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LEGAL SERVICES FOR MACOMB COUNTY VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

LEGAL SERVICES (VETERAN SPECIFIC)

FREE LEGAL CLINIC FOR VETERANS

Available to Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County residents who are low income and/or over 60 years of age. Advice to eligible clients includes:

Civil matters, including divorce, custody, child support, parent time, personal protection orders, public benefits, consumer protection, mortgage or tax foreclosures, landlord-tenant matters, driver's license restoration and expungements. (No criminal, traffic, or juvenile court related issues.)

Available from Lakeshore Legal Aid, Oakland County Veteran Services:

Troy: (248) 655-1250
Pontiac: (248) 858-0785

Clinic begins at 1:00 P.M.

All clients must be signed in by 3:00 P.M. Services available on the fourth Thursday of the month.

FREE AND LOW-COST LEGAL SERVICES TO ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED AND SEPARATED SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Referral to an attorney who will provide legal services based on ability to pay.

An attorney for walk-in assistance is available on Fridays from 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M.

Additionally, clinic hours are held on weekends .

Available from Sailor Soldier and Marine Access Center, www.ssamac.org or call (586) 359-2195 for an intake interview.

FREE OR LOW COST LEGAL SERVICES FOR VETERANS, INCLUDING DISCHARGE OR APPEALING A DISABILITY DETERMINATION

Legal matters covered: Family Law, Consumer Rights & Debt Advocacy, Estate/Probate Law, Housing Law, Bankruptcy, Benefits Advocacy & Disability Law

Also, a legal need pertains to a discharge or appealing a disability determination by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

VetLex is a system that links U.S. veterans, veteran service organizations, and qualified pro bono or "low-bono" attorneys nationwide. Providers stand ready, willing and able to offer the legal services needed.

Available online only from VetLex: <https://vetlex.org/>

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LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS IN MACOMB COUNTY

LEGAL SERVICES (NOT VETERAN SPECIFIC)

REFERRAL NEEDED TO A LAWYER

Macomb County Bar Association Legal Referral Services
(586) 468-8300
<http://www.macombbar.org/page/ReferralMAIN>

Services may be accessed 24/7 or call the Bar Association during regular business hours.

Products that may help include:

Metro Detroit Find A Lawyer is a lawyer directory accessible 24/7 for people looking for legal services.

Community Lawyer is also accessible 24/7 and through the hotline they are able to provide the citizen with detailed assistance in identifying a lawyer or some other service that may lend assistance to their issue. The referral service hotline is (586) 468-8300.

Both products help people with local legal issues find local lawyers that have the experience and confidence of the Bar Association.

FREE OR LOW COST LEGAL ADVICE AND REPRESENTATION ON CIVIL MATTERS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS OR LEGAL RESIDENTS

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Macomb County office.
Toll-free number: (877) 964-4700

OR

Lakeshore Legal Aid
(888) 783-8190
lakeshorelegalaid.org
Monday - Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
and Fridays, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

OR

Davis-Miller Law provides referrals and perform some free legal services for non-veterans.
(586) 359-2195

LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR A CRIME UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS AND UNABLE TO AFFORD AN ATTORNEY

State Defender Office
(313) 967-5555

OR

Federal Defender Office (313) 961-4150

CLEARING A CRIMINAL RECORD

Legal aid for persons with two misdemeanors and/or one felony. (DUIs and traffic offenses cannot be expunged.)

Available from
Lakeshore Legal Aid
(888) 783-8190

Monday - Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

and

Fridays
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.