Many home seekers searching for housing can face many barriers based on a myriad of factors. We can assist victims of housing discrimination find justice.

LANDLORD/TENANT AND EVICTION MATTERS

These cases are a major concern when attempting to provide stability for indigent families. Underemployment, sub-standard housing stock and absentee landlords complicate housing choices. Many tenants do not know legal defenses they may have.

Tenants in town and village courts often proceed without legal representation during eviction proceedings. Landlords are often living below the self-support reserve as well. Many are elderly, retired, widowed, and renting to tenants without knowing how to protect themselves.

We can provide assistance in your housing matters – whether it's legal representation, assisting you with finding new housing, or just answering basic questions on landlord/tenant matters.

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