

# Legal Advocacy for Veterans

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The following is a list of entities which may provide assistance for a military Servicemembers or Veteran's search for legal aid.

## WISCONSIN

For more self-help legal information and referral assistance for this state, visit <http://www.badgerlaw.net/>

### Legal Aid and Pro Bono Programs:

*These programs provide free civil legal assistance, but your eligibility for services may be limited based on your income. These organizations may or may not have military-specific services. Contact these programs for more details on eligibility.*

#### [AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. Legal Services Program](#)

820 N Plankinton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-1802  
Phone: 414-225-1578  
Toll-Free: 800-359-9272

<http://arcw.org>

**Intake:** 414-225-1532

**Counties Served:** Statewide

**Type of cases accepted:** Civil Rights, Consumer, Debt/Credit/Bankruptcy, Disability, Elder Law, Employment, Family & Juvenile, Health, HIV/AIDS, Homeless, Housing, Immigration & Naturalization, Life Planning, Prisoners, Public Benefits, Veterans

#### [Legal Action of Wisconsin \(Business Services for Veterans\)](#)

230 W. Wells Street Room 800  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-1866  
Phone: 414-278-7722

Email: [BLSV@LegalAction.org](mailto:BLSV@LegalAction.org)

Toll Free: 888-278-0633

Fax: 414-278-7126

<http://www.legalaction.org/Services/Veterans>

**Counties Served:** state-wide

**Type of cases accepted:** all matters related to business, including creation of business sentiry, permits, licenses, zoning, lease review, purchase agreements, employee hiring/payroll, contract review, claims and litigation, tax issues, business agreements, custom requests

#### [Legal Action of Wisconsin \(Milwaukee\)](#)

230 W. Wells Street Room 800  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-1866  
Phone: 414-278-7722

Toll Free: 888-278-0633

Fax: 414-278-7126

<http://www.legalaction.org>

**Counties Served:** Milwaukee, Waukesha

**Type of cases accepted:** Civil Rights, Consumer, Debt/Credit/Bankruptcy, Education, Elder Law, Employment, Family & Juvenile, Health, Homeless, Housing, Life Planning, Prisoners, Public Benefits, Veterans Migrant Farmworkers

#### [Legal Action of Wisconsin \(Madison\)](#)

31 S Mills St  
Madison, WI 53715-1307  
Phone: 608-256-3304  
Toll Free: 800-362-3904

Fax: 608-256-0510

<http://www.legalaction.org>

**Counties Served:** Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Jefferson, Rock, Iowa, Lafayette, Sauk

**Type of cases accepted:** Consumer, Family, Government/Public Benefits/Health, Housing, Low income Tax Clinic, Migrant Farmworkers, SeniorLAW, Social Security

**Legal Action of Wisconsin (Green Bay)**

201 W. Walnut Street, Suite 203  
Green Bay, WI 54301  
Phone: 920-432-4645  
Toll Free: 800-236-1127  
Fax: 920-432-5078

**Counties Served:** Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Outagamie

**Type of cases accepted:** Consumer, Family, Government/Public Benefits/Health, Housing, Low income Tax Clinic, Migrant Farmworkers, SeniorLAW, Social Security

**Legal Action Of Wisconsin (Oshkosh)**

404 N Main St, Ste 702  
Oshkosh, WI 54901-4904  
Phone: 920-233-6521  
Toll Free: 800-236-1128  
Fax: 920-233-0307

**Counties Served:** Adams, Fond Du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Waushara, Waupaca (homeless prevention cases), Winnebago

**Type of Cases Accepted:** Consumer, Family, Government/Public Benefits/Health, Housing, Low income Tax Clinic, Migrant Farmworkers, SeniorLAW, Social Security

**Legal Action of Wisconsin (La Crosse)**

205 5<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Suite 300  
La Crosse, WI n54601  
Phone: 608-785-2809  
Toll Free: 800-873-0927  
Fax: 608-782-0800

**Counties Served:** Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Trempealeau, Vernon

**Type of Cases Accepted:** Consumer, Family, Government/Public Benefits/Health, Housing, Low income Tax Clinic, Migrant Farmworkers, SeniorLAW, Social Security

**Legal Action of Wisconsin (Racine)**

4900 Spring Street, Suite 100  
Racine, WI 53406  
414-278-7722

**Counties Served:** Racine, Kenosha, Walworth

**Type of Cases Accepted:** Consumer, Family, Government/Public Benefits/Health, Housing, Low income Tax Clinic, Migrant Farmworkers, SeniorLAW, Social Security

**Coalition Of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG) Elder Law, Center**

2850 Dairy Drive, Ste 100  
Madison, WI 53718-6751  
Phone: 608-224-0660  
Fax: 608-224-0607

<http://www.cwag.org/legal>  
[cwag@cwag.org](mailto:cwag@cwag.org)

**Intake:** 800-488-2596

**Counties Served:** Statewide

**Type of Cases Accepted:** Consumer, Elder Law, Housing, Wills, Health

**Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse, Inc.(CASDA)**

318 21<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Superior, WI 54880-5137  
Twin Ports: 715-392-3136  
Bayfield County: 715-373-0870  
Toll-Free: 800-649-2921  
Fax: 715-392-8463

<http://www.casda.org>

**Intake:** 715-392-5338

**Counties Served:** Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas

**Type of Cases Accepted:** Child Custody, Dissolution of Marriage, Domestic Violence, Immigration, Real Estate, Termination of Parental Rights

**Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic for Veterans and Their Families**

Veterans' Service Office  
6419 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214  
Phone: 414-266-1234  
[www.marquettelegalclinic.org](http://www.marquettelegalclinic.org)

### [Western Wisconsin Legal Services Private Attorney Involvement Program](#)

205 5th Ave S Ste 300  
La Crosse, WI 54601-4059  
Phone: 608-785-2809  
Fax: 608-782-0800  
Toll Free: 1-800-873-0927

**Counties Served:** Buffalo, Jackson, Juneau, LaCrosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Vernon

**Types of Cases Accepted:** Civil Rights, Consumer, Disability, Education, Elder Law, Employment, Family & Juvenile, Health, Homeless, Housing, Life Planning, Prisoners, Public Benefits, Veterans

### [Wisconsin Judicare](#)

401 Fifth Street Suite 200  
Wausau, WI 54402  
Phone: 715-842-1681  
Fax: 715-848-1885  
Toll Free: 1-800-472-1638

[www.judicare.org](http://www.judicare.org)

**Counties Served:** Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn, Waupaca, Wood, Native Americans living in all counties in Wisconsin, including The Indian Country of the Menominee, Stockbridge-Munsee, Ho-Chunck, Potawatomi, Lac Du Flambeau, Oneida, Mole Lake, Lac Courte Oreilles, St. Croix, Bad River and Red Cliff.

**Types of cases accepted:** Civil Rights, Community Development, Consumer, Debt/Credit/Bankruptcy, Disability, Education, Elder Law, Employment, Family & Juvenile, Adoption, Health, Homeless, Housing, Immigration & Naturalization, Life Planning, Nonprofit Organizations, Prisoners, Public Benefits, Veterans, Native Americans

### [Centro Legal](#)

614 W. National Avenue, 2d Floor  
Milwaukee WI 53204  
Phone: (414) 384-7900  
Fax: (414) 384-6222

[www.centrolegalwisconsin.org](http://www.centrolegalwisconsin.org)

**Counties served:** Milwaukee

**Types of Cases Accepted:** Centro Legal is a bilingual (Spanish-English) nonprofit law firm representing low-income clients on a sliding fee scale based on household income. Legal services are provided in the areas of family law and misdemeanor criminal law.

### [Community Justice](#)

214 N. Hamilton St · Ste 101  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703  
Phone: 608-204-9642  
Fax: 608-204-9645

[www.communityjusticeinc.org](http://www.communityjusticeinc.org)

**Counties Served:** Dane, Sauk, Columbia, Jefferson, Rock

**Types of Cases Accepted:** CJJ is a nonprofit law firm representing individuals on a sliding fee scale based on household income in the following areas of law: family, consumer, SSDI, personal bankruptcy, small claims, insurance, criminal, employment, housing, restraining orders and simple estate planning.

### [Economic Justice Institute At UW-Madison Law School](#)

975 Bascom Mall  
Madison, WI 53706  
Phone: 608-262-2240  
[www.law.wisc.edu/eji](http://www.law.wisc.edu/eji)

### [Kingdom Legal Services, Inc.](#)

10 East Doty Street, 800  
Madison, WI 53703  
Phone: 608-204-5896  
Fax: 608-204-5897

**Intake:** 608-204-5896

**Counties Served:** Dane, Jefferson, Milwaukee, Waukesha

**Type of Cases Accepted:** Housing, Wills, Religious Liberty and Church Law Real Estate, CED Adoption

### **State Bar of Wisconsin**

5302 Eastpark Blvd.  
Madison, WI 53707  
Phone: 608-250-6177

Email: [jbrown@wisbar.org](mailto:jbrown@wisbar.org)  
<http://www.wisbar.org/lamp>

Wisconsin Legal Assistance for eligible Veterans, active duty military personnel as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve. Individuals must have legal issues that can be resolved by a Wisconsin lawyer and meet any applicable income requirements. Free legal assistance is only available to households that qualify as low income; must be less than 125% of the federal poverty guideline, approximately \$14,363 for an individual or \$29,438 for a family of four.

### **Veterans Law Center**

The Veterans Law Center (VLC) is a free walk-in legal clinic that serves low-income Veterans and their families. Volunteer attorneys, along with paralegals and law students, provide brief legal advice, information and referrals on a variety of civil legal matters. Additionally, staff from the Dane County Veterans Service Office provides information about military benefits and other resources available to Veterans.

<http://law.wisc.edu/probono/Veteranslawcenter/>

#### **Veterans Law Center Administrator**

Adriana Aristeiguieta Dean  
[Veteranslawcenter@law.wisc.edu](mailto:Veteranslawcenter@law.wisc.edu)  
608-616-5232

#### **Student Volunteer Coordinators**

Andrew Lorenz, 3L Law Student  
[studentcoordinator.vlc@gmail.com](mailto:studentcoordinator.vlc@gmail.com)

#### **Pro Bono Program Director**

Laura Smythe, M.A., M.A., J.D.  
[probonodirector@law.wisc.edu](mailto:probonodirector@law.wisc.edu)  
608-890-3754

### **The ABA Military Pro Bono Project**

Offers attorneys two ways to help military families:  
Providing Pro Bono Legal Representation to Military Members

<https://www.militaryprobono.org/>

### **StatesideLegal.org**

The website offers:

- easy-to-read self-help legal information
- teaching videos about Servicemembers' rights under the SCRA
- commonly used interactive forms
- an interactive map of free legal aid offices
- research tools for legal advocates
- news

Legal topics include:

- divorce and child custody
- training and re-employment opportunities (including USERRA and VRAP)
- VA benefits
- Servicemembers rights under the SCRA
- the legal rights of women who serve

### **Fort McCoy**

#### **Upper Midwest Pension Rights Project (UMPRP)**

2850 Dairy Drive, 100  
Madison, WI 53719-6751  
Phone: 608-224-0660  
Fax: 608-224-0607  
Toll Free: 800-488-2596

<http://www.cwag.org/legal/pension-rights/>

Intake: 608-224-0606 x319

Counties Served: Statewide

Type of Cases Accepted: Pension, 401(k) or similar retirement plan

### **Western Wisconsin Legal Services Private Attorney Involvement Program**

205 5th Ave S, Ste 300  
La Crosse, WI 54601-4059  
Phone: 608-785-2809  
Fax: 608-782-0800  
Intake: 800-873-0927

**Counties Served:** Buffalo, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Vernon

**Type of Cases Accepted:** Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Torts, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Adoption

### **Lawyer Referral Programs:**

*These programs will connect you to a lawyer who charges for legal services. Some attorneys with these programs, however, may offer discounted initial consultations or may charge reduced fees based on your income. Contact these programs for more information.*

#### **State Bar of Wisconsin LRIS**

5302 Eastpark Blvd  
Madison, WI 53708  
Phone: 608-257-4666  
Toll Free: 800-444-9404

<http://www.wisbar.org>

**Counties Served:** Statewide

**Types of cases referred:** Refers to all areas of the law.

**Special Panels:** Reduced Fee Panel

#### **Milwaukee Bar Association Lawyer Referral And Information Service**

424 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-274-6768  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Languages: Spanish communication specialists available, Spanish speaking (and other language) attorneys available

<http://www.findmilwaukeeelawyers.org>

**Counties Served:** Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Racine, Kenosha, Dane

**Types of cases referred:** Refers to all areas of the law.

**Special Panels:** Reduced Fee Panel

#### **Waukesha County Bar Association Lawyer Referral And Information Service**

424 E. Wells St.  
General Phone No: 262-544-4016  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

<http://www.waukeshalawyers.org>

**Counties Served:** Waukesha, Washington Counties

**Types of cases referred:** Refers to all areas of the law.

### **Military-Specific Programs:**

*Service members and their families may access free legal assistance at these offices. These are programs designed to assist members of the military with legal matters.*

#### **State Bar of Wisconsin**

5302 Eastpark Blvd.  
Madison, WI 53707  
Phone: 608-250-6177  
Email: [jbrown@wisbar.org](mailto:jbrown@wisbar.org)  
<http://www.wisbar.org/lamp>

**Contact:** Jeff Brown

Wisconsin Legal Assistance for Military Personnel is a project of the State Bar of Wisconsin Volunteer Lawyers Program. We provide referrals to free and reduced cost attorneys or other legal resources for eligible individuals. Veterans, active duty military personnel, members of the National Guard and reservists who have legal issues that can be resolved by a Wisconsin lawyer are eligible. Visit <http://www.wisbar.org/LAMP> to learn more and request help.

#### **Fort McCoy**

Installation Legal Office  
1644 South 11th Avenue  
Fort McCoy, WI 54656  
Phone: 608-388-2165, 608-280-2165

**Wisconsin National Guard**

Staff Judge Advocate  
2400 Wright Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708  
Phone: 608-242-3071  
[wing-ja-all@ng.army.mil](mailto:wing-ja-all@ng.army.mil)

**Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic**

Angela Schultz  
Phone: 414-288-6823  
Email: [angela.schultz@marquette.edu](mailto:angela.schultz@marquette.edu)  
<http://law.marquette.edu/mvlc/>  
University of Wisconsin Law School