



Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (ALSC) is a private, non-profit law firm, providing free legal assistance in civil (non criminal) cases to those who could not otherwise afford it.

ALSC's attorneys and paralegals represent low-income residents in forty-two parishes through six offices located in Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, Natchitoches and Shreveport.

ALSC maintains working relationships for referrals to similar non-profit law firms throughout the United States.

Eligibility for services is based on an applicant's income, age, financial resources, the merits of the case and ALSC's availability of resources to address the client's needs.

Visit www.la-law.org to find out more

RESOURCES

Dial 2-1-1 (speak with a highly trained professional to connect you with resources in your area)

Websites:

www.louisianalawhelp.org
www.la.freelegalanswers.org
www.la-law.org/get-help
www.ssa.gov
www.benefitsoffices.com/state/LA.html

Who is Eligible for Legal Aid?

- Individuals who live in any of the 42 parishes served by ALSC.
- Individuals who are at or below 125% of the current poverty guideline are eligible for free legal aid.
- Individuals who are 60 years or older, regardless of income or assets, through limited funding from Council on Aging organizations.

For more information on eligibility visit www.la-law.org/faqs

Toll-Free: (800) 256-1175

Email: alsclaf@la-law.org

Website: www.la-law.org

Free Civil Legal Assistance



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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

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History

In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon signed the law creating the Legal Services Corporation, a private, non-profit corporation established to assure equal access to justice under the law for all Americans.

Incorporated in 1978, Acadiana Legal Service Corporation was formed to meet the legal needs of low-income and elderly residents of six parishes of Acadiana. Over the years, expansions and mergers added more parishes and now allow ALSA to serve residents in forty-two parishes.

The ALSA staff is dedicated and committed to the concept of “justice for all” by assisting it’s clients resolve their legal problems.

Services

Administrative Law Unit - handles cases involving public benefits (Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF, Social Security Disability, etc.). Clients are represented in administrative hearings and judicial reviews.

Child in Need of Care (CINC) Unit - represents children involved in the State’s child protection system. Attorneys are appointed by the court to represent children in these cases.

Family Law Unit - provides legal assistance with divorce, child custody and visitation, domestic violence, and intra-family adoptions.

Litigation Unit - cases include consumer, housing and employment problems, wills and successions, bankruptcies, powers of attorney and planning for future life events.

Locations

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation

Lafayette Office *(Main Office)*

1020 Surrey Street
Lafayette, LA. 70501
(337) 237-4320
(800) 256-1175

Lake Charles Office

1 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 800
Lake Charles, LA. 70629
(337) 439-0377
(877) 256-0639

Legal Aid of North Louisiana

Shreveport Office

720 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA. 71101
(318) 222-7865
(800) 826-9265

Monroe Office

3016 Cameron Street
Monroe, LA. 71201
(318) 699-0889
(800) 259-6591

Natchitoches Office

134 St. Denis Street
Natchitoches, LA. 71457
(318) 352-7220
(800) 960-9109

Legal Services of Central Louisiana

Alexandria Office

1808 Jackson Street
Alexandria, LA. 71301
(318) 443-7281
(800) 256-4343

Getting Help

Calls are answered daily beginning at 8:30 am and continue until the daily limit for new cases is reached. When applications are available, your name and number will be taken and a paralegal will return your call for a telephone interview.

Applications for emergency situations are taken as needed on any weekday. Applications are not taken by e-mail or leaving a voicemail.

ALSA staff travel to interview individuals seeking assistance in Allen Parish on the 1st Thursday of each month; Jefferson Davis Parish on the 2nd Thursday of each month; Beauregard Parish on the 3rd Thursday of each month and Cameron Parish on the 4th Monday of each month. Call an office near you for times and locations of the outreach visits.

Elderly Legal Services

Through contracts with 23 agencies on aging, through-out the 42 parishes, residents 60 years or older may be eligible for free legal aid regardless of their income or assets. Seniors needing legal assistance are encouraged to apply as soon as a legal problem is recognized as there are limited funds for these contracts.

Free Online Legal Advice

ALSA offers free legal information and advice from anywhere, through online guided assistance in areas of Unemployment Benefits, Bankruptcy, Housing Grievance, Uncontested Divorce, Small Succession and Child Custody. Visit www.la-law.org to answer a few questions and gain information.

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