

MONTANA LEGAL SERVICES



# Summary of Statewide & County MONTANA LEGAL RESOURCES

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<a href="http://www.montanabar.org">www.montanabar.org</a>	Follow the “ <b>For the Public</b> ” tab to search for attorneys and find links to legal information, research and Montana approved forms.
<b>Lawyer Referral &amp; Information Service</b> <a href="http://www.montanabar.org">www.montanabar.org</a>	406-449-6577 A service of the State Bar of Montana providing referrals to attorneys and information regarding other resources; <i>does not have attorneys on staff or provide names of pro bono or reduced fee attorneys</i>
<b>Montana Legal Services</b> (low-income/civil law)	<b>Montana Legal Services Help Line 800-666-6899</b> <a href="http://www.mtlsa.org">www.mtlsa.org</a> and <a href="http://www.MontanaLawHelp.org">www.MontanaLawHelp.org</a>
<b>Aging Services / Adult Protective Services</b> <a href="http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc">www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc</a>	<b>Elder Abuse Hotline</b> 800-551-3191 intervention for elder abuse / protection <b>Aging Services</b> (Legal Access for Seniors): 800-332-2272 or 444-4077 Provides information and assistance on various issues involving seniors
<b>American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)</b>	406-443-8590 <a href="http://aclumontana.org">aclumontana.org</a> The office does not routinely assist individuals, but focuses resources on civil rights matters affecting groups.
<b>Child Abuse &amp; Neglect Hotline</b>	866-820-5437; <a href="http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/index.shtml">http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/index.shtml</a> ; Centralized Intake system for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect
<b>Child Support Enforcement</b>	800-346-5437; <a href="http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/csed">www.dphhs.mt.gov/csed</a> ; Assists parents with all aspects of child support including forms and information
<b>Citizens Advocate Office</b>	800-332-2272; <a href="http://citizensadvocate.mt.gov/">http://citizensadvocate.mt.gov/</a> ; Assists with questions, problems or complaints related to state agencies
<b>Consumer Protection Office</b>	800-481-6896 or 444-4500; <a href="http://doj.mt.gov/consumer/default.asp">http://doj.mt.gov/consumer/default.asp</a> ; Assists with consumer problems and educates consumers about their rights.
<b>Disability Rights Montana</b> 1-406-449-2344 voice/TDD	800-245-4743; <a href="http://www.disabilityrightsmt.org">www.disabilityrightsmt.org</a> ; Protects & advocates for human, legal & civil rights of Montanans with mental and physical disabilities; provides assistance of advocates & attorneys for disability related issues
<b>Domestic Violence</b> MLSA Domestic Violence Intake	800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-888-404-7794; <a href="http://www.MontanaLawHelp.org">www.MontanaLawHelp.org</a> ; Provides legal assistance to victims of domestic violence
<b>Human Rights Bureau</b>	800-542-0807 or 406-444-2884; <a href="http://erd.dli.mt.gov/human-rights-bureau.html">http://erd.dli.mt.gov/human-rights-bureau.html</a> ; Administrative body that receives and investigates complaints of illegal discrimination
<b>Landlord-Tenant Issues / Housing &amp; Discrimination Resources</b>	<b>MontPIRG Tenant-Landlord Hotline:</b> (888) 345-7474 or (406) 243-2907 <a href="http://www.montpirg.org">http://www.montpirg.org</a> ; <b>Montana Fair Housing:</b> 406-782-2573 or 1-800-929-2611; <a href="http://www.montanafairhousing.org/">www.montanafairhousing.org/</a> ; Provides information and support to consumers and investigates allegations of discrimination in housing.
<b>Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors</b>	(406) 444-3955 or (800) 332-2272 Protects the rights of people receiving services through mental health facilities across the state
<b>Montana Legal Services &amp; Self Help Law Unit</b>	(800) 666-6899; Provides legal information and assistance for low-income Montanans as well as free classes to for assistance with divorce and parenting plans
<b>Montana Medical Legal Panel</b>	877-443-4000; Montana law requires that you first present your claim to the Montana Medical Legal Panel before you can file suit.
<b>Office of Disciplinary Counsel</b>	877-442-1648 or 406-442-1648; <a href="http://www.montanaodc.org">www.montanaodc.org</a> ; Investigates complaints of ethical violations by lawyers.

<b>People's Law Center</b> <i><a href="http://www.peopleslawcenter.org/">http://www.peopleslawcenter.org/</a></i>	The People's Law Center handles Social Security disability cases (SSI and SSDI), disability cessation, SSI overpayments, and Medicaid cases. <b>Hotline Numbers:</b> Bozeman/Butte: 866-650-9013; Billings 877-469-7439; Helena/Missoula: 800-406-5567; Great Falls/Havre/Kalispell: 800-406-5560
<b>Public Defender's Office</b>	406-496-6080 <i><a href="http://publicdefender.mt.gov/">http://publicdefender.mt.gov/</a></i> ; Supervises the Montana public defender system and the Office of the State Public Defender.
<b>Public Service Commission</b>	800-646-6150; <i><a href="http://psc.mt.gov/">http://psc.mt.gov/</a></i> ; Complaints regarding utility companies
<b>State Bar of Montana</b> 7 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Helena, MT 59624	406-442-7660 <i><a href="http://www.montanabar.org/">www.montanabar.org</a></i> ; Attorney licensing and legal education, publications and programs to serve attorneys and the public.
<b>State Law Library of Montana</b>	800-710-9827 or 406-444-3660; <i><a href="http://courts.mt.gov/library/default.asp">http://courts.mt.gov/library/default.asp</a></i> ; Serves the legal needs of judges, attorneys, and the general public by providing reference and research assistance.
<b>Veteran's Issues</b>	406-324-3740; Montana Veterans' Affairs; <i><a href="http://dma.mt.gov/mvad/">http://dma.mt.gov/mvad/</a></i> or 406-442-6410 or 800-827-1000; Montana Veteran's Administration Center National Veterans Legal Services Program <i><a href="http://www.nvlsp.org/">http://www.nvlsp.org/</a></i>
<b>Victim Services and Restorative Justice and Crime Victim Compensation Program</b>	800-498-6455 or 406-444-1907; <i><a href="http://www.doj.mt.gov/victims/">www.doj.mt.gov/victims/</a></i> ; Provides direct services to victims and processes claims for compensation for innocent victims who have been injured or killed as a result of a crime.

## RESOURCES BY COUNTY

### BUTTE / SILVER-BOW COUNTY

<b>Second Judicial Dist. Pro Se Assistance</b> Butte Law Library 155 W. Granite Butte, MT 59701	406-497-6417; Staffed workstation where the public can go to find legal information; legal forms; get referrals to and applications for appropriate legal services and/or pro bono programs as well as community agencies who may be able to assist with underlying non-legal issues.
<b>CASCADE COUNTY</b>	
<b>Cascade County Law Clinic</b> 503 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. North, Suite 204 Great Falls, MT 59401	406-452-6269; The Cascade County Law Clinic provides legal assistance in civil matters and coordinates volunteer legal services of private attorneys.
<b>Cascade County Self-Help Law Center</b> 415 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. North Great Falls, MT 59401	406-590-4127; Full service self help center located in the Cascade County Courthouse. (No criminal law, incarcerated felons or appellate cases.)
<b>People's Law Center</b> P.O. Box 1669, Great Falls, MT 59403	406-761-7720; Handles Social Security disability cases (SSI and SSDI), disability cessation, Social Security overpayments, and Medicaid cases.

### CUSTER, GARFIELD, POWDER RIVER, ROSEBUD

<b>Eastern Montana Domestic Violence &amp; Sexual Assault Program</b>	<i><a href="http://www.dcdv.org/">http://www.dcdv.org/</a></i> (406) 951-0475 or (888) 799-0542 Provides legal services to victims of domestic violence in eastern Montana.
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### FLATHEAD

<b>Flathead County Self Help Law Center</b> 920 South Main, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Kalispell, MT 59901	406-758-2496; Self-help program located in the Flathead County Justice Center (No criminal law, incarcerated felons or appellate cases.)
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### GALLATIN

<b>Gallatin County Self Help Law Center</b> 615 S. 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Bozeman, MT 59715	406-582-2158; Full service self help center located in the Gallatin County Law and Justice Center (No criminal law, incarcerated felons or appellate cases.)
<b>Associated Student Legal Services</b> MSU Strand Union Building	406-994-2935; The Associated Students Legal Services provides legal assistance to students at Montana State University-Bozeman. Assistance is provided for landlord-tenant issues, family law issues, and criminal problems.

<b>Community Mediation Center</b> 104 East Main Street, Suite 312 Bozeman, MT 59715	406-522-8442; Assists in small claims cases, low-income divorce cases, family disputes, landlord-tenant issues, neighborhood conflicts, land-use disputes, victim-offender mediations, and conflict resolution education in schools.
<b>HILL</b>	
<b>Highline Self Help Law Center</b> Hill County Courthouse 315 Fourth Street Havre, MT 59501	406-437-2034; Self help center serves the 12 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> judicial districts (Havre, Glasgow and Malta) located in the basement of the courthouse in Havre. (No criminal law, incarcerated felons or appellate cases.)
<b>LEWIS AND CLARK</b>	
<b>State Law Library of Montana</b> 215 North Sanders, Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-3660	800-710-9827; <a href="http://courts.mt.gov/library">http://courts.mt.gov/library</a> ; The State Law Library of Montana serves the legal needs of judges, attorneys, and the general public by providing reference and research assistance.
<b>State Law Library Self Help Law Center</b> Justice Building 215 North Sanders Helena, MT 59620	406-444-9300; Full service center located in the State Law Library; staffed by Carroll College students under the supervision of the state law librarian and law library reference librarian. (No criminal law, incarcerated felons or appellate cases.)
<b>MISSOULA</b>	
<b>Community Dispute Resolution Center of Missoula County</b>	406-543-1157; Provides mediation services to low-income members of the community. Programs include mediation for justice court, divorce and parenting plans, victims and offenders, neighborhoods, and police referrals.
<b>ASUM Legal Services; U of M</b>	406-243-6213; Legal assistance to University of Montana students only
<b>Missoula Family Law Self Help Center</b> Missoula County Courthouse 200 West Broadway, Room 271 Missoula, MT 59802	406-258-3428; <a href="mailto:missoulaselfhelp@gmail.com">missoulaselfhelp@gmail.com</a> ; Assists people involved in divorce, custody and other family law matters who cannot afford an attorney to represent them or who choose to represent themselves.
<b>YELLOWSTONE</b>	
<b>Yellowstone County Self Help Law Center</b> Parmly Library 510 North Broadway, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Billings, MT 59101	406-869-3531 Full service self help center. (No criminal law, incarcerated felons or appellate cases.)