

NEWSLETTER

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Dallas County Local Resources

The Dallas County Law Library works with many local organizations to offer legal resources to our patrons. Below is a list of some of the legal aid resources and services available in Dallas, which are free or of little cost.

<u>Dallas County's</u> own website has all the information necessary to reach the offices of the elected District Clerk, County Clerk, District Attorney, and the Judiciary, both civil and criminal. Family case departments in the George Allen Courthouse include the Child Support Office and the Family Violence Support Office. Reflecting the different housing needs of its population, Dallas County operates a number of housing programs such as the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (<u>ERAP</u>), <u>Welfare</u>, and Home Loan Counseling Center (<u>HLCC</u>).

The Dallas County Law Library works closely with <u>Legal Aid of Northwest Texas</u>, which provides free civil legal through representation and advocacy. <u>SMU's Dedman School of Law's Legal Clinics</u> assist low-income Dallas County residents. UNT Dallas College of Law has two neighborhood <u>Community Lawyering Centers</u> in Dallas.

The <u>Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program</u> provides free, civil legal help to low-income people in Dallas County. DVAP provides advice and full representation in a variety of cases, including family, housing, employment, landlord-tenant, real property, consumer, wills, expunctions and non-disclosures, Chapter 7 bankruptcy, small business issues, veterans' benefits, and more.

The <u>Dallas Bar Association</u> offers Dallas LegalLine, where volunteer attorneys answer legal questions at no cost from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays via a LegalLine clinic. DBA also offers its Lawyer Referral Service which will refer callers to a Dallas area attorney (includes Plano and Collin County, Texas). For a \$20 fee, the attorney will meet with the person for 30 minutes to discuss their legal matter.

Local family crisis/violence organizations include <u>The Family Place</u>, <u>Genesis Shelter</u>, <u>City Square Legal</u> <u>Action Works Center</u>, and <u>Mosaic Family Services</u>.



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Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM The <u>Housing Crisis Center</u> provides assistance with homeless assistance and prevention, and free legal clinics. <u>Catholic Charities Dallas</u> provides a comprehensive range of services such as immigration, legal services, disaster relief, hunger services and refugee resettlement services. <u>Legal Hospice of</u> <u>Texas</u> provides legal counsel, representation, and advocacy at no cost to persons with terminal illnesses.

Please visit the Law Library's <u>webpage</u> or contact us if you would like more information about these or other legal services and resources in Dallas.

