



Legal Action of Wisconsin works with clients that face barriers to finding and maintaining employment.

We help our clients understand their rights and the legal options available to resolve their issues and achieve the best possible outcomes.



We often assist clients with issues related to:

- **Criminal Record Correction, Pardons, and Expungement**
Including through our Student Legal Aid, Neighborhood Law, and Volunteer Lawyers projects and in collaboration with LIFT Wisconsin
- **Driver's Licenses and Traffic Tickets**
In Partnership with the Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability and in collaboration with LIFT Wisconsin
- **Professional or Occupational Licenses**
- **Municipal Court Defense**
- **Warrants Caused by Inability to Pay Court Debts (i.e., Ticket/Forfeiture Cases or Child Support)**

About Us

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Additional Services

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Legal Action of Wisconsin provides children and family law services mostly to clients who are or have been victims of domestic violence, and other specialized populations.

We work closely with domestic violence shelters, local law enforcement, and other safety agencies to help ensure our clients and their families are safe.



We often assist clients with issues related to:

- Domestic Abuse, Harassment, Child Abuse, and Individual at Risk Restraining Orders and Injunctions
- Divorce, Legal Separation, and Annulment
- Child Custody and Physical Placement
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Litigation
- Maintenance and Child Support
- Modification of Divorce, Paternity, Custody, Placement, Maintenance, or Child Support Judgments
- Paternity
- Family Law Appeals

We also have expertise in matters related to:

- Termination of parental rights cases
- Adoption cases
- Child protective service/juvenile court cases

- Third-party/grandparent visitation cases
- Foster care cases
- Other jurisdictional issues/challenges including Uniform Interstate Family and Support Act (UIFSA), Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and Hague Convention

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Legal Action of Wisconsin helps clients find and keep safe and affordable housing.

Most of the clients we serve are low-income renters facing eviction or other challenges with their landlords, or are homeowners facing foreclosure or other challenges with housing authorities.

We work together with our clients, as well as partner with other organizations and programs, to address:

- **Eviction Defense**
Including our Eviction Defense Project locations at the Milwaukee and Dane County Courthouses
- **Subsidized Housing Issues**
- **Repairs**
- **Lockouts**
- **Security Deposits**
- **Earnest Money**
- **Housing Payments**
- **Property Taxes**
- **Mortgage Foreclosure**

Whether through brief legal advice, assistance with documents, or in-court representation, we help tenants and homeowners assert and protect their rights while holding property owners, housing authorities and courts accountable.

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Legal Action of Wisconsin helps clients secure and maintain the government benefits necessary to meet their most basic needs including food, shelter, health, and income.

Benefits involve many programs under both federal and state law. Each program has its own set of rules and objectives. Clients have the right to appeal any decision an agency makes about their benefits.

We help clients whose public benefits are wrongfully denied, reduced, or terminated; who were overpaid; or whose benefits are otherwise at risk.

We often assist clients with issues related to:

- **Child Care, Day Care, Foster Care, and Kinship Care Assistance**
- **Food Stamps**
- **Social Security**
- **Wisconsin Works (W-2)**
- **Unemployment Compensation**
- **BadgerCare and Medical Assistance (Medicaid) and Medicare**
- **Marketplace Insurance and Premium Payment Assistance**
- **Energy Assistance**
- **Disability Benefits**
- **Other Government Benefit Programs**

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Legal Action of Wisconsin works with clients to resolve a variety of consumer finance issues and to protect clients targeted by unfair and predatory practices.

We provide special consideration to cases where clients are at risk of losing basic needs such as housing, transportation, utility service, or income.

We help clients with issues related to:

- **Debt Collection**
- **Payday Loans, Auto Title Loans, and other Predatory Lending Practices**
- **Repossessions**
- **Utility Shut Offs, Restoring Utility Service, and Establishing Lifeline Utility Rates**
- **Garnishment and Bankruptcy**
- **Mortgage Foreclosures from sub-prime mortgages or home equity loans**
- **Tax Disputes with IRS**
- **Financial Exploitation and Identity Theft**

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Legal Action of Wisconsin clients are ordinary people facing a multitude of challenges few of us could handle on our own. Our clients come from every racial, ethnic, and age group, and live in rural, suburban, and urban areas.



We also work with specialized populations, addressing their unique needs, including veterans, seniors, farmworkers, and those near release or recently released from prison address.

Veterans

In partnership with the Center for Veterans' Issues and the US Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program, we help veterans and their families with issues related to housing, benefits, drivers and occupational licenses, consumer law, and child support. We also help veterans with other issues on a case-by-case basis.

Seniors

Our Elder Rights Project serves Wisconsin residents ages 60 and older with civil legal needs and other support services following abuse or victimization from other crimes. Through SeniorLAW, we provide free legal services to Milwaukee County residents ages 60 and older assisting with issues related to benefits, medical assistance and care, housing, and abuse.

Farmworkers

We ensure that migrant, seasonal, and year-round agricultural workers receive the wages they have earned, live and work in a safe environment, are recruited lawfully and fairly, and have access to public benefit programs. We serve clients who live in or travel to Wisconsin for work.

Reentry Legal Services Program

Through referrals from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC), we work with clients near or recently released from prison and those under probation or parole with the DOC and help them apply for disability, health care, and other public benefits.

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Legal Action of Wisconsin helps clients who have been victims of domestic violence, crime, elder abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking protect their rights and secure support and protection.



We often help clients with issues related to:

- **Safeguarding safety and privacy, creating safety plans, utilizing the Safe at Home Program and name changes**
- **Representing victims in active criminal cases to ensure the enforcement and protection of their rights.** (Note: We only represent crime victims. We do not do criminal defense.)
- **Providing information and advice to crime victims as to their rights throughout the criminal and juvenile justice system from pre-charging of criminal cases through post-conviction issues**
- **Responding to mental health records requests and other motions seeking private or protected records** (i.e., medical, school, cell phone, computer)
- **Seeking recourse for crime victims when their rights have been violated, even if the criminal case is no longer active**
- **Statewide Sexual Assault Victim Rights and Privacy Protection**
In partnership with Wisconsin Judicare, including representation of child victims

- **Our Elder Rights Project, serving Wisconsin residents ages 60 and older**
In partnership with Wisconsin Judicare
- **Seeking crime victim compensation and restitution**
- **Seeking restraining orders, the sealing of private documents in criminal cases, and other forms of protecting private information**

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