

Legal Resources by Topic for Alameda County Residents

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BIPOC Centered

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus

What They Do: Promotes, advances, and represents the legal and civil rights of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. In some cases, provides free legal representation.

Who They Serve: Low to moderate income Alameda County residents. Services available in Vietnamese, Tagalog, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

Contact:

- Phone: 415-896-1701
- Website: <https://www.advancingjustice-alc.org/get-help>

API (Asian Pacific Islander) Legal Outreach

What They Do: Provides culturally competent and linguistically appropriate legal representation, social services, and advocacy for the most marginalized segments of the community. Services are available in multiple languages.

Who They Serve: Low-income women, seniors, recent immigrants, and youth.

Contact

- Phone: 510-251-2846
- Email: help@apilegaloutreach.org
- Website: <https://www.apilegaloutreach.org>

Centro Legal de la Raza

What They Do: Bilingual legal representation, education, and advocacy. Focusing on tenant, worker, and immigration rights.

Who They Serve: Low-income, immigrant, Black, and Latinx communities.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-437-1554
- Email: info@centrolegal.org
- Website: <https://www.centrolegal.org>

California Indian Legal Services

What They Do: Provides free or low-cost legal services for civil legal problems.

Who They Serve: Low-income Native Americans, tribes, and tribal entities.

Contact:

- Phone: 800-347-2402
- Website: <https://www.calindian.org/legal-aid-for-individual-native-americans/>

Disability

ALRP (AIDS Legal Referral Panel)

What They Do: Provides legal counsel and representation on often-complex legal matters for a community of individuals often least able to afford it.

Who They Serve: Bay Area residents with HIV/AIDS.

Contact:

- Phone: 415-701-1100
- Website: <https://www.alrp.org>

Disability Rights California

What They Do: Free legal representation for disability rights.

Who They Serve: People with all types of disabilities – physical, developmental, and mental.

Contact:

- Phone: 800-776-5746
- Website: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/get-help>

Employment

Legal Aid at Work

What They Do: Workers' Rights Clinic provides free, confidential information about legal rights related to work in California.

Who They Serve: Low-income and unemployed people.

Contact:

- Phone: 415-404-9093
- Website: <https://legalaidatwork.org/clinics/workers-rights-clinic/>

Families

Child Care Law

What They Do: Educates, advocates, and litigates to make child care a civil right. Answers California child care law questions (right to run a child care from your home, right to affordable child care, and rights of children with disabilities in child care).

Who They Serve: Open to all.

Contact:

- Phone: 415-558-8005, Extension 1
- Website: <https://www.childcarelaw.org/help/> (form to fill out here)

Family Violence Law Center

What They Do: Provides free survivor-centered legal and crisis intervention services.

Who They Serve: Survivors in Alameda County who need assistance with domestic violence restraining orders, civil harassment restraining orders, limited family law issues, limited housing and landlord/tenant issues, and Title IX administrative proceedings at UC Berkeley.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-208-0220 or 800-947-8301 (direct legal services line)

- Email: info@fvlc.org
- Website: <https://fvlc.org/programs/legal-services>

Tri-Valley Haven

What They Do: Free Restraining Order Clinic to apply for Temporary Restraining Orders.

Who They Serve: Survivors of domestic abuse.

Contact:

- Phone: 925-449-5847 x2606
- Email: kimberley@trivalleyhaven.org
- Website: <https://trivalleyhaven.org/get-help/>

General Low-Income Assistance

Bay Area Legal Aid

What They Do: Free civil legal assistance, including legal advice and counsel, effective referrals, and legal representation.

Who They Serve: Low-income clients in the seven Bay Area Counties.

Contact:

- Phone: 510- 663-4744
- Tenants Right Line: 888-382-3405
- Legal Advice Line: 800-551-5554
- Health Consumer Center: 855-693-7285
- Website: <https://baylegal.org/>

East Bay Community Law Center

What They Do: Free legal services. Available legal services and clinics for small business and nonprofits, criminal records, health and welfare, housing, homelessness services, immigration, and youth justice.

Who They Serve: Low-income clients in the East Bay.

Contact:

- Phone: 510- 548-4040
- Email: info@ebclc.org
- Website: <https://ebclc.org/get-help>

Legal Access Alameda

What They Do: Limited virtual pro bono legal services.

Who They Serve: Low income Alameda County residents.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-302-2222, Option 4 / Para español, Opción 1
- Website: <http://www.legalaccess.org/>

Housing and People Experiencing Homelessness

Eviction Defense Center

What They Do: Free and low-cost eviction related legal services. Services in Spanish.

Who They Serve: Alameda County residents facing eviction.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-452-4541
- Website: <https://www.evictiondefensecenteroakland.org>

HERA (Housing & Economic Rights Advocates)

What They Do: Helps Californians build a safe, sound financial future, free of discrimination and economic abuses, in all aspects of household financial concerns. Provides free legal services and consumer workshops. Services offered in multiple languages.

Who They Serve: Low and moderate income residents.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-271-8443
- Email: inquiries@heraca.org
- Website: <https://www.heraca.org>

Homeless Action Center

What They Do: Provides free legal assistance with a range of public benefits programs, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medi-Cal, CalWorks, General Assistance (GA), Food Stamps, and Cash Assistance Programs for Immigrants (CAPI).

Who They Serve: People experiencing homelessness and low-income disabled people.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-775-0035
- Website: <https://homelessactioncenter.org/programs/benefits-advocacy/>

Immigration

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

What They Do: Low-cost immigration legal services.

Who They Serve: Alameda County residents seeking immigration assistance. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-768-3100
- Website: <https://www.cceb.org/immigration-legal-services/>

East Bay Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation

What They Do: Immigration and citizenship services.

Who They Serve: Low-income Latinos and other Spanish-speakers in the Bay Area.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-261-7839
- Email: info@sscf.org
- Website: <https://sscf.org/immigration>

Korean Community Center of the East Bay

What They Do: Immigration services for legal consultation – naturalization, re-entry permit, and green card renewal.

Who They Serve: Bay Area Korean residents. Fee waivers and fee reductions available for low-income individuals and families.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-547-2662 (English) / 844-828-2254 (Korean) / 844-828-5388 (Chinese)
- Email: general@kcceb.org
- Website: <https://kcceb.org/get-help/>

Social Justice Collaborative

What They Do: Provides legal representation in immigration and criminal court as well as community advocacy.

Who They Serve: Non-citizen immigrants and their families. Some services are free and others below-market rate.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-992-3964

- Email: info@socialjusticecollaborative.org
- Website: <http://socialjusticecollaborative.org/>

Justice System Involved

UnCommon Law

What They Do: Trauma-informed, healing-centered mental health and legal counseling pro bono.

Who They Serve: People navigating the parole process.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-271-0310 / Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Website: <https://www.uncommonlaw.org>

Mediation

SEEDS Community Resolution Center

What They Do: Mediation services on a sliding scale.

Who They Serve: Anyone.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-548-2377
- Email: info@seedscrc.org
- Website: <https://www.seedscrc.org/mediation>

Seniors

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR)

What They Do: Lawyer referral service specifically designed to refer people to attorneys who specialize in estate planning for long term care, elder abuse, and elder financial abuse issues.

Who They Serve: Long term care residents and their family members.

Contact:

- Phone: 415-974-5171
- Website: <https://canhr.org/find-an-elder-law-attorney/>

Legal Assistance for Seniors

What They Do: Free legal advice and information, representation in court and administrative hearings, referrals to other community resources, and community education and training on legal issues.

Who They Serve: Seniors in Alameda County.

Contact:

- Phone: 510-832-3040 / HICAP Appointments: 510-839-0393 (assistance for Medicare beneficiaries of any age)
- Email: las@lashicap.org
- Website: <https://www.lashicap.org>

Veterans

Swords to Plowshares

What They Do: Assists with discharge upgrades, VA benefits eligibility, service-connection claims, pension applications, and VA overpayment issues.

Who They Serve: Bay Area veterans.

Contact:

- Phone: 415-727-8387
- Website: <https://www.swords-to-plowshares.org/services/legal>