



OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

DIRECTORY OF LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

The attached directory of legal organizations is being provided to employees and employing offices seeking legal representation for procedures under 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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The following associations can help you decide which attorney you may need.

Professional Associations	
American Bar Association Bar Directories and Lawyer Finders (800) 295-2221	Consumers’ guide to legal help and lawyer referral – referrals to local Bar associations; no specific referral service.
American Association for Justice (AAJ) Find an Attorney (800) 424-2725 (202) 965-3500	List of members by specialty areas including employment rights.
Bar Association of the District of Columbia Lawyer Referral Service (202) 296-7845	Provides a lawyer referral service 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.
Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association (703) 778-4648 (703) 683-5480 info@mwela.org	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	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 federal, state, and local civil rights laws, including employment and disability rights.

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Online Referral Services	
DC Bar Pro Bono Center probono@dcbbar.org Phone: (202) 737-4700 Toll Free: 1-877-333-2227	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.
Martindale-Hubbell Directory	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.
My Employment Lawyer (MEL) Employment Lawyer Directory	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 frequently asked questions, forums, and answers to legal questions.
National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA) Find a Lawyer nelahq@nelahq.org	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.

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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</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>Howard University School of Law Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Clinic (202) 806-8082</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 the U.S. Customs and Border Protection federal agency 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</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>