

LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CIVIL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MATTERS

*Listings are in alphabetical order by organization name.
Some phone lines may be voicemail only but are being checked.*

If you are in immediate danger please call 911. An officer on scene can connect you to a [D.C. SAFE](#) Advocate and the EPTO process. If you have questions regarding domestic violence services in D.C., please call the **D.C. Victim Hotline at 1-844-4HELPDC**. If you are in crisis they can connect you to a [D.C. SAFE](#) Advocate.

Domestic Violence & Related Family Matters (Petitioners/Survivors)

- **[Ayuda](#)**
 - Call 202-387-4848 Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Closed 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Civil Protection Orders and family law. Also offers free social services including case management and therapy for survivors and immigration legal services.
- **[Bread for the City](#)**
 - Call 202-386-7616. Leave a message and someone will return your call.
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and family violence in Civil Protection Orders, family law, public benefits, and housing cases.
- **[Break the Cycle](#)**
 - Call 202-849-6282 or email legalservices@breakthecycle.org. Leave a message and someone will return your call.
 - *Services offered:* Free legal and advocacy services, including legal advice, brief services and full representation for survivors of domestic violence, dating abuse, sexual assault and stalking in Civil Protection Order, custody, child support, Title IX and Crime Witness Advocacy
- **[D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project](#)**
 - Call 202-425-7573 Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or email clinic@dcvlp.org.
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to caregivers of at-risk children in protection order cases, family law cases (custody, custody modification, and divorce), and immigration cases.
- **Joint Law School Clinic Helpline (George Washington University Law School, Georgetown Law Center, Catholic University Columbus School of Law)**
 - Call 202-603-9760 or 202-603-5870
 - Beginning on Monday, April 6, Helpline will be available Monday to Friday between 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 - *Services offered:* Assistance with drafting and filing civil protection order petitions; advice about creation and preservation of evidence for trial; advice about ETPO/TPO testimony; connecting to D.C. SAFE for ETPO and other safety planning and shelter resources; and referrals to DV legal service providers for possible representation.

- **Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**
 - Call 202-628-1161 Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please leave a message if someone does not answer, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.
 - **Online intake** available 24/7 (go to <https://www.legalaiddc.org/online-intake/>)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or family violence in civil protection order, family law, public benefits, housing, consumer, and immigration cases.
- **Neighborhood Legal Services Program**
 - Call 202-832-6577 Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - **Online intake** available 24/7 (go to www.nlsp.org or <https://tinyurl.com/sedqrb7>)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and representation for domestic violence survivors in civil protection order cases, family law, housing, consumer law, and barriers to employment matters.
- **Network of Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC)**
 - Call 202-742-1727 and leave a voicemail. Someone will return your call.
 - *Services offered:* For crime victims of all crime types, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking: representation in the assertion of their crime victims' rights in juvenile delinquency proceedings and adult criminal cases. For survivors of domestic violence, dating abuse, sexual assault, and stalking: free legal advice, brief services, and full representation in Civil Protection Order proceedings and college and university campus misconduct proceedings and accommodations requests under Title IX/Clery Act. All legal clients are eligible for NVRDC's advocacy/case management services, including assistance with Crime Victims Compensation applications.
- **Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia**
 - Call 202-879-0152 and leave a message with questions about:
 - Domestic Violence Intake Center
 - Civil Protection Order and Motions for Criminal Contempt case information
- **Victim Legal Network of DC**
 - Call 202-629-1788 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.
 - Online intake form: <https://vlndc.org/for-victims-of-crime/get-help/>
 - *Services offered:* VLNDNC connects victims of crime in D.C., including survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, to a network of over 23 DC legal services providers.

Domestic Violence (Respondents)

- **Neighborhood Legal Services Program**
 - Call 202-832-6577 Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - **Online intake** available 24/7 (go to www.nlsp.org or <https://tinyurl.com/sedqrb7>)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice and representation in civil protection order cases and barriers to employment matters.
- **Rising for Justice**
 - On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 pm - for same-day assistance, contact Ariel Woodard-Stephens by phone at 202-638-4798, x.150 or by email at cpop@risingforjustice.org.
 - On Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - call 202-638-4798 or email cpop@risingforjustice.org. An attorney will respond to all calls and emails within 24 hours.
 - *Services offered:* Legal advice and full representation, as appropriate, for low-income respondents in civil protection order (CPO) cases.