



## Legal Resources for Unrepresented Filers

Court staff are prohibited from offering filers legal advice and the unauthorized practice of law, by the Ohio Supreme Court and statute. This court recognizes that unrepresented filers may have questions that our staff cannot answer and provides the following list of resources for legal assistance to help filers better navigate their case.

Organization	Service	Telephone	Website
<i>Attorney Services</i>			
Columbus Bar Association	Attorney referral service.	N/A	<a href="http://www.columbusfindalawyer.org">www.columbusfindalawyer.org</a>
Capital University Law School Legal Clinic	Legal representation for income eligible individuals.	(614) 236-6245	<a href="http://www.law.capital.edu/legal_clinic">www.law.capital.edu/legal_clinic</a>
Equality Ohio	Legal assistance for LGBTQ+ individuals. Up to 300% FPL	(855) 542-8529	<a href="https://equalityohio.org/legal-clinic/">https://equalityohio.org/legal-clinic/</a>
Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO)	Legal representation for income eligible individuals. Up to 200% FPL	(614) 224-8374	<a href="http://www.lasco.org">www.lasco.org</a>
Pro Seniors	Free legal helpline for Ohioans aged 60+	(800) 488-6070	<a href="https://www.proseniors.org/">https://www.proseniors.org/</a>
Community Refugee & Immigration Services	Services include translation/interpretation and social services.	614-235-5747	<a href="https://www.crisohio.org/">https://www.crisohio.org/</a>
CRIS Legal Services Department	Legal services for individuals with immigration and related matters after relocation.	380-LAW-CRIS 380-529-2747	<a href="https://www.crisohio.org/services/legal-services">https://www.crisohio.org/services/legal-services</a>
<i>Library Services</i>			
Columbus Metropolitan Library	Legal and social service assistance program (upcoming events lists free legal clinics at different branches).	(614) 645-2275	<a href="http://www.columbuslibrary.org/social-services/">www.columbuslibrary.org/social-services/</a>
Franklin County Law Library (located 369 S. High St., 10 <sup>th</sup> floor)	Law library service includes help finding forms, nominal fee for notary service, help with general information.	(614) 525-4971	<a href="https://lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov">https://lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov</a>
Ohio Revised Code	Searchable site of Ohio laws.		<a href="https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code">https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code</a>
Ohio Supreme Court Law Library	Research appointments, ask-a-librarian, Access to Justice resources for unrepresented litigants.	(614) 387-9680	<a href="https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/judicial-system/supreme-court-of-ohio/mjc/interest/law-library/">https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/judicial-system/supreme-court-of-ohio/mjc/interest/law-library/</a>

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<i>Self Help Legal Resource Centers</i>			
Domestic and Juvenile (373 S. High St., 4 <sup>th</sup> floor)	Help with juvenile and domestic pleadings and forms.	(614) 525-7531	<a href="https://drj.fccourts.org/DRJ.aspx?PN=SRRC.htm">https://drj.fccourts.org/DRJ.aspx?PN=SRRC.htm</a>
Family Protection Center (373 S. High St., 6 <sup>th</sup> floor)	Help completing paperwork and filing juvenile protection orders and civil protection orders.		<a href="mailto:Drj_familyprotectioncenterCPOdesk@fccourts.org">Drj_familyprotectioncenterCPOdesk@fccourts.org</a>
Municipal Court (375 S. High St., 16 <sup>th</sup> floor)	Help with municipal cases, including landlord/tenant issues.	(614) 645-8214	<a href="https://municipalcourt.franklincountyohio.gov/SELFHELP">https://municipalcourt.franklincountyohio.gov/SELFHELP</a>
Probate Court (373 S. High St., 22 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Help with small estate cases only. In person drop-in Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and remote assistance available.	(614) 525-7251	<a href="https://probate.franklincountyohio.gov/about/the-court/resource-center?ext=">https://probate.franklincountyohio.gov/about/the-court/resource-center?ext=</a>
<i>Other Legal Resources</i>			
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	Advocacy services for individuals living in an LTC facility.	(800) 536-5891	<a href="https://aging.ohio.gov/care-and-living/get-help/get-an-advocate">https://aging.ohio.gov/care-and-living/get-help/get-an-advocate</a>
Ohio Justice & Policy Center	Free legal help with criminal record sealing, CQEs, and other reentry barriers	secondchance@ohiojpc.org	<a href="https://ohjpc.stg.stradiggy.com/?page_id=291">https://ohjpc.stg.stradiggy.com/?page_id=291</a>
Ohio Legal Help	Searchable site of legal resources for Ohioans facing issues with family law, housing instability, debt, public benefits, aging, immigration, criminal charges, veteran services, etc.		<a href="https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/">https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/</a>

***PROHIBITED LEGAL PRACTICE IN THE COURTS***

Legal practice in local courts is restricted by law to attorneys who are licensed by the Ohio Supreme Court. Due to the complexity of the law, most individuals who have business with the Probate Court are represented by an attorney. Court employees are prohibited by statute from practicing law and cannot give legal advice.