



Legal Resources for Survivors

MNCASA does not provide legal advice or legal representation to clients. Below are some legal resources in Minnesota that may be able to provide free or low-cost direct legal assistance, offer referrals to attorneys, or address certain legal concerns.

Be sure to connect with your local sexual assault program for assistance and support in accessing legal help (www.rapehelpmn.org).

MNCASA provides technical assistance and resources to attorneys, law enforcement, victim advocates, and other professionals who have questions about sexual assault cases. Contact caroline@mncasa.org or 651.209.9993 x7445 for help. Attorneys seeking legal resources may also refer to www.projusticemn.org.

Lawhelpmn

www.lawhelpmn.org

Find free legal assistance, legal resources and information about your legal rights (links to Minnesota legal aid and volunteer attorney programs statewide)

Minnesota Legal Help Online

www.mnlegaladvice.org

Volunteer lawyers answer your legal questions for free online

The Advocates for Human Rights

www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org

Provides legal assistance to refugees and immigrants primarily in the area of refugee and asylum law, including victims of sexual assault, domestic abuse and trafficking (statewide)

Anishinabe Legal Services

www.alslegal.org

Free legal assistance for qualifying clients from the Red Lake, Leech Lake and White Earth Reservations

Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project

www.bwlap.org

Provides legal resources for survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking; includes immigration assistance (statewide)

Breaking Free

www.breakingfree.net

Legal advocacy for survivors of prostitution and trafficking (statewide)

Call for Justice

www.callforjustice.org

Provides referrals for free and low-cost legal services (Twin Cities area)

Central Minnesota Legal Services

www.centralmnlegal.org

Provides free legal assistance to qualifying clients who live in central Minnesota counties

Civil Society

www.civilsocietyhelps.org

Free legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault and trafficking (statewide)

Gender Justice

www.genderjustice.us

Impact litigation that addresses gender inequality issues (statewide)

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

www.ilcm.org

Provides free legal assistance in a variety of immigration-related matters includes support for survivors of sexual assault, trafficking, domestic abuse and other crimes (statewide)

Indian Child Welfare Act Law Center

www.icwlc.org

Free representation for Indian families affected by the child protection system (statewide)

Judicare of Anoka County

www.anokajudicare.org

Free legal assistance to qualifying clients in Anoka County

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota

www.lasnem.org

Provides free legal assistance to qualifying clients who live in northeastern Minnesota counties

Legal Assistance of Dakota County

www.dakotalegal.org

Provides free legal assistance to qualifying clients who live in Dakota County

Legal Assistance of Olmsted County

www.laoc.mn

Provides free legal assistance to qualifying clients who live in Olmsted County

Legal Services of Northwestern Minnesota

www.lsnwlaw.org

Provides free legal assistance to qualifying clients who live in northwestern Minnesota counties

Legal Rights Center

www.legalrightscenter.org

Provides free criminal defense assistance in adult and juvenile cases to qualifying clients in Hennepin County

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

www.mylegalaid.org

Provides free legal assistance to qualifying clients who live in Hennepin county and central Minnesota counties

Minnesota AIDS Project

www.mnaidsproject.org

Provides free and fee-based legal assistance to qualifying clients who are HIV-positive (statewide)

Minnesota Disability Law Center

www.mylegalaid.org

Provides free legal assistance to Minnesotans with disabilities (statewide)

Minnesota Judicial Branch Self-Help Center

www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp

Legal forms plus assistance by telephone to complete documents for filing in court (cannot provide legal advice). Walk-in centers in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties are listed on the website (statewide)

Minnesota State Bar Association

www.mnfindalawyer.com

A free online lawyer search and referral service (statewide)

Minnesota Law Library

www.mngov/lawlib/self-help.html

Extensive listings for legal referrals and resources (statewide)

Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board

www.lprb.mncourts.gov

File a complaint if you feel a lawyer has not acted ethically or professionally (statewide)

National Center for Victims of Crime

www.victimsofcrime.org

Provides state-specific legal referrals to attorneys who specialize in assistance to victims of crime

Office of Justice Programs Crime Victim Rights Enforcement, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

www.dps.mn.gov

File a complaint if you feel you have been mistreated by the criminal justice system (statewide)

PAVSA

www.pavsa.org

Provides legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault in northeastern Minnesota

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services

www.smrls.org

Free legal assistance for qualifying clients in many southern Minnesota counties including Ramsey County

Tubman

www.tubman.org

Provides free legal assistance to survivors of domestic abuse-related crimes in Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties

Volunteer Attorney Program

www.volunteerattorney.org

Connects qualifying clients with free legal assistance in northeastern Minnesota

Volunteer Lawyers Network

www.volunteerlawyersnetwork.org

Connects qualifying clients with free legal assistance (primarily Hennepin County but some services extend statewide)

Youth Law Project

www.mylegalaid.org

Legal assistance to youth between the ages of 12-18 located primarily in Hennepin County but will provide legal advice statewide.