



OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

DIRECTORY OF LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

The attached directory of legal organizations is being provided upon request to employees and employing offices seeking legal representation in matters covered by the procedures of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, as amended by the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act. The legal organizations in the directory offer their referral lists to members of the public, and services provided by these organizations are indicated in the directory.

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OCWR Directory of Lawyers & Legal Organizations

The following associations can help you decide which attorney you may need.

Professional Associations	
American Bar Association (800) 295-2221 www.Findlegalhelp.org	Consumers' Guide to Legal Help and Lawyer Referral – referrals to local Bar associations; no specific referral service.
American Association for Justice (AAJ) (800) 424-2725 (202) 965-3500 https://directory.justice.org/?access=public	List of members by specialty areas including employment rights.
Bar Association of the District of Columbia (202) 296-7845 http://badc.org/public-services/lrs/	Provides a Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) in the District of Columbia as a public service to the community and a service to its members. It provides an effective means for members of the general public to be referred to attorneys who are experienced in the area of law in which they need assistance.
DC Bar Association (202) 737-4700 (202) 626-3499 http://www.dcbar.org/pro-bono/free-legal-help.cfm	Pro Bono Program Advice and Referral Clinic: The clinic provides individuals who have civil (not criminal) legal problems governed by D.C. law an opportunity to discuss with volunteer attorneys certain kinds of cases including employment issues. Legal Information Help Line
DC Employment Justice Center (EJC) (202) 828-9675 (202) 828-9190 justice@dcejc.org	The EJC protects and promotes the legal rights of low-wage workers in the D.C. metro area. EJC uses experienced employment law attorneys and policy advocates to provide high-quality, free legal advice and assistance to low-wage workers. They are not equipped to provide representation.
Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association (703) 778-4648 (703) 683-5480 info@mwela.org https://www.mwela.org/find-a-lawyer	Attorney referral directory, including attorneys practicing in the following areas: discrimination, EEOC proceedings, Federal employees, FLSA and overtime, FMLA, Labor Law, Public employees, sexual harassment, and USERRA.
Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (202) 319-1000 wlc@washlaw.org http://www.washlaw.org/2012-01-05-20-07-00/request-assistance	The Committee's efforts and programs have expanded from a focus primarily on issues of racial discrimination into providing pro bono representation in a broad range of civil rights and related poverty issues impacting virtually every group protected by our federal, state, and local civil rights laws, including employment and disability rights.

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Online Referral Services	
DC Bar Pro Bono Center www.lawhelp.org/dc	Provides information about civil legal matters and help finding legal aid assistance in Washington, D.C.
Martindale-Hubbell https://www.lawyers.com/find-a-lawyer/ https://www.lawyers.com/ask-a-lawyer-question/	Free service from Martindale-Hubbell, is designed specifically for individuals and small businesses. It features “Find a Lawyer,” a database of attorneys nationwide searchable by area of practice, geographical location, and other relevant characteristics, and “Ask a Lawyer,” an interactive forum for submitting legal questions to an attorney.
MyEmploymentLawyer (MEL) www.myemploymentlawyer.com	MEL is a network of employment lawyers across the United States who represents individual employees. MEL provides access to employment law attorneys online, as well as employment-law-related FAQ, forums, and answers to legal questions.
National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA) http://exchange.nela.org/memberdirectory/findalawyer	NELA is a professional organization that is comprised of lawyers who represent individual employees in cases involving employment discrimination and other employment-related matters. Includes a feature to search for employment law attorneys in specific locations.
Thomson Reuters http://lawyers.findlaw.com	The West Legal Directory is a directory of legal professionals with search tools to help locate legal professionals in a specific location, or by practice area.
U.S. Employment Lawyers www.workplacelawyer.com/employmentlawyerlist.html	This is a nationwide listing of employment lawyers who have public websites featuring their law practices. Most attorneys listed are members of NELA and primarily represent employees.

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The OCWR does not know if the following clinics accept cases or how students will be assigned to cases.
However, you are encouraged to contact the clinic of your choice with your specific questions.

Law Schools/Clinics	
<p>American University – Washington College of Law General Practice Clinic (GPC) (202) 274-4000 www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/general.cfm</p>	<p>GPC is a one-semester clinic in which student attorneys represent low-income clients in such areas as consumer protection, employment, family law, health, housing, public benefits, and bankruptcy. Student attorneys use a range of legal skills on behalf of clients in settings that may include administrative tribunals and trial and appellate courts in the District of Columbia and Maryland. Student attorneys represent low-income clients in two-person teams. The teams represent 2-3 clients at a time.</p>
<p>Columbus Community Legal Services (CCLS) Civil Practice Clinic (CPC) brustin@law.edu http://www.law.edu/CCLS/ccls-clinic-civil.cfm#CCLS</p>	<p>The CPC is a general practice law office that is designed to serve the legal needs of financially eligible District of Columbia residents and those with cases in D.C. courts. The caseload of the clinic encompasses a range of civil law matters, including housing, consumer, family, probate, employment, and public benefits.</p>
<p>Columbus Community Legal Services (CCLS) Veterans Advocacy and Estate Planning Clinic mconginnal@law.edu http://www.law.edu/CCLS/ccls-clinic-veteran.cfm#CCLS</p>	<p>CCLS's Veterans Advocacy and Estate Planning Clinic gives students the opportunity to represent real clients in real cases under the supervision of an experienced clinical law professor. Student attorneys will fight for the rights of those who have served our country in the armed forces and have been denied veterans' benefits.</p>
<p>Howard University School of Law Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Clinic (202) 806-8082 http://law.howard.edu/ADR/</p>	<p>The ADR Clinic's cases, actually handled by the students, come from several sources. The Clinic has established a relationship with the EEOC and Customs and Border Protection whereby students provide intake services and co-mediate with experienced professionals on employment disputes.</p>
<p>Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic (202) 806-8082</p>	<p>The Civil Rights Clinic engages in trial and appellate impact litigation in the service of social justice, economic fairness, and political equality. The clinic litigates on behalf of indigent, prisoner, and pro se clients in federal and state courts on a range of civil rights matters, including but not limited to employment. The clinic accepts clients by court appointments, by referrals from private attorneys, Legal Services, and other public interest organizations, and by individual interviews of "walk-in" clients.</p>
<p>George Washington University Law School The Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics (202) 994-7463 https://www.law.gwu.edu/clinics</p>	<p>The clinics focus on various types of legal practice, such as immigration law, employment law, family law, health law, domestic violence, international human rights, criminal appeals, and community economic development.</p>
<p>Georgetown University's Law School Institute for Public Representation (IPR) (202) 662-9535 http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/index.cfm</p>	<p>IPR is a public interest law firm and clinical education program founded by Georgetown University Law Center in 1971. Attorneys at IPR act as counsel for groups and individuals who are unable to obtain effective legal representation on matters that have a significant impact on issues of broad public importance. IPR works in the areas of first amendment and media law, environmental law, civil rights and general public interest matters.</p>