

Referral Resources – Regional Campuses

Student Legal Services at The Ohio State University (SLS) is a non-profit law office that contracts with Ohio State to provide legal advice, representation, education, and resources to eligible Ohio State students. To be eligible for services, students must attend the Columbus campus.

The information below is intended as a resource for students attending regional campuses. The information does not constitute legal advice. If you need legal advice you must contact an attorney. SLS has no fee agreement with any individual or organization listed herein, and the listing of an individual or organization is not an endorsement by SLS. Please contact the individual or organization directly to inquire as to services and/or fee structure.

All Ohio Counties

Ohio Legal Help is a nonprofit organization founded to help all Ohioans access the civil justice system. The website below provides plain language legal help information, interactive self-help tools and connections to local legal and community resources that can help people resolve their legal issues.

<https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/>

Ohio State Lima

Legal Aid of Western Ohio (LAWO) is a nonprofit organization providing legal help to low-income Ohioans. For more information about their services and eligibility requirements call 1 (888) 534-1432 or visit <https://legalaidline.lawolaw.org/apply-legal-help/>.

The Legal Aid Line provides advice in civil matters such as: Bankruptcy, Clearing a criminal record, Consumer fraud and home repair scams, Domestic violence, divorce and child support, Education issues involving discrimination, student enrollment or suspension and other services, Employment problems, Eviction, foreclosure and other housing problems, Health care access, Predatory lending, Social Security/SSI, Tax controversies, Unemployment benefits, Welfare, Medicaid and Food Stamps.

Public Defender: If you are charged with a jailable offense, and do not have money for an attorney, you may request to have an attorney appointed to you. For more information call (419) 221-5275 or visit <https://www.cityhall.lima.oh.us/116/Public-Defenders>.

Allen County Bar Association: You may wish to contact the Allen County Bar Association for a referral to a local attorney. You can call (419) 224-7534 or (877) 894-4599.

Ohio Northern University (ONU) Legal Clinic: The clinics provide free legal services to individuals and organizations that would otherwise not be able to afford legal representation. For more information and for eligibility criteria contact: (419) 227-0061.

Ohio State Mansfield

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Richland County Bar Association, Inc.: The Richland County Bar Association sponsors a Lawyer Referral & Information Service. If you want to be referred to a lawyer using this service, call (419) 524-9944. There is a \$20.00 fee for the first half hour consultation with a lawyer. Fees for additional services after the first half hour are arranged between you and the lawyer.

Ohio State Marion

Marion Municipal Court Specialized Attorney List: The Marion Municipal Court maintains a list of local attorneys sorted by practice area here: <https://www.marionmunicipalcourt.org/attorneys.php>

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Columbus Legal Aid – Marion Office: is a nonprofit organization providing legal help to low-income Ohioans. For more information about their services and eligibility requirements contact the Marion Office at (740) 383-2161 or toll free at 1 (888) 301-2411. The phone lines are open 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ohio State Newark

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services is a nonprofit organization providing legal help to low-income Ohioans. For more information about their services and eligibility requirements contact (740) 345-0850 or 1 (888) 831-9412 (toll free).

Licking County Bar Association: The Licking County Bar Association maintains a list of local attorneys sorted by practice area here:

<http://lickingcountybar.com/attorneys/area-practice/>

Ohio State ATI in Wooster

Community Legal Aid: A non-profit law firm serving the legal needs of low-income individuals and families in central northeast Ohio. For more information about their services and eligibility requirements contact 1 (866) 584-2350 (toll free) or visit

<https://www.communitylegalaid.org/node/203/wooster-office>

Public Defender: If you are charged with a jailable offense, and do not have money for an attorney, you may request to have an attorney appointed to you. For more information and for eligibility requirements call (330) 287-5490.