## Who is ALSC?

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (ALSC) is a non-profit law firm, providing free civil legal aid and legal education to the low-income communities throughout forty-two parishes in north, central, and southwest Louisiana.

ALSC is governed by a Board of Directors made up of eligible clients, local attorneys, representatives of local civic and social service agencies.

ALSC was incorporated in 1978 and was formed to meet the civil legal needs of low-income and elderly residents of six parishes in Acadiana. In 1981, our service area expanded to eight parishes. Over 45 years later, ALSC has expanded service areas to 75% of the state.

## **Preserve and Stabilize**

ALSC is dedicated to make hope, dignity and justice available by working to preserve and stabilize 5 key areas:



## Eligibility for Legal Aid

Louisiana residents living in one of the 42 parishes west of the Mississippi River; and

whose income is at or below 125%, in some cases 200%, of the current poverty guidelines are eligible for free civil legal aid; or

who is 60 years or older, regardless of income or assets, through limited funding from Council on Aging organizations.

Visit www.la-law.org for more information on eligibility requirements.

## **Office Locations**

#### Lafavette

1020 Surrey Street Lafayette, LA 70501

### **Lake Charles**

2911 Ryan Street Lake Charles, LA 70601

#### Franklin

1407 Barrow St., Suite H-1 3016 Cameron Street Franklin, LA 70538

#### **Alexandria**

1808 Jackson Street Alexandria, LA 71301

#### **Natchitoches**

134 St. Denis Street Natchitoches, LA 71457

#### Shreveport

720 Travis Street Shreveport, LA 71101

#### Monroe

Monroe, LA 71201



## **Get Connected!**

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# Civil Legal Aid How do I get it?







## **ALSC Services and Units**

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation provides counsel and advice, legal representation and advocacy to low-income and elderly individuals. ALSC has separate law units to handle specific legal areas. ALSC has a dedicated intake process to determine eligibility and connect the eligible client with the right attorney.

Administrative Law Unit

Handles cases involving public benefits including social security, SSI, Medicare and Medicaid and income maintenance for qualified applicants and veterans.

- Child in need of Care (CINC) Unit Handles court appointed cases involving abuse and/or neglect of children.
- Family Law Unit
  Handles cases involving divorce,
  custody and support, adoptions and
  domestic violence.
- Litigation Unit
  Handles cases involving bankruptcy,
  credit issues, unemployment and end of
  life planning.
- Disaster Unit
  Handles cases for qualified applicants impacted by natural disasters.
- Handles cases involving foreclosure and landlord-tenant issues such as evictions.

## **Applying for Legal Aid**

Please call the ALSC office nearest you to walk through an eligibility process. Eligibility checks are conducted over the phone for all units and online for disaster survivors for the Disaster Unit.

Once eligibility is determined, a full intake application is processed. If the case is accepted, our support staff will contact you directly to discuss next steps and details of your case. If the case is not accepted, ALSC offers free legal information and resources through a variety of online and self-help options.

Eligible residents, 60 years or older, needing legal assistance are encouraged to apply for legal aid as soon as a legal problem is recognized.

If you have an urgent need for legal aid, please provide dates and times for immediate need. It may take up to 24 hours for a return call to proceed.

If you are in imminent danger, call your local law enforcement agency.

## **Outreach Opportunities**

ALSC offers a variety of online clinics, outreach events, and application drives throughout the forty two parishes in our service area.

Our outreach and clinics calendar of events can be found at www.la-law.org/outreach.

## **Online Resources**

ALSC partners with the following organizations to bring you current and helpful resources:

- Lagniappe Law Lab www.lagniappelawlab.org
- LA Free Legal Answers
  https://la.freelegalanswers.org
- Louisiana Law Help www.louisianalawhelp.org
- Louisiana State Bar Association www.lsba.org
- Legal Services Corporation www.lsc.gov
- Law Help Interactive https://lawhelpinteractive.org
- Louisiana 2-1-1 www.louisiana211.org
- Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov
- Office of the Attorney General www.ag.state.la.us
- Housing and Urban Development www.hud.gov
- Disaster Assistance www.disasterassistance.gov
- Humana | Healthy Horizons in LA www.humana.com/healthylouisiana