

# HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM

## RESOURCE AND REFERRAL GUIDE

### FAMILY LAW

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#### **Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP)**

Representation in family and general civil legal matters  
713-228-0732

#### **Lone Star Legal Aid**

Family & other civil legal matters  
713-652-0077

#### **Houston Lawyer Referral Service**

For-fee (\$) referrals to specialists  
713-237-9429

#### **Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)**

Counseling & legal representation  
713-224-9911

#### **Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC)**

Divorces, protective orders, modifications, enforcement; limited services for non-domestic violence  
713-528-2121

#### **NAACP Legal Redress Program**

Family law, probate, landlord/tenant, consumer; services for persons with HIV/AIDS  
713-526-3389

#### **University of Houston Legal Aid Clinic**

Civil & family law  
713-743-2094

#### **South Texas College of Law**

Simple divorces  
713-652-0009

#### **Texas Southern University School of Law Clinic**

Family, civil, housing, consumer, immigration  
713-313-1139

#### **Southeast Texas Legal Clinic**

General civil matters for HIV+ clients  
713-523-7852

#### **Attorney General's Office**

Child support, paternity establishment  
713-974-4876

#### **Domestic Relations Office**

Enforcement of child support, visitation, and paternity establishment  
713-755-6757

#### **Dispute Resolution Center**

Mediation services for disputes between neighbors, family members, landlord/tenant, employer/employee, consumer matters  
713-755-8274



## DISABILITY-RELATED ISSUES

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### **Advocacy, Inc.**

713-974-7691

### **The Arc of Texas**

Programs and services for persons with mental retardation  
800-252-9729

### **Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority of Harris Co.**

Information, assessment, and referral  
713-970-4444



## GENERAL LEGAL

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### **HVLP**

713-228-0732

### **Lone Star Legal Aid**

713-652-0077

### **Dispute Resolution Center**

713-755-8274

### **Houston Lawyer Referral Service**

713-237-9429

### **NAACP Legal Redress Program**

713-526-3389

### **LegalLine**

Free phone advice on 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month, 5-9 pm  
713-759-1133

### **Consejos Legales**

Spanish-version of LegalLine, 1st Thursday each month, 5-9 pm  
713-755-1133

### **Legal Hotline for Older Texans**

For 60+ Texans, answer legal questions free, referrals  
800-622-2520



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SHELTERS

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### **Texas Abuse Hotline**

24-hour hotline for abuse & neglect of children and elderly  
800-252-5400

### **Family Violence Legal Hotline**

Counseling & information about legal rights & options  
800-374-4673

### **Bay Area Women's Center**

Women's shelter  
281-422-2292

### **HAWC**

713-528-2121

**AVDA**  
713-224-9911

**Family Violence Unit of District Attorney's Office**  
Parental kidnapping, family violence, protective orders, criminal non-support  
713-755-5888

**Houston Police Department's Family Violence Unit**  
713-308-1100

**Harris County Sheriff's Family Violence Unit**  
713-967-5743

**Children's Protective Services (CPS)**  
Investigation of child abuse  
713-394-4000

**Adult Protective Services**  
Investigation of elder abuse  
713-767-2700



**GUARDIANSHIP/PROBATE**

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**IMMIGRATION**

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**Catholic Charities**  
713-874-6570

**YMCA International Services**  
713-339-9015



**IRS ISSUES**

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**HVLP Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic**  
Tax controversies, innocent spouse  
713-228-0735

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

Free tax return preparation  
800-829-1040



**CONSUMER ISSUES**

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**HVLP**

713-228-0732

**Lone Star Legal Aid**

713-652-0077

**NAACP Legal Redress Program**

713-526-3389

**Houston Lawyer Referral Service**

713-237-9429

**Dispute Resolution Center**

713-755-8274

**Better Business Bureau**

713-868-9500

**Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline**

Consumer complaints against individual or business  
800-621-0508

**Consumer Fraud Harris County DA**

713-755-5836



**EMPLOYMENT/WAGE ISSUES**

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**Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

Wage disputes involving discrimination issues  
713-209-3320

**Texas Workforce Commission**

Employment-related problems  
800-832-2829

**State Board of Labor**

Salary complaints & disputes  
800-832-9243



**SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS**

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**South Texas College of Law**

713-652-0009

**Southeast Texas Legal Clinic**

Only for persons with HIV/AIDS  
713-523-7852

**NAACP**

713-526-3389



**CRIMINAL MATTERS**

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**Harris Co. Criminal Lawyers**  
713-227-2404

**Harris Co. Criminal Lawyers**  
Spanish  
713-224-4864

**District Attorney's Office**  
Files criminal charges  
713-755-7114

**Texas Southern University**  
Traffic violations and misdemeanors  
713-313-1139



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**CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

**American Civil Liberties Union**  
713-942-8146



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**GLBT ISSUES**

**Lambda Legal**  
214-219-8585



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**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Houston Police Dispatch**  
713-222-3131

**HPD Family Violence Unit**  
713-308-1100

**Harris Co. Sheriff's Office**  
713-221-6000

**Harris Co. Constable's Office**  
281-376-3472



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**OTHER RESOURCES**

**Rape Crisis Hotline**  
713-528-RAPE

**Crisis Intervention of Houston**  
Crisis intervention & suicide prevention, 24/7  
713-HOTLINE

**United Way Helpline**  
Provides referrals to agencies and social services; emergency aid, continuing education, medical resources, shelters  
2-1-1 | 713-957-HELP | 800-833-5948

**Harris Co. Social Services**  
Assistance with payment of rent, utility, phone bills  
713-696-7900

**Texas Dept. of Human Services**  
Help with food, shelter  
713-767-2000

**Interfaith Ministries**  
Rent & utility assistance  
713-522-3955

**Star of Hope Mission**  
Emergency shelter  
713-748-0700

**AARP (American Association of Retired Persons)**  
800-424-2277

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**  
Free tax return preparation  
800-829-1040