

Who is ALSC?

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (ALSC) is a non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal aid and education to eligible low-income individuals in Louisiana. We help remove legal obstacle that trap families in cycles of poverty, violence, and instability.

We serve these communities by providing direct representation in administrative hearings and court proceedings, advice and counsel, and a wide variety of community legal education initiatives.

ALSC has over 45 years of civil legal aid experience and we serve 75% of Louisiana, which covers forty-two (42) total parishes. Our mission is to make hope, dignity, and justice available to all.

Housing Resources

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

- ✓ **232-HELP**
(337) 232-4357
- ✓ **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
www.ag.state.la.us
- ✓ **HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**
www.hud.gov
- ✓ **LALAWHELP**
www.louisianalawhelp.org
- ✓ **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**
www.catholiccharitiesusa.org
- ✓ **LOUISIANA 2-1-1**
www.louisiana211.org

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 legal aid or;

who are 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

Lafayette

1020 Surrey Street
Lafayette, LA 70501

Natchitoches

134 St. Denis Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Lake Charles

2911 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Shreveport

720 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

Alexandria

1808 Jackson Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

Monroe

3016 Cameron Street
Monroe, LA 71201

Franklin

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



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- (866) 275-2572
- [acadianalegal](https://www.facebook.com/acadianalegal)
- www.la-law.org
- [acadianalegalservice](https://www.instagram.com/acadianalegalservice)

Facing
Eviction?
We can help.

ALSC Housing Unit

ALSC's housing unit provides legal counsel and advice on legal issues for:

- ✓ **FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED HOUSING**
- ✓ **PRIVATE LANDLORD / TENANT ISSUES**
- ✓ **PUBLIC HOUSING**
- ✓ **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION**

Within these case types, we assist with evictions, illegal utilities terminations, illegal lockouts, landlord-tenant disputes, repair issues, and security deposit issues.

Additional Services

ALSC also provides legal aid to homeowners:

- ✓ **HOME OWNERSHIP/REAL PROPERTY**
- ✓ **MOBILE HOMES**
- ✓ **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE**
- ✓ **MORTGAGE PREDATORY LENDING**

Are you an at-risk tenant?

You are at-risk for eviction, if you are late paying rent or violated any term in the written lease or government-subsidized housing rules.

- ✓ **LATE RENT PAYMENTS**
- ✓ **VIOLATION OF ANY TERMS IN THE WRITTEN LEASE OR GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED HOUSING RULES.**

Steps for Eviction

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NOTICE TO VACATE

Louisiana law provides that your landlord must give you a five (5) day Notice to Vacate before filing for eviction. This right can be waived in your lease. If this is the case, your landlord may file for an eviction without giving you notice.

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EVICTON CITATION

After five days has passed, the landlord will need to file a Rule for Possession (also sometimes called a Rule to Evict or Eviction Citation). Either a sheriff officer, marshal or constable will serve you an eviction notice. This notice will contain a court date.

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TRIAL ON EVICTION

A trial can be held as soon as three (3) days after service upon the tenant. Your hearing is your opportunity to tell your side of the story and present any defenses you think you have to the eviction.

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JUDGMENT OF EVICTION

(Writ of Possession) If the judge rules against you, you will only have 24 hours from the time of the signing of judgment to vacate the home. If you do not vacate within 24 hours, the landlord may call the sheriff, marshal or constable to begin removing your belongings from the home.

How do I stop eviction?

If you have received a Notice to Vacate, contact your lawyer as soon as you get the notice.

If you have legal defenses to stop eviction, file a notarized answer with the Clerk's office **before the trial.**

A legal defense answer must state your defenses to the eviction. You must swear before a notary that the statements in your answer are true. There may be court costs involved depending on the court.

Your rights during eviction.

The landlord cannot lawfully lock you out, throw your belongings out or cut off your utilities. Your landlord must get a court order to evict you.

If your landlord changes your locks, shuts off your utilities or takes your property, they have broken the law. A court may order him to stop breaking the law and to pay you damages. You have the right to appeal the judgement in a timely manner.

Remember!

- ✓ **COMMUNICATE ASAP**
- ✓ **DOCUMENT EVERYTHING**
- ✓ **YOU HAVE OPTIONS**

Call ALSC today to determine if you are eligible for legal aid.

TOLL FREE: (866) 275-2572