



Free and Low Cost Legal Resources

LEGAL SUPPORT AT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

At DVSAS, we can offer the following legal advocacy services:

- Assistance with filing protection orders
- Court preparation and accompaniment (we request two weeks' notice for court support and cannot guarantee an advocate can be available for last-minute requests)
- Reporting to law enforcement

We are not able to assist with dissolution, parenting plans or other family law issues and we are not able to give legal advice.

Call the 24-Hour Helpline for more information: 360-715-1563 or toll-free 1-877-715-1563

WHATCOM COUNTY COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR

Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue
5th Floor, Room 507
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 788-5563

Office Hours:
8:30am – 4:30pm, M-F
Appointments Only

This office helps people without attorneys in Superior Court family law cases, for example: Dissolution, Legal Separation, Paternity, Parenting Plan/Residential Schedule, Modification of Parenting Plan, and Modification of Child Support

The Facilitator helps identify which mandatory family forms are needed, reviews forms you've prepared for completeness, help schedule court hearings, explain court procedures, and make referrals to other agencies. *The Facilitator cannot give legal advice or provide legal representation*

The mandatory forms are **not** free. They are available for purchase from the Facilitator or they can be accessed and printed **without charge** at www.courts.wa.gov/forms

Scheduled appointment: \$20

No fee waivers available

Exact cash (no credit/debit cards, checks)

There is NO fee for the 1st visit regarding legal separation and dissolution

CLEAR LINE: 1-888-201-1014 or <http://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help>

Open to low income people for non-criminal legal problems. Attorneys and paralegals provide general legal answers and referrals. Call between 9am-12pm or begin an intake online.

CLEAR DV: Talk to a DVSAS Advocate

Open to victims of domestic violence for non-criminal legal problems. Attorneys and paralegals provide general legal answers and referrals. A DVSAS advocate can provide a referral.

WOMEN'S LAW: www.womenslaw.org

Provides information on preparing for court, finding forms, safety and the cycle of abuse. E-mail hotline located under the "Ask a question" section.

STREET LAW: 360-671-6079

Free and open to the general public. Attorneys provide free, walk-up legal advice for a variety of legal issue. No appointment is necessary. Being organized with documents, summary of the issue, list of questions, etc., will result in a more efficient and productive consultation. Call LAW Advocates for the current schedule.

WASHINGTON LAW HELP: www.washingtonlawhelp.org

A guide to free civil legal services for low-income persons and seniors in Washington that provides legal education materials and tools that give basic information on a number of legal problems, and in some cases, detailed instructions and forms to help people represent themselves in court. Find help with Family Law, Housing, Elder Law, Civil Rights, Native American Issues, Domestic Violence, Criminal, Employment Rights, Health and more.

LAW ADVOCATES: 360-671-6709 or www.lawadvocates.org

LAW Advocates offers limited free and low cost legal assistance for a variety of non-criminal legal issues, such as family law, landlord-tenant rights and employment rights. For more information, contact LAW Advocates. For a direct referral for family law issues related to domestic violence concerns, speak with a DVSAS advocate.

WHATCOM ATTORNEY REFERRAL SERVICE: 360-671-2455 or www.whatcomattorneyreferral.com

Uses a telephone interview process to match clients with an attorney for half-hour initial consultation to review documents, provide advice, or other legal services in the area of law for which clients indicate assistance is needed. **The cost of the referral is \$45 and is non-refundable.** Fees for legal services beyond the half-hour consultation must be arranged with the attorney. Being organized with documents, summary of the issue, list of questions, etc., will result in a more efficient and productive initial consultation.

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION: 1-800-945-WSBA (9722)

Provides referrals for attorneys registered with the Moderate Means Program who work on a sliding scale.

NORTHWEST IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT: 206-587-4009 or www.nwirp.org

Promotes justice for low-income immigrants by pursuing and defending their legal status.