

Apply for Legal Assistance

ALSC has three options to apply for legal assistance:

Apply online through our statewide portal that requires you to complete an application to determine your eligibility for legal services. **Visit www.la-law.org/get-help.**

Call **TOLL FREE 1-866-ASK-ALSC** to apply for services over the telephone.

Visit a local office to apply in person.



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Office Locations

- Shreveport**
720 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA 71101
- Monroe**
3016 Cameron Street
Monroe, LA 71201
- Natchitoches**
134 St. Denis Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457
- Alexandria**
1808 Jackson Street
Alexandria, LA 71301
- Lafayette**
1020 Surrey Street
Lafayette, LA 70501
- Lake Charles**
2911 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601
- Franklin**
1407 Barrow St., Ste H-1
Franklin, LA 70538

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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 and has a dedicated intake process to determine eligibility and connect the eligible client with the right attorney.

Get Connected!

-  www.la-law.org
-  **1-(866)-ASK-ALSC**
1-(866)-275-2572
-  [acadianalegal](https://www.facebook.com/acadianalegal)
-  [acadianalegalservice](https://www.youtube.com/acadianalegalservice)



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Facing Eviction? We can help.

www.la-law.org



Housing Law 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

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

Housing Legal Education

ALSC offers a variety of in-person and virtual clinics, legal presentations, application drives and participates in resource fairs throughout the 42 parishes in our service area.

View and schedule upcoming events at www.la-law.org/outreach.

Steps for Eviction

1

NOTICE TO VACATE

Louisiana law requires 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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

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.

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.

HOW DO I STOP AN EVICTION?

If you have a Notice to Vacate or Eviction Citation, contact a 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 them to stop breaking the law and to pay you damages. You have the right to appeal the judgment in a timely manner.

Online Resources

232-HELP
232-help.org

Louisiana Law Help
<https://louisianalawhelp.org/>

Housing and Urban Development
www.hud.gov