

**The Richland County Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas office
cannot offer legal advice to anyone.**

We can offer procedural information only. We do not have forms available for anyone to complete for civil or criminal or court of appeals cases. We will gladly provide copies of the Local Court Rules for the General and Domestic Divisions of the Richland County Common Pleas Court.

You may go to www.richlandcourtsuh.us, and then choose the appropriate Court (Common Pleas Court - Civil and Criminal or Domestic Court) for the Local Rules of Court that are provided on line. If the Courts have approved any forms for your use, you will be able to access the forms by choosing the appropriate Court, then Forms.

INFORMATION ON LEGAL AID
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Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio

Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio is a project of ABLE (Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.) in partnership with LAWO (Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.), non-profit law firms that provide high-quality, legal assistance in civil matters to help eligible low-income groups and individuals in northwest and west central Ohio achieve self-reliance, and equal justice and economic opportunity.

If you are a resident of Ohio with a legal problem in Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Crawford, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Paulding, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams, Wood or Wyandot counties or if you are an agricultural worker in any of Ohio's 88 counties call toll free: 1-888-534-1432

Para ayuda en Espanol llama gratis el: 1-866-794-7281

LEGAL AID LINE IS OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FOR ALL NEW APPLICATIONS AND FRIDAY AFTER 1:00 P.M. FOR EMERGENCY APPLICATIONS ONLY. HOURS MAY VARY FOR HOLIDAYS OR OTHER PURPOSES.

Spanish speaking staff and assistance for the hearing and visually impaired are available. Interpreters for American Sign Language and other languages are available on an as-needed basis.

Client services are provided by telephone. If ongoing legal representation is needed, eligible callers may be referred to another legal services office or volunteer attorney program. Legal Aid Line staff can provide assistance only to persons who are actually experiencing a legal problem. They cannot answer general legal questions or provide advice for callers who are seeking help on behalf of a friend, neighbor or family member. Legal Aid Line staff can talk with a parent or legal guardian if the case involves a minor child or an adult who has been declared legally incompetent.

Many legal problems are made worse when people delay getting help. Don't wait to contact Legal Aid Line. They encourage you to get your documents and facts together before you call. Their staff can better assist you if the information you need is close at hand. Their staff will try to take your call right away. If all telephones are busy, someone will call you back. Please have a call back number ready when you call.

Legal Aid Line provides advice in civil matters such as:

- ✓ Bankruptcy
- ✓ Clearing a criminal record
- ✓ Consumer fraud and home repair scams
- ✓ Domestic violence, divorce and child support
- ✓ Education issues involving discrimination, student enrollment or suspension and other services
- ✓ Employment problems
- ✓ Eviction, foreclosure and other housing problems
- ✓ Health care access
- ✓ Predatory lending
- ✓ Social Security/SSI
- ✓ Tax controversies
- ✓ Unemployment benefits
- ✓ Welfare, Medicaid and Food Stamps