

LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES



**LEGAL AID**  
OF WESTERN MISSOURI





Legal Aid of Western Missouri  
has improved the lives of  
those in need through quality  
legal assistance since 1964.

We are a not-for-profit law firm with more than 50 licensed attorneys. Each year, we provide free legal assistance to more than 4,000 low-income people who have civil (non-criminal) legal problems. Legal Aid helps people access basic needs such as healthcare, housing, safety and government benefits.

With offices in Kansas City, Joplin, St. Joseph and Warrensburg, Legal Aid serves a 40-county area in western Missouri.

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# APPLICATION

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## REQUIREMENTS:

In order to qualify for help from Legal Aid, you must:

- + Meet our income requirements.
- + Have a legal problem that falls within our practice area.
- + Live within our service area.

If you are unsure about whether or not you are qualified for help from Legal Aid, go ahead and apply.

## HOW TO APPLY:

For help with your legal problem, call the phone number listed for the office that serves your county. Please be ready to answer questions about your household income and your legal problem. It helps if you have the papers about your legal problem with you when you call.

We respect your privacy. Legal Aid will not share any information regarding you or your case unless you want us to.

Legal Aid's phone lines can get busy at certain times of the day. Your call is important, so keep trying. Don't wait until the last minute to call about an emergency.

## COST OF LEGAL AID:

Our service is FREE. You may be asked to pay court costs or other filing fees. Legal Aid has resources to help with these costs. Please apply even if you think you can't afford it.

## TRANSLATORS & SPECIAL NEEDS:

We always try to work with applicants with Limited English Proficiency and other special needs. Please let our receptionist know if you require a translator or special services.

*Si necesita un intérprete, pídale a nuestra recepcionista.*

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# OUR PRACTICE AREA

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## LEGAL CASES

### Legal Aid Handles:

- + Family law/domestic violence protection
- + Landlord/tenant law
- + Foreclosure prevention
- + Housing issues
- + Healthcare
- + Public benefits
- + Employment law
- + Immigration law
- + Federal benefits
- + Consumer matters
- + Economic Development

### Legal Aid Does Not Handle:

- + Personal injury lawsuits
- + Workers' Compensation cases
- + Criminal cases, including traffic violations
- + Class actions
- + Actions on behalf of those in prison or jail

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If you qualify for help from Legal Aid, we may do one of the following things:

- + Advise you about how to solve your problem yourself. We may also give you some written information about your legal rights.
- + Ask you to send us more information about your case. We will review it before we meet with you again to give you more advice.
- + Do some legal research and discuss your legal issues before we advise you. We will meet with you again later.
- + Represent you in court or at a hearing.

If we are unable to take your case, we may be able to refer you to other agencies or resources that can help you with your legal problem.

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# OUR SERVICE AREA

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## KANSAS CITY

**Central Office:**  
4001 Blue Parkway  
Suite 300  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
Tel: 816-474-6750

**Westside Office:**  
920 Southwest Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
Tel: 816-474-9868

**Counties served:**

- + Clay
- + Jackson
- + Platte

## ST. JOSEPH

706 Felix Street  
St. Joseph, MO 64501  
Tel: 816-364-2325  
Toll: 1 (800) 892-2101

**Counties served:**

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|------------|--------------|
| + Andrew   | + Harrison   |
| + Atchison | + Holt       |
| + Buchanan | + Linn       |
| + Caldwell | + Livingston |
| + Clinton  | + Mercer     |
| + Daviess  | + Nodaway    |
| + DeKalb   | + Putnam     |
| + Gentry   | + Sullivan   |
| + Grundy   | + Worth      |

## WARRENSBURG

305 North Holden  
P.O. Box 396  
Warrensburg, MO 64093  
Tel: 660-747-7101  
Toll: 1 (800) 892-2943

**Counties served:**

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| + Benton  | + Lafayette |
| + Camden  | + Morgan    |
| + Carroll | + Pettis    |
| + Cass    | + Ray       |
| + Henry   | + Saline    |
| + Hickory | + St. Clair |
| + Johnson |             |

## JOPLIN

1027 South Main, Ste. LL7  
Joplin, MO 64801  
Tel: 417-782-1650  
Toll: 1 (800) 492-7095

**Counties served:**

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| + Barton | + McDonald |
| + Bates  | + Newton   |
| + Jasper | + Vernon   |





## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**[www.lawmo.org](http://www.lawmo.org)**

Or, call the location nearest you:

**+ Central Kansas City:**

Tel: 816-474-6750

**+ Westside Kansas City:**

Tel: 816-474-9868

**+ St. Joseph:**

Tel: 816-364-2325

Toll: 1 (800) 892-2101

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