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.

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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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