

# Legal Assistance

Most agencies or Programs Listed below Will Not Provide Legal Advice



**COURT CARE** – Free child care provided to parties conducting court business. The center is open from 7:30am to 5:00pm and is located in Room S140. (719)452-5499

## GENERAL LEGAL ADVICE

### **Call-A-Lawyer/ Colorado Legal Services**

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, from 5-7p.m. volunteer attorneys from the El Paso County Bar Association answer telephone calls from the public. All calls are anonymous and confidential. Participants can call at any time during the clinic hours. The number to call for this service is 719-471-0380. 617 S. Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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

### **Ask-a-Lawyer:**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10a.m. to 12 p.m., volunteer attorneys from the El Paso County Bar Association answer legal questions from the public, in person, at the Citadel Mall, inside Imagination Celebration space (on upper level near Burlington Coat Factory).

### **Law Line 9: (303) 698-0999**

9 News and the Denver Bar Association sponsor this service every Wednesday from 4pm-5:30pm. Call from anywhere in Colorado. Check the 9Line Schedule at [www.9news.com](http://www.9news.com) for the type of law questions answered that week.

### **Colorado Legal Services: (719) 471-0380 - 617 S. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. [www.coloradolegalservices.org](http://www.coloradolegalservices.org).**

Provides free civil legal services to seniors (60+) and to those under 60 who meet income and asset guidelines. Assistance is provided for divorce and allocation of parental responsibilities (no post-decree matters), permanent protection orders, foreclosure, landlord-tenant and consumer issues including suits by creditors, public benefits, unemployment, powers of attorney, obtaining a state ID, and immigration for victims of domestic violence. Priority is given to promoting safety and preventing homelessness.

### **El Paso County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: (719) 636-1532**

A service of the El Paso County Bar Association which matches pre-screened attorneys with clients at the attorney's customer rates and fees. The LRS charges \$40 for an initial 30 minute consultation with an attorney, who meets criteria for participation including ongoing legal education, having an insured practice, and relevant case work in specific areas of law. After the 30 minute consultation, the attorney's regular rates apply. [www.elpasocountybar.org](http://www.elpasocountybar.org)

**Pikes Peak Pro Bono Project: [probono@elpasocountybar.org](mailto:probono@elpasocountybar.org)**

The Pikes Peak Pro Bono Project strives to provide access to justice for citizens of limited means. Must apply and meet guidelines to be considered for pro bono representation. Does not accept applications for criminal and traffic cases. If your issue is related to a misdemeanor or felony citation, or if you have a public defender, we cannot assist with your case. Must apply and meet guidelines to be considered for pro bono representation. Email for more info.

**El Paso County Bar Association Modest Means Program**

<http://www.elpasocountybar.org/legal-resources-for-the-public/modest-means-program/>

Helping moderate-income Coloradoans in El Paso and Teller Counties find affordable legal assistance when they cannot afford attorney fees and do not qualify for legal aid. Program assists with certain kinds of bankruptcy, civil rights, criminal law, probate, family law, foreclosure, and landlord-tenant matters. Submit an application by email, fax, or mail. No phone or walk-in inquiries.

**Legal Counseling for Seniors: Call (719) 387-6000 to make an appointment.**

The Clinic is held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Colorado Springs Senior Center, **1514 N. Hancock**. Services include legal advice, counseling, negotiation, advocacy, and litigation. Areas of law in which assistance is provided include public assistance, Social Security, housing matters, consumer problems, garnishments and foreclosures, guardianships, powers of attorney, and nursing home rights. You will be required to complete an intake form that includes financial information.

**Colorado Bar Association:**

1900 South Grant St, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver. [www.cobar.org](http://www.cobar.org) (303) 860-1115

**District Attorney:**

Public Prosecutor for citizens of El Paso and Teller Counties by enforcing Colorado state criminal laws. Located at 105 E. Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs [www.4thjudicialda.com](http://www.4thjudicialda.com) (719) 520-6000

**Public Defender:**

Provide representation for indigent individuals charged with the commission of a crime in Colorado. Located at 19 N. Tejon, Colorado Springs [www.coloradodefenders.us](http://www.coloradodefenders.us) (719) 475-1235.

**Attorney Regulation Committee:**

Accepts complaints against attorneys that are licensed in the State of Colorado. (877) 888-1370.

**Ecumenical Social Ministries Lawyer Referral Service: (719)636-1916**

Volunteer lawyers provide a free one-hour consultation and a referral to a lawyer who specializes in that area of law and will work for a reduced fee. Located at 201 N. Weber St. Colorado Springs.

## **PRO SE (SELF-REPRESENTED)**

### **Colorado State Judicial Branch website: [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us)**

Research, download instructions and forms, juror information, Colorado Court Locations, etc (719) 452-5000.

### **Pro Se Self-Help Center: 270 S. Tejon Room S101 (719)452-5000**

The Self-Help Center at the El Paso County Judicial Building has forms, pro se custody packets, clerks available to answer questions and more. Open 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday.

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/County/Index.cfm?County\\_ID=6&submit=Go](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/County/Index.cfm?County_ID=6&submit=Go) or [www.gofourth.org](http://www.gofourth.org). Can be reached by email at [04SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:04SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us).

### **Post-Decree Pro Se Clinic (Appointment Required)**

2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm, Colorado Legal Services, 617 S. Nevada Avenue. Attorneys are available to assist and answer questions for Pro Se (Self-Represented) clients with post-decree matters. Appointments required, at least one week in advance. Call Pikes Peak Pro Bono Project at (719)473-6212 to make an appointment.

### **Pro Se Veteran's Issues Clinic (Appointment Required)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm Colorado Legal Services, 617 S. Nevada Avenue. Veterans may receive legal assistance for the following civil matters: Family, Bankruptcy, Eviction, Foreclosure, Consumer and Benefits. To sign up for a 30 minute appointment, please call the Pikes Peak Pro Bono Project at (719) 473-6212. To make an appointment, leave your name, phone number and a brief description of your situation.

### **Probate Clinic (Appointment Required)**

2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30 pm, Colorado Legal Services, 617 S. Nevada Avenue. Experienced attorneys will provide free legal information about probate issues, filing for guardianship or conservatorship of adults and minors, and wills. After the information session, you may meet with an attorney, without charge, for 1-on-1 advice. Contact Pikes Peak Pro Bono Project at (719) 473-6212 to make an appointment.

### **Virtual Pro Se Clinic**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month, 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Fountain Library, Pikes Peak Library District, 230 S. Main St., Fountain, CO 80817. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits, and civil protection order via computer link. Contact the Fountain Library at (719) 531-6333 ext 2333 for more information.

### **Justice Corp:**

College students assisting pro se parties with procedural questions. Hours vary based on students schedules. Located at El Paso County Combined Court in Room S101, Self-help Center. (719) 452-5555 or 452-5557.

**Self-Represented Litigant Coordinators**

Court employees who assist in the detailed walkthrough of forms, court processes and procedures, legal terminology breakdown, assistance as to what next steps of case may be, and possible community resources available to assist you in your case. Located at El Paso County Combined Court in Room S101, Self-Help Center. Hours 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

Lisa A. Younger Anderson - [lisa.youngeranderson@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:lisa.youngeranderson@judicial.state.co.us).

Shay Johnson: [shaneyvie.johnson@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:shaneyvie.johnson@judicial.state.co.us)

**Law Library (Inside the Penrose Public Library)**

Research state statutes and case law. Other resources also available. Located at 20 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs. [www.ppld.org](http://www.ppld.org) (719) 531-6333. Law Librarian is available Monday–Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

**Better Business Bureau:**

Consumer advocacy. Consumer may file complaints against businesses and non-profit organizations. Also, Landlord tenant information provided. [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) (719)636-1155.

**Springs Rescue Mission:**

Partners with local churches & community organizations to serve the homeless, feed the hungry & minister to the addicted. Located at 5 West Las Vegas, Colorado Springs. (719) 632-1822 or Info@SpringsRescueMission.org. [www.mysrm.org](http://www.mysrm.org).

**COLORADO COURTS**

**Colorado Courts at a Glance**

Brochure provided by the Colorado State Judicial Branch.

<https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/File/Media/Brochures/2009webglance.pdf>

**What you need to know about representing yourself in Court**

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/File/Self\\_Help/pro%20se%20sheet%20Word%2009%202009.pdf](https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/File/Self_Help/pro%20se%20sheet%20Word%2009%202009.pdf)

**MEDIATION**

**Neighborhood Justice Center: 520-6016, 105 E Vermijo**

The Neighborhood Justice Center, a division of the Fourth Judicial District’s DA office, is a voluntary program to help citizens peacefully resolve disputes through mediation hearings. It focuses on the identification of issues creating conflict and development of mutually acceptable resolutions. This service will help with non-domestic restraining orders. They cannot give legal advice and do not mediate tenant/landlord disputes. There is no fee for this service.

**Office of Dispute Resolution (Mediation): 452-5005, 270 S. Tejon, room S-023**

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Custom.cfm?Unit=odr&Page\\_ID=225](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Custom.cfm?Unit=odr&Page_ID=225)

The ODR (or Mediation Office) offers mediation, arbitration, settlement conferences and family conferences. The mediators and arbiters have many years of experience and training and handle complex county and district civil, divorce, dependency and neglect (juvenile), child custody cases on a routine basis. The ODR also conducts mediations on probate cases and some criminal cases. To schedule an appointment, fill out a request found at the link above or get the form in room S-023, and turn in directly to the mediation office in the courthouse.

**Fee Dispute Committee: (719) 473-9700**

The El Paso County Bar Association Fee Dispute Committee sets up panels of attorneys that will arbitrate disputes for free between attorneys and clients involving legal fees.

<b>DOMESTIC ISSUES</b>
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**Pro Se Clinic 1: Divorce, 270 S. Tejon, room W113 (Jury Room)**

Provides an overview of divorce process and initial forms. Classes are presented by court staff, not attorneys. Held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, noon-1:30pm, at the El Paso County Judicial Building. *Clinic end date: January 1, 2017.*

**Child Support Services of Colorado: 457-6331, 30 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Suite 203**

<http://elpasocountycss.com>

The Child Support unit establishes paternity, orders support, modifies support orders, and enforces the order for child support payments. For payment information call (719) 635-8413.

**Pro Se Divorce Clinic: (719) 471-0380 (Appointment required)**

3rd Tuesday of each month, 5:15-7:15pm, Gold Hill Police Substation, 955 West Moreno Avenue. Attorneys from Colorado Legal Services are available to assist and answer questions for Pro Se clients with dissolution of marriage issues. Clients must call before the clinic to be screened for eligibility and conflicts and to complete an intake form.

**Family Court Facilitators: 452-5104, room S116**

Walk-in hours are Monday from 9am-12pm and Monday thru Thursday 1-4pm at the El Paso County Judicial Building. Facilitators deal with pre and post-decree matters regarding divorce, legal separation, allocation of parental responsibilities, invalidation of marriage, and modification issues.

Michael W. Vigil - [michael.vigil@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:michael.vigil@judicial.state.co.us).

Nicole Rugh - [nicolle.rugh@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:nicolle.rugh@judicial.state.co.us).

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Tina Horton – [tina.horton@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:tina.horton@judicial.state.co.us) (*juvenile only*)

**CFIT – CHILDREN AND Families in Transition (formerly Parenting Through Divorce Seminars) 270 S. Tejon Colorado Springs**

This is a mandatory class for all divorce filings involving minor children and allocation of parental responsibility filings. Classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month starting at 5:30pm. Class is also available online through [www.casappr.org](http://www.casappr.org) (under Programs). All classes are held at El Paso County Court in the Jury Assembly Room, W113. Bring your case number with you.

Children are not allowed in the class under any circumstances. For questions contact CASA at (719) 447-9898.

**Colorado Legal Services:**

See description under “General Legal Advice” section.

**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates):**

Trained volunteers to investigate issues regarding children. Conducted by Court order to include supervised pickup/drop-off and/or supervised parenting time. Located at 701 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs. (719)447-9898. <http://www.casappr.org/>

**TESSA: 633-1462, Crisis Line: 633-3819**

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

Provides confidential programs that empower victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to help women and children achieve safety and well-being. The various programs and services include referrals, assistance through the court process, assistance obtaining employment, transportation, housing, and other basic needs. No appointment necessary. Located at 435 Gold Pass Heights on Myron Stratton Campus Colorado Springs (Hwy 115 and S. Nevada).

**Department of Human Services (DHS)**

Child abuse hotline (719) 444-5700 – Select Option 1

DHS main phone line (719) 636-0000. Located at 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd., Colorado Springs [www.dhselpasoco.com](http://www.dhselpasoco.com).

**Colorado Family Support Registry:**

Collection agency for court ordered support. To make a payment you must include your FSR account number. Payments may be mailed to P.O. Box 2171 Denver, CO 80201-2171. For questions call 1(800) 374-6558. [www.childsupport.state.co.us](http://www.childsupport.state.co.us).

**Army Community Service: 719-243-7907 Ft. Carson Domestic Violence Crisis Line**

Advocates provide support and services for military families.

<b>LANDLORD/TENANT</b>
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**Colorado Springs Code Enforcement: (719) 444-7891**

The Code Enforcement Unit of the police department is responsible for the inspection of publicly- and privately-owned residential buildings to assure that they meet the minimum housing standards for the city of Colorado Springs and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions for all residents within the city limits. Online complaint form at: <http://www.springsgov.com/units/police/CodeEnfComplaint.asp>

**Colorado Legal Services:**

See description under “General Legal Advice” section.

## SEMINARS/CLASSES/PROGRAMS

### **National Corrective Training Institute (N.C.T.I.)**

Workshop's are offered in Traffic (Spanish and English), Petty Theft, Conflict Management, Pet Management, etc. [www.ncticolorado.com](http://www.ncticolorado.com) (800) 373-1183.

### **Alive @ 25:**

A 4 hour defensive driving course for ages 15-24. [www.aliveat25.us](http://www.aliveat25.us) (866) 605-3900.

### **Center on Fathering:**

Education/Training, Support Groups, Outreach, and Resource referral. 8:00am-5:00pm  
Weekdays except for holidays. 325 N. El Paso Street, Colorado Springs 1 (800) 693-2334 or  
(719) 634-7797. <http://dhs.elpasoco.com/Pages/COF.aspx>.

### **Rocky Mountain's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)**

<http://www.rmhcare.org/services/pace> or 719-314-2327

This program is known as the gold standard of care for the frail elderly. Services include:  
Medical Clinic offering care from physicians & nurses who specialize in the care of older adults;  
Adult Day/Health Center with recreational activities; nutritious meals & snacks; nursing services  
& medication management; personal care & laundry services; Home health care and  
Homemaker services; All necessary prescription drugs with no co-pay; Medical specialists;  
Through the door transportation services; Respite care; Emergency, Hospital and nursing home  
care when necessary; Physical, occupational, recreational therapy; Activities, classes,  
counseling services; Case management services to manage transitions in care.

### **Asian Pacific Development Center: (303)923-2936 or**

<http://apdc.org/news/refugee-integrated-care-services/victims-assistance/>

Advocate for Asian victims of crime. Also have court processing and advocacy services.

## DISCRIMINATION PROTECTION

### **Colorado Civil Rights Division: 800-262-4845**

[www.dora.state.co.us/civil-rights](http://www.dora.state.co.us/civil-rights)

The Civil Rights Office investigates complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations if the complaint is based on race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental handicaps, marital status, or age.

### **Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People: 800-288-1376, 455 Sherman St., Suite 130, Denver**

<http://www.thelegalcenter.org>

The Legal Center helps people with disabilities use the legal system to protect and promote their rights through direct legal representation, advocacy, education, and legislative analysis. The Legal Center offers all the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy Programs for people with disabilities in Colorado as well as the Client Assistance Program, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and the Legal Assistance Developer Program for the Elderly.

### **U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: 800-669-4000, 303 E. 17th Ave., Suite 510, Denver**

[www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

The EEOC enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy) or national origin, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, which protects employees 40 years of age and older, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992. The Denver Field Office is open Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm. Call ahead; walk-ins are accepted, but individuals with appointments are given priority.