

# Law Access Resource Directory

This resource list of free and low-cost legal services has been compiled by Law Access New Mexico and the Pro Se Division of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. All efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of telephone numbers and Web links, but there is no guarantee that numbers or addresses have not changed since the time of publication or printing. Check for the most recent version at [www.lawhelpnewmexico.org](http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org)

## Civil Legal Services

Including consumer, employment and unemployment, family law (child support, custody and visitation, divorce, domestic violence, guardianships), housing and landlord-tenant, and public benefits.

### New Mexico Legal Aid

Statewide civil legal representation for low-income New Mexicans  
Albuquerque: (505) 243-7871  
Clovis (505) 769-2326  
Gallup (505) 722-4417  
Las Vegas (505) 425-3514  
Las Cruces (505) 541-4800  
Roswell (505) 623-9669  
Santa Ana (505) 867-3391  
Santa Fe (505) 982-9886  
Silver City (505) 388-0091  
Taos (505) 758-2218  
<http://nmlegalaid.org/>  
Also see [www.lawhelpnewmexico.org](http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org)

### Law Access New Mexico

Statewide civil legal telephone helpline for low-income New Mexicans. Weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spanish, English, other languages  
Statewide (800) 340-9771  
Albuquerque (505) 998-4529  
[www.lawhelpnewmexico.org](http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org)

### DNA—People's Legal Services

Civil Legal Services in San Juan Co and Native American Services in northwestern New Mexico  
Crownpoint (505) 786-5277  
Farmington (505) 325-8886  
Shiprock (505) 368-3200  
[www.dnalegalservices.org](http://www.dnalegalservices.org)

### New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty

Monitors fair and effective administration of public policies, laws and practices aimed at problems of those living in poverty  
Albuquerque (505) 255-2840  
[www.nmpovertylaw.org](http://www.nmpovertylaw.org)

## Specific Legal Services

### Abuse/Neglect Adults

**Adult Protection Services**  
Statewide (800) 797-3260  
[www.nmaging.state.nm.us/Adult\\_Protective\\_Services\\_Division.html](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/Adult_Protective_Services_Division.html)

### Abuse/Neglect Children

**Children Youth & Families**  
Statewide (800) 797-3260  
[www.cyfd.org/index.htm](http://www.cyfd.org/index.htm)

### Adult Guardianships

**Office of Guardianship Services**  
Statewide (800) 311-2229

**ARC of New Mexico**  
Statewide (800) 358-6493  
Albuquerque (505) 883-4630  
[www.arcnm.org](http://www.arcnm.org)

### Child Support

**Child Support Enforcement**  
Statewide (800) 288-7207  
<https://elink.hsd.state.nm.us/clink/>

### Child Kinship Guardianship

**Guardianship Legal Helpline of Pegasus Legal Services and Law Access New Mexico**  
Legal advice and representation for non-parent caregivers of children seeking guardianship  
Statewide: (800) 980-1165  
Albuquerque (505) 217-1660  
[www.pegasuslaw.org](http://www.pegasuslaw.org)

### Children's Legal Services

**Advocacy Inc.**  
Guardian ad litem services; uncontested kinship guardianships  
Statewide (866) 376-9625  
Albuquerque (505) 256-9369  
[www.nmadvocacy.org/](http://www.nmadvocacy.org/)

### Pegasus Legal Services for Children

Civil legal needs of children, including health care guardianship, emancipation, special education  
Albuquerque (505) 244-1101  
[www.pegasuslaw.org](http://www.pegasuslaw.org)

### Children's SSI/Medicaid

**ARC of New Mexico**  
Statewide (800) 358-6493  
[www.arcnm.org/](http://www.arcnm.org/)

**Parents Reaching Out**  
Statewide (800) 524-5176  
[www.parentsreachingout.org/](http://www.parentsreachingout.org/)

### Civil Rights

**American Civil Liberties Union**  
Statewide (800) 773-5706  
<http://www.aclu-nm.org>

### Consumer

**Law Access New Mexico**  
(See above, General Civil Legal Services)

**New Mexico Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection**  
Statewide (800) 678-1508  
[www.ago.state.nm.us/divs/cons/cons.htm](http://www.ago.state.nm.us/divs/cons/cons.htm)

**New Mexico Project for Financial Literacy**  
Credit Counseling  
Albuquerque (505) 994-4686  
[www.nmpfl.org](http://www.nmpfl.org)

**State Bar of New Mexico**  
Debt Workshops  
Statewide (800) 876-6227  
[www.nmbar.org/PublicResources/Services](http://www.nmbar.org/PublicResources/Services)

### Criminal

**State: New Mexico Public Defender Department**  
(See the local yellow/white pages)

**Federal: Federal Public Defenders**  
Albuquerque (505) 346-2489  
Las Cruces (505) 527-6930

### Disability Services

Education, employment, rehabilitation, healthcare, mental health, abuse/neglect

**Protection and Advocacy**  
(but NO SSI/SSDI appeals; guardianship/ conservatorship; domestic relations)  
Statewide (800) 432-4682  
Albuquerque (505) 256-3100  
[www.nmpanda.org/](http://www.nmpanda.org/)

**Native American Protection and Advocacy Project**  
Legal services to Native Americans with disabilities  
Statewide (800) 862-7271  
Farmington (505) 566-5880

### Discrimination

**Albuquerque Human Rights Office**  
Albuquerque (505) 924-3380  
[www.cabq.gov/humanrights](http://www.cabq.gov/humanrights)

**EEOC: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**  
Albuquerque (505) 248-5201  
[www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

**New Mexico Human Rights Division**  
Statewide (800) 566-9471  
[www.dol.state.nm.us/dol\\_qhrd.html](http://www.dol.state.nm.us/dol_qhrd.html)

**New Mexico Fair Housing Center**  
Statewide (866) 226-0068  
[www.nmfairhousing.org](http://www.nmfairhousing.org)

### Domestic Violence

**Catholic Charities VAWA Project**  
Albuquerque (505) 247-0442

**Enlace Comunitario**  
Albuquerque (505) 246-8972  
[www.enlacenm.org](http://www.enlacenm.org)

**Law Access New Mexico**  
(See above)

**Legal FACS**  
Albuquerque (505) 256-0417  
[www.legalfacs.org](http://www.legalfacs.org)

**NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence**  
Statewide (877) 974-3400  
Albuquerque (505) 246-9240  
[www.nmcadv.org/](http://www.nmcadv.org/)

**New Mexico Legal Aid**  
(See above)

### Grandparent Visitation

**Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program**  
Statewide (800) 876-6657  
Albuquerque (505) 797-6005  
[www.nmbar.org/PublicResources/Services](http://www.nmbar.org/PublicResources/Services)

**Senior Citizens Law Office**  
(Age 60+)  
Albuquerque (505) 265-2300  
[www.sclco.net](http://www.sclco.net)

### Health Insurance / Medicare

**Health Insurance Benefits and Counseling (HIBAC)**  
Statewide (866) 451-2901  
[www.nmaging.state.nm.us/benes.html](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/benes.html)

**Senior Citizens Law Office**  
(See above)

### Housing / Landlord-Tenant

**DNA People's Legal Services**  
(See above)

**Law Access New Mexico**  
(See above)

**New Mexico Legal Aid**  
(See above)

**New Mexico Fair Housing Center**  
(See above)

**United South Broadway**  
Foreclosure counseling  
Albuquerque (505) 764-8867

### Immigration

**Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico**  
Albuquerque (505) 247-9521  
Santa Fe (505) 424-9789  
[www.catholiccharitiesasf.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesasf.org)

**Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services**  
El Paso (915) 532-3975  
[www.elpasodiocese.org/dmrs/dmrs.htm](http://www.elpasodiocese.org/dmrs/dmrs.htm)

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**Las Ameritas  
National Network for  
Immigrant and Refugee  
Rights (NNIRR)**  
El Paso (915) 544-5126  
www.nnirr.org

**Public Benefits**

**New Mexico Legal Aid**  
(See above)

**Senior Citizen**

**Lawyer Referral for the  
Elderly Program**  
Civil, general: workshops,  
legal information, advice, brief  
services, and referrals to all  
New Mexico residents 55  
years of age and older  
Statewide (800) 876-6657  
Albuquerque (505) 797-6005  
www.nmbar.org/Public Re-  
sources/Services

**Senior Citizens' Law Office**  
Civil legal services for  
Bernalillo Co. residents age 60  
and over  
Albuquerque (505) 265-2300  
www.sclco.net/

**Elder Abuse and  
Medicaid Fraud**

**Attorney General's Office**  
Statewide (800) 678-1508  
www.ago.state.nm.us

**Elders Living with  
Disabilities**

**New Mexico Aging and  
Long-term Services**  
Statewide (866) 842-9230  
www.nmaging.state.nm.us

**Elders with  
Housing issues**

**Catholic Charities of  
Central New Mexico**  
Albuquerque (505) 724-4618  
www.catholiccharitiesasf.org

**Attorney Referral**

**Albuquerque Bar  
Association's Lawyer  
Referral Service**  
30-minute meeting with a  
private attorney for \$30  
Albuquerque (505) 243-2615  
www.abqbar.com

**Client Attorney Assistance  
Program (CAAP)**  
Investigates and screens com-  
plaints against New Mexico  
licensed attorneys Statewide  
(800) 876-6227  
www.nmbar.org/Public Re-  
sources/Services

**State Bar of New Mexico  
Public and Legal Services  
Referral Program**  
30-minute consultation with a  
private attorney for \$27  
Statewide (800) 876-6227  
Albuquerque 797-6066

**Pro Se Services**

**Court Services**

Provides some court forms  
and limited information; No  
legal advice provided

**1st Judicial District  
Court Services**  
Santa Fe (505) 476-0177  
http://firstdistrictcourt.com/  
prose.htm

**2nd Judicial District  
Court Services**  
Albuquerque (505) 841-6702  
www.seconddistrictcourt.com

**3rd Judicial District  
Court Services**  
Las Cruces (505) 528-8326

**6th Judicial District  
Court Services**  
Silver City (505) 538-3250  
Lordsburg (505) 542-3411  
Deming (505) 546-9611

**9th Judicial District  
Court Services**  
Clovis (505) 762-9148  
Portales (505) 356-4464

**11th Judicial District  
Court Services**  
Aztec (505) 334-6151  
Farmington (505) 326-2256  
Gallup (505) 863-6816  
www.eleventhdistrictcourt.state.  
nm.us

**13th Judicial District  
Court Services**  
Grants (505) 287-8831  
Bernalillo (505) 867-2376  
Los Lunas (505) 865-4639  
www.13districtcourt.com

**Bernalillo Metro Court  
Pro Se Division**  
Albuquerque (505) 841-9817  
www.metrocourt.state.nm.us/  
How-To/Civil

**New Mexico Supreme Court**  
Limited forms, court rules and  
procedures and statutes  
www.supremecourt.nm.org

**New Mexico Court of Appeals**  
Forms, court rules and proce-  
dures and statutes  
http://coa.nmcourts.com/

**United States Bankruptcy  
Court**  
Limited forms, court rules and  
procedures and statutes  
Statewide (866) 291-6805  
Albuquerque (505) 486-2500  
http://www.nmcourt.fed.us/web/  
BCDOCS/Files/bkinfo.htm

**Community Legal  
Pro Se Services**

**CNM Paralegal Law Center**  
Legal advice and brief services  
for pro se representation in  
Albuquerque South Valley  
(505) 224-5080

**Law Access New Mexico**  
Statewide legal advice and  
brief services for pro se  
representation  
(See above, General Civil Legal  
Services)

**Legal FACS**  
(See above)

**Non-Legal**

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo  
County Department of  
Senior Affairs**  
Services to enhance quality  
of life  
Albuquerque (505) 764-6400  
www.cabq.gov/seniors/index.  
html

**Better Business Bureau**  
Statewide (800) 873-2224  
http://www.bbbsw.org

**Health and Community  
Support Groups**  
www.abqjournal.com/health/  
support.htm

**New Mexico Agency Listing  
A to Z**  
www.newmexico.gov/AtoZ.php

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**Endnotes**

- <sup>1</sup>Alan W. Houseman and Linda E. Perle, Securing Equal Justice for All: A Brief History of Civil Legal Assistance in the United States, 2 (Nov. 2003).
- <sup>2</sup>Id. at 4.
- <sup>3</sup>Id. at 4-5 (quoting Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach).
- <sup>4</sup>Id. at 7.
- <sup>5</sup>Id. at 20 (citing Legal Services Corporation Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-355, 88 Stat. 378, 42 U.S.C. §2996 (1994)).
- <sup>6</sup>Id. at 22.
- <sup>7</sup>Id.
- <sup>8</sup>Id. at 32.
- <sup>9</sup>Id. at 38.
- <sup>10</sup>NMSA 1978 § 34-14-1, et seq. (2001).

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The mandates of *pro bono publico* on the profession are clear and the profession has a vested interest in improving access to justice throughout the state. The bringing together of staffed programs, private attorneys, the organized State Bar, the Supreme Court and the state legislature creates a hopeful future that includes improved organization, additional resources and greater access to the judicial system in New Mexico.

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**Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup>To review the Ten Step Plan and the Supreme Court's Order, visit www.nmbar.org.

Pro Bono Hours	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
Suggested Contribution	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50	Attorney discretion

<sup>3</sup>Ethics and professionalism credit will not be available for participation in pro bono CLE activities.

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