

## 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 [DC SAFE](#) Advocate and the Emergency Temporary Protection Order 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 [DC SAFE](#) Advocate.

### **Domestic Violence & Related Family Law Matters (Petitioners/Survivors)**

- **Amara Legal Center**

- Call 240-257-6492 Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or email [info@amaralegal.org](mailto:info@amaralegal.org).
- *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full and partial representation for survivors of sex trafficking and for individuals whose rights have been violated while involved in commercial sex. Civil Protection Orders, child custody, divorce, criminal defense, name and gender marker changes, victim-witness advocacy, and expungement of criminal records.

- **Ayuda**

- Call 202-387-4848 or Text 1-833-422-0005 Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM).
- Walk in services Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM) at 1990 K Street Northwest Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006.
- *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 Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and family violence in Civil Protection Orders, family law, immigration, public benefits, and housing cases.

- **Legal Aid DC**

- Online Intake: <https://intake.legalaiddc.org/>.
- Call 202-628-1161 Monday and Wednesday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- In-person intake at:
  - Domestic Violence Intake Center:
    - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Room 4550 at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001.
    - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Suite 400 at the Anacostia Professional Building ("the Big Chair"), 2041 Martin Luther King Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020.

- Monday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM at the Anacostia Professional Building ("the Big Chair"), 2041 Martin Luther King Ave SE, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20020.
  - Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 1331 H St NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20005.
  - *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**
  - Online intake: <https://nlsp.afterpattern.com/nlsp-online-intake/22499442>.
  - Call 202-832-6577 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
  - In-person intake Tuesday and Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 64 New York Ave NE Suite 180 Washington, DC, 20024.
  - *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.
- **Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia**
  - Call 202-879-0152 Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
  - Also located at the Domestic Violence Intake Center in Room 4550 at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001.
  - *Services offered:* Civil Protection Order, Extreme Risk Protection Order, and Motions for Criminal Contempt.
- **Tahirih Justice Center (Greater DC Program)**
  - Call 571-282-6161 Monday to Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
  - *Services offered:* Provides free social services, legal brief advice & full representation in immigration & family law to immigrant survivors of gender-based violence.
- **The Safe Sisters Circle**
  - Call 202-365-5251 Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or Email [legalservices@safesisterscircle.org](mailto:legalservices@safesisterscircle.org).
  - *Services offered:* Legal representation in CPO matters (domestic violence and sexual assault), family law matter representation, and crime victim advocacy, with a focus on culturally specific services to Black women survivors living primarily in Wards 7 and 8.
- **Victim Legal Network of DC**
  - Online intake form: <https://vlndc.org/for-victims-of-crime/get-help/>.
  - Call 202-629-1788 and leave a message. Your call will be returned the same or next business day.
  - *Services offered:* VLNDC connects crime victims with free legal help from a network of 25+ DC legal services providers who can assist with protection orders, custody, housing, immigration, and more.

- **Volare (formerly Network of Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC))**
  - Call 202-742-1727 and leave a voicemail. Client intakes are screened Monday through Friday between 1 pm and 4 pm.
  - Online request: <https://www.volare-empowers.org/help>.
  - **Services offered:** Volare offers free advocacy, legal and therapeutic survivors to survivors of all crimes. Legal clients may be eligible for Volare's additional services, including assistance with Crime Victims Compensation applications.
    - We offer free legal services to survivors of ANY crime (includes domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking). These can include:
      - Legal advice through our free clinics
      - Direct representation in a Civil Protection Order (CPO) or Anti-Stalking Order (ASO) case
      - Direct representation in a criminal case, enforcing your crime victims' rights
      - Assistance and representation in Title IX and/or Clery Act matter on campus
- **Volare's National Appellate Project**
  - Online application: <https://www.volare-empowers.org/appeals>.
  - *Services offered:* Representation for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in **appeals** cases, including Civil Protection Orders, Anti-Stalking Orders, family law cases or any cases where domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking is a factor.
    - We can assist the appellant (person seeking an appeal) or an appellee (the person who wants the decision to be left alone)
- **Volunteer Legal Advocates (formerly D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project)**
  - Call 202-425-7573 to speak to an advocate or email us at [clinic@volunteerlegaladvocates.org](mailto:clinic@volunteerlegaladvocates.org).
  - Walk-in and Remote Free Legal Clinics:—[www.volunteerlegaladvocates.org/clinic/](http://www.volunteerlegaladvocates.org/clinic/) for schedule and locations.
  - *Services Offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, limited representation (including to assist with service) and full representation to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and to caregivers of vulnerable children in Civil Protection Order, Extreme Risk Protection Order, and Anti-Stalking Order (involving intimate partners) as well as in divorce, custody, and immigration cases. Volunteer Legal advocates also provide free consultation and representation to survivors of domestic violence seeking assistance with an appeal of a final order in a Civil Protection Order or family law case.

## Domestic Violence (**Respondents**)

- **Neighborhood Legal Services Program**

- Online intake: <https://nlsp.afterpattern.com/nlsp-online-intake/22499442>.
- Call 202-832-6577 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- In-person intake Tuesday and Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 64 New York Ave NE Suite 180 Washington, DC, 20024.
- *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.

- **Rising for Justice**

- In-person assistance Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the right antechamber to Courtroom 113 at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001.
- Main office located at 901 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001.
- Call 570-7441 or Email [cpop@risingforjustice.org](mailto:cpop@risingforjustice.org) Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM.
- *Services offered:* Legal advice and full representation, as appropriate, for low-income D.C. residents who are respondents in civil protection order (CPO) and anti-stalking order (ASO) cases.