



## **Legal Clinics & Self Help**

# **Jefferson County Court Resource Center**

720-772-2501

Email: 01selfhelp@judicial.state.co.us 100 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden, CO 80401 Suite 2040

- Can help review your court forms, provide local resources, educate on local policies, provide a list of attorneys who may offer discounted rates and unbundled services, help you understand court procedures and guidelines, and provide list of Resources by Type of Case (Evictions, Family Law, Small Claims, Probate, etc.)
- Hours: 7:30am 3:30pm Mon-Thur and 7:30 am 11:30 am on Fri.

# **Colorado Legal Help Center**

http://www.coloradolegalhelpcenter.us/

- Website offering Coloradans the ability to find a lawyer, learn the process on individual legal issues, and how to find the laws and forms you may need.
- Allows users to quickly locate courts, in-person self-help centers, legal aid services, legal assistance clinics, legal information events, and public libraries.

# **Legal Self-Help Clinic**

303-235-5275

- Volunteer lawyers will be available via video link to answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedures for all areas of civil litigation, including family law.
  - The first Thursday of every month
  - Attendees are helped on a first come, first served basis, all forms should be obtained online prior to arrival, come prepared
  - American Sign Language interpreters upon request, contact library at least one week in advance at 303-235-5275 or Email: <a href="mailto:marcy.james@jeffcolibrary.org">marcy.james@jeffcolibrary.org</a>

## Two Locations:

Belmar Library 555 S Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80226 From 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Evergreen Library 5000 Co Rd 73, Evergreen, CO 80439 From 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Some resources listed may have income requirements or other specific guidelines. Please call the phone numbers listed to check for eligibility.

Often, you have to leave a message prior to speaking to a representative. These representatives are usually not barred attorneys and should not replace or supersede the advice of an attorney. Due to the volume of calls received, your call may not be returned promptly for an emergency matter. Please contact an attorney in the event of an emergency.

\*Completing a phone interview is not an agreement for legal representation\*

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If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

# Denver Bar Association, Pro Se Bankruptcy Clinic

720-633-8866

bankruptcy@cobar.org

Clinics for *pro se* (do-it-yourself) filing debtors held at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court: 721 19<sup>th</sup> St, Rm 183, Denver CO 80202 <a href="https://www.denbar.org/Public/Legal-Clinics">https://www.denbar.org/Public/Legal-Clinics</a>

- Clinics held 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 1:30-3 p.m. in English only
- Topics reviewed: how bankruptcy can eliminate debts, the difference between Chapter 7 and Chapter 13, the effect of bankruptcy on credit ratings, which forms are required for filing, and credit harassment issues.
- Participants advised to bring a set of bankruptcy forms with them (sample on website)
- No explicit legal advice or direct assistance in completing forms is provided.

## **Colorado Poverty Law Project Clinic**

Stout Street Health Center, 2130 Stout St., Denver, CO 80205

- Clinics held3rd Wednesday each month 4:00 6:00 p.m.
- Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Colorado Poverty Law Project Clinic is operating by virtual meeting only.
- This clinic provides resources to attendees on issues including housing, consumer disputes, small claims, family law, employment and employee benefits, state identification, discrimination, and young-adult issues (generally 18-24).
- To register, visit <a href="https://www.copovertylawproject.org/get-eviction-housing-help">https://www.copovertylawproject.org/get-eviction-housing-help</a> or e-mail Shannon MacKenzie, Executive Director, at shannon@copovertylawproject.org.

# **Power of Attorney Clinic**

- Contact Colorado Legal Services at 303-837-1313.
- Metro Volunteer Lawyer's Power of Attorney Clinic aims to provide advanced planning documents to low-income clients, with a focus on serving low-income seniors. Volunteer attorneys assist clients with financial powers of attorney, medical powers of attorney, and living wills. The Power of Attorney Workshop is a two-step process and consists of a presentation and a clinic. The presentation, which typically takes place one week before the clinic, is designed to inform the clients of their advanced planning options and prepare them for their meeting with a volunteer attorney at the clinic. At the clinic, clients meet with a volunteer attorney who goes over the advanced planning documents, fills them out, tailors them to the client's wishes, and assists with the signing process.

# Family Law Clinic – Jefferson County

720-772-2501

100 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden, CO 80401

- This clinic is informational ONLY. It covers the process of divorce, legal separation, dissolution of civil union, and Allocation of Parental Responsibilities (or APR—formerly known as custody)
  - Second Wednesday of each month, 12:00pm 1:30pm
  - No reservations required, arrive early!
  - Located in Jury Assembly Office, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Suite 1090
  - Topics include: initial filings, temporary orders, separation agreements, parenting plans, maintenance/child support, custody, disclosure, sworn financial statements, and status conferences
  - o Forms should be obtained online on website prior to the clinic, <u>www.courts.state.co.us</u>

# Family Law Legal Clinic – Denver County

303-860-1115

https://www.denbar.org/Public/Legal-Clinics

jcmh.org | 303-425-0300

Office of Economic Development: 1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1018, Denver, CO

- Free information clinic provides an overview of the divorce process (with or without children) and related forms.
   Volunteer attorneys provide information on filing for divorce without the assistance of an attorney, and will cover divorce procedures and forms, child custody, child support, maintenance and property division.
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm 7:00pm
  - o Participants should bring forms to the clinics, available at <a href="https://www.courts.state.co.us">www.courts.state.co.us</a>
  - This clinic is informational ONLY and questions are welcomed, but answers are generally confined to options which the individual could consider
  - o These clinics do not provide legal advice or representation not do they directly assist in completing court forms

# **Family Tree Legal Clinic**

303-271-6559

https://www.thefamilytree.org/legal-advocacy-program

Email: <a href="mailto:legaladvocates@thefamilytree.org">legaladvocates@thefamilytree.org</a>

- The Family Tree Legal Advocacy Program offers a free legal clinic for survivors of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault where you can get legal information and guidance from an attorney regarding most family law issues.
- Services include:
  - Advice, information, and assistance with family law cases including, but not limited to, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, common law marriage, allocation of parental responsibility, and protection orders
  - Necessary paperwork is available for participants
  - o Crisis intervention, advocacy, and support from a Family Tree legal advocate
  - Information and referrals to legal, community, and emergency resources
- Clinics are available twice a month in English and once a month in Spanish. Call to register and get specific information about dates, times, and locations of clinics.
- IMPORTANT: In order to attend this clinic, you must reserve a seat. Call Family Tree's Legal Advocacy program to reserve a seat, 303-271-6559

# **Denver Outreach Court (Formerly known as Homeless Court)**

303-294-0157

Denver Rescue Mission - 1130 Park Ave. West, Denver 80205

https://www.mdhi.org/denver outreach court

- Court is held every other Wednesday at 8:30 am
- This off-site court program allows people to resolve citations before they turn into warrants and jail time
- Available to Spanish and English speakers
- Attendees will also have direct access to mental health and addiction services as well as enrollment in Medicaid

# **Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center**

303-692-1165 | Direct contacts: Lauren Rafter 720-937-1632 or Jordyn Gendel 720-691-5901 1325 S Colorado Blvd, Suite 701, Denver, CO 80222

https://childlawcenter.org/

- Offers a variety of legal clinics including
  - Caregivers over 50 (Co50) Clinics to provide legal information and resources for older adults caring for children and youth.

- Legal Clinics for Young Adults
  - Expungement clinics for juvenile records, birth certificate clinics, identification information clinics, and a general legal clinic

# **CHBA Mi Casa Legal Clinic**

720-767-2643

Mi Casa Resource Center- Salazar Center for Family Prosperity, 345 S. Grove Street, Denver, CO

- 2nd Tuesday each month 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Mi Casa Clinic is operating by virtual meeting only.
- Meet one-on-one with a volunteer attorney to discuss your legal issues related to business, immigration, employment, housing, and family law.
- Participants must schedule an appointment prior to the night of the event, which can be done here
   <a href="https://micasaresourcecenter.org/calendar/">https://micasaresourcecenter.org/calendar/</a> or contact Evelyn Perez, Program Support Specialist, at
   eperez@micasaresourcecenter.org or (720) 767-2643.

# **Denver Indian Center Legal Clinic**

303-936-2688

Denver Indian Center, located at 4407 Morrison Road, Denver, CO 80219

- The Denver Indian Center Clinic is held the first Wednesday evening of each month at 6:00 pm. This is a walk-in clinic being held in person at the Denver Indian Center, located at 4407 Morrison Road, Denver, CO 80219.
- The Legal Clinic at the Denver Indian Center aims to help Native Americans in need of legal services. Volunteer
  attorneys are available to give advice on legal issues, including landlord-tenant disputes, employment, family
  law, and probate. Volunteers can also help you understand the legal process, how to proceed as a pro se party,
  and give referrals to other resources.
- If you would like more information about attending the clinic, please contact either the Denver Indian Center at 303-936-2688 or Ivonne Esparza at iesparza@denbar.org or (303) 866-9307

## Free, Low Cost, or Pro Bono Services

# Oval Options – Colorado Conflict Clinic (Formerly Jefferson County Mediation Services) 720-220-8683

https://www.ovaloptions.com/online-mediation-for-court-cases

- The Colorado Conflict Clinic is a state-wide, online mediation service. It helps parties reach agreements and settlements for civil disputes outside of backlogged courts, or even before cases are filed. For a low fee, the CCC can schedule your 2-hour mediation within a month.
- There are three branches of the CCC: Small Claims, County Court, and Domestic (Parenting Plan and/or Child Support).

# NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Colorado Law Line

303-321-3104

Law Line – NAMI Colorado

- Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-4pm, call and ask for the Law Line
- Volunteer licensed Colorado attorneys provide free legal consultation to persons seeking information and advice
  on issues related to mental health law & issues directly affecting persons who have mental illness, their families,
  or loved ones.
- Service provided to persons seeking limited legal information and advice in targeted areas:
  - Involuntary Civil Commitment

- Criminal Cases
- Social Security
- Guardianship
- Special Education
- Employment
- Trusts/Estate
- Family Law (in limited counties)
- o Immigration
- NAMI Colorado staff member will screen requests, and if criteria are met, will provide you with the name and
  phone number of a volunteer attorney with special knowledge in one of the above targeted areas. <u>It is then</u>
  <u>your responsibility to contact that volunteer attorney by phone</u>. Volunteer attorneys have agreed to return calls
  and provide phone consultation within a 48-hour period (excluding weekends and holidays).

## **Colorado Legal Services**

303-837-1313

1905 Sherman St., 4th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

https://www.coloradolegalservices.org/

- This organization provides help for low-income individuals wanting information such as self-help legal
  information; where to find legal help; who qualifies for free or low-cost legal help; and information about the
  courts, clinics, and other available help.
  - Civil legal matters only <u>no criminal offenses or traffic issues</u>.
  - You will need to leave a message, and a clinician will return your call to conduct a phone assessment.
     You can also apply for assistance online and have a clinician contact you. If you are unable to accept phone calls, you may be asked to come into the office between 8:30 and 11am on a Monday,
     Wednesday, or Friday for walk-ins.

#### **Metro Volunteer Lawyers**

303-830-8210

1905 Sherman Street, #400, Denver, CO 80203

https://www.denbar.org/mvl

- Metro Volunteer Lawyers provides free and low-cost civil legal services through multiple programs: Referrals, the Family Law Court Program, Post-Decree Clinics, the Legal Clinic at the Denver Indian Center, and the Power of Attorney Clinics.
- Serves individuals who live and work in Adams, Broomfield, Arapahoe, Denver, Elbert, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.
- Anyone seeking legal assistance must call Colorado Legal Services (CLS) at 303-837-1313 or complete an online intake to begin the intake process.
  - o Online intake: https://colsoi.legalserver.org/modules/matter/extern intake.php?pid=129&h=daa817&

# JAMLAC (Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic)

303-839-5198

913 N Wyandot St., Denver, CO 80204

https://jamlac.org/

 JAMLAC addresses the legal needs of people struggling with poverty and oppression and provides full-service legal services for clients that need assistance with general civil matters, domestic cases, immigration, bankruptcy, public benefits, landlord/tenant discrepancies, and sealing of records.

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 Attorneys serve at legal consultation workshops that focus on many legal issues. To find upcoming workshops, click here: https://jamlac.org/workshops/

## Disability Law Colorado (formerly The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People)

303-722-0300 All lines voice/TTY or 800-288-1376

https://www.disabilitylawco.org/

455 Sherman Street, Ste. 130, Denver, CO 80203

- Hours: 8:30am-5pm, Monday-Friday
- Disability Law Colorado offers legal representation, information, and referrals to people with disabilities, older people, and their families
- To discuss a potential case of workplace discrimination or learn more about job services, please contact
   Disability Law Colorado by phone or contact page on website
- Services available in Spanish

#### **Colorado State Public Defender**

303-764-1400

http://www.coloradodefenders.us/

- Court appointed lawyers to represent indigent people charged with crimes with jail time penalties only
- No civil work, divorces, landlord/tenant cases or auto accidents (unless crime related)
- Bring proof of income and court documents to appointment
- \$25 application fee
- Other languages are available translators available upon request.
- To apply for court-appointed counsel, you must fill out the Application for Public Defender/Court Appointed
  Counsel in a Criminal Case (AKA form JDF208) and submit it in person or via email, fax, or U.S. mail to the
  appropriate local office of public defenders, listed below.
  - Application: <a href="http://www.coloradodefenders.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/JDF">http://www.coloradodefenders.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/JDF</a> 208 Application for Court-Appointed Counsel or GAL-R10 2015-2.pdf

## **Public Defender Regional Offices**

- Denver: 303-620-4999; Denver@coloradodefenders.us
  - 1437 Bannock Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202 Serves Denver county
- Golden: 303-279-7841; Golden@coloradodefenders.us
  - o 560 Golden Ridge Road, #100, Golden, CO 80401 Serves Gilpin & Jefferson counties
- Dillon: (970) 468-9363 and (970) 468-9389; Dillon@coloradodefenders.us
  - 114 Village Place, Suite 101, Dillon, CO 80435 Serves Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, & Summit counties

## **Colorado Juvenile Defender Center**

303-435-7232

1544 Race St. Denver, CO 80206

https://www.cjdc.org/

- Presents continuing legal education seminars, develops resources and materials for juvenile defenders and advocates, and supports indigent defense through ongoing litigation support and assistance
- If you are interested in seeing if you qualify for free legal services: Please contact us via email at admin@CJDC.org or via phone at 303.435.7232

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#### Federal Public Defender - Colorado Office

303-294-7002

633 17th Street, Ste. 1000, Denver, CO 80202

http://www.cofpd.org/

- Providing public defender services for all federal criminal charges including veterans' issues
- For information on how to obtain a federal public defender regarding charges in the state of Colorado, call 303-294-7002

# University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Student Law Office

303-871-6140

2255 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80208

www.law.du.edu/clinics/

- Basic misdemeanors and city ordinance issues only in the Criminal Defense Clinic
- Housing, employment, and domestic violence issues in the Civil Litigation Clinic.
- No DUI/DWI, traffic, felony, social security, disability, divorce/child custody, elder law or immigration cases.
- Cannot provide legal advice and do not offer consultations or answer legal questions
- Hours: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday (intakes by phone only, no drop-ins)

# Free Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney, & Living Wills

303-837-1313

2255 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80208

- Offered through Colorado Legal Services in collaboration with the University of Denver Sturm College of Law;
   each student is carefully supervised by a volunteer lawyer and all documents are checked by their law professor
- Available for people who qualify through Legal Aid/Colorado Legal Services
- Call the number listed above to add your name to the list for the next available spot
- Law students begin working with new clients in September and February

## **Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans**

303-860-1115

# https://www.cobar.org/For-members/pro-bono-opportunities/colorado-lawyers-for-colorado-veterans

- Program managed through the Colorado Bar Association
- Provides veterans with assistance related to challenges in obtaining medical care, disability benefits, re-employment rights, consumer, housing, criminal and family law matters, and in obtaining legal counsel
  - o Legal Clinic
    - Bill Daniels Veteran Service Center 1247 Santa Fe Dr. Denver, CO 80204
    - 2nd Tuesday of each Month, Noon 2 p.m.
  - o Pro Bono or "Modest Mean" Legal Services
    - Submit a request with brief details to <u>CLCV@cobar.org</u>.

## **Boulder Bridge to Justice**

303-443-1038

# https://www.boulderbridgetojustice.org/

• Provides civil legal services to low- and moderate-income Coloradans who do not qualify for legal aid

#### **Lawyer Locator Databases**

# Colorado Bar Association - Find a Lawyer

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303-322-6750 Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

Denver County Court, City and County Building, 1437 Bannock St, Denver CO 80202

- This online attorney directory provides contact information for lawyers in specific city/practice areas
- make sure to go through to all the steps including where you select what type of payment options the attorneys have available

# **Lawyer Legion - Colorado**

303-831-8000

https://lawyers.lawyerlegion.com/colorado

• Lawyer Legion Colorado offers information and a comprehensive directory of licensed attorneys in the state of Colorado based on area or practice

#### **Martindale-Hubbell Law Directories**

https://www.martindale.com/by-location/colorado-lawyers/

• These directories can be found in law libraries or public libraries. The resource lists attorneys in Colorado, along with their specialties.

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