



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

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<i>Self Help Legal Resource Centers</i>			
Domestic and Juvenile (373 S. High St., 4 th floor)	Help with juvenile and domestic pleadings and forms.	(614) 525-7531	https://drj.fccourts.org/DRJ.aspx?PN=SRRC.htm
Family Protection Center (373 S. High St., 6 th floor)	Help completing paperwork and filing juvenile protection orders and civil protection orders.		Drj_familyprotectioncenterCPOdesk@fccourts.org
Municipal Court (375 S. High St., 16 th floor)	Help with municipal cases, including landlord/tenant issues.	(614) 645-8214	https://municipalcourt.franklincountyohio.gov/SELFHELP
Probate Court (373 S. High St., 22 nd 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	https://probate.franklincountyohio.gov/about/the-court/resource-center?ext=
<i>Other Legal Resources</i>			
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	Advocacy services for individuals living in an LTC facility.	(800) 536-5891	https://aging.ohio.gov/care-and-living/get-help/get-an-advocate
Ohio Justice & Policy Center	Free legal help with criminal record sealing, CQEs, and other reentry barriers	secondchance@ohiojpc.org	https://ohjpc.stg.stradiggy.com/?page_id=291
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.		https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/

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.