

ACLU-NM Agency Referral List

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LEGAL ASSISTANCE -GENERAL

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| New Mexico State Bar Association | 1-800-876-6227 505-797-6050 | Lawyer Referral open 8am-noon; \$20 fee for simple legal Q & A. | Legal |
| Albuquerque Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Office | 505-256-0417 | Answers simple legal questions via telephone. | Legal |
| Law Access Director: Kathleen Brockel | 505-944-7167 | Answers legal questions via telephone (state-wide service) | Legal |
| Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque | 505-243-7871 | Housing, domestic, and other legal assistance for <u>very</u> low-income, Albuquerque only. | Legal/Housing |
| UNM Clinical Law Program | 505-277-5265 | Low-income legal assistance | Legal |
| Community and Indian Legal Services Gallup Las Vegas San Juan Santa Ana Santa Fe Taos | 1-800-373-9881 505-722-4417 505-425-3514 505-753-9381 505-867-3391 505-982-9886 505-758-2218 | Low-income on pueblos and north of Albuquerque. | Legal |
| Southern NM Legal Las Cruces | 1-800-376-7665 505-541-4800 | Low-income south of Bernalillo and in Las Cruces. | Legal |
| DNA-Peoples Legal Services Crownpoint Shiprock Window Rock San Juan Chinle | 505-786-5227 505-786-5277 505-368-3212 505-871-4151 505-325-8886 505-674-2110 | Low-income, Navajo people. | Legal |

SENIOR CITIZENS

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| Lawyer Referral for the Elderly (LREP) | 1-800-876-6657 505-797-6005 | New Mexico residents over 55 yrs, (not in Bernalillo County). | Legal |
| Senior Citizens Law Office | 505-265-2300 | Over 65 in Bernalillo County | Legal |

DISABILITIES

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| Protection and Advocacy | 505-256-3100 1-800-432-4682 | Assistance for people with mental and/or physical disabilities | Legal |
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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| Domestic Violence Legal Hotline | 1-877-974-3400 505-243-4300 | Volunteer attorneys, all over the state, provide legal info & referrals. | Legal |
| Catholic Charities –Violence Against Women Act Immigration Project Melissa Ewer (VAWA Immigration Attorney) | 505-724-4649 | VAWA Immigrant Self-Petitions for undocumented victims of domestic violence. | Legal Immigration |

IMMIGRATION MATTERS

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| Catholic Charities Immigration Department Mirna Torres (Director of Immigration) | 505-724-4600 (General Info) 505-247-0442 | Legal assistance for immigrants, including family petitions, work permits, permanent residency. | Legal, Social Services, ESL |
| Sarah Reinhardt – Immigration Attorney | 505-768-0868 | Immigration, Visa, deportation referral for legal help | Legal |
| Kathy Kretz – Immigration Attorney | 505-243-9855 | Immigration, Visa, deportation referral for legal help | Legal |
| John Lawit/ Mary Ann Romero – Immigration Attorney | 505-243-0733 | Immigration, Visa, deportation referral for legal help | Legal |

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DISCRIMINATION / EMPLOYMENT

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| Albuquerque Human Rights Office | 505-924-3380 | Discrimination in private businesses; housing problems. | Information |
| Attorney General's Office | 1-800-678-1508 | Minimal human rights help. | Information/ Consumer |
| Office of Civil Rights, US Dept. of Justice Disability Related Matters Immigration Related Employment Matters Housing Discrimination Voting Issues | 1-202-514-2000 1-800-514-0301 1-800-255-7688 1-800-896-7743 1-800-253-3931 | Washington, DC. Main number and direct lines for discrimination issues. | Information |
| Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) | 505-248-5201 | Discrimination in the workplace (15+ Employees) | Employment |
| Human Rights Division, NM Dept. of Labor | 505-827-6838 | Public & private sector workplace | Employment |

HOUSING

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| Landlord/Tenant Hotline | 505-256-9442 | Information for renters and landlords; legal forms. | Housing |
| Housing and Urban Development (HUD) New Mexico | 1-800-669-9777 505-346-6463 | Federal low-income housing including Section 8. | Housing |
| Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque Fair Housing Project | 505-243-7871 | Housing, domestic, and other legal assistance for <u>very</u> low-income, Albuquerque only. | Legal/Housing |
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PUBLIC AGENCIES – POLICE, CYFD, COURT SYSTEM

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| NM State Police Internal Affairs / Standards Bureau (Santa Fe) | 505-827-9031 | Main number to report complaints against State Police; will refer to regional offices. | Police Complaints |
| Albuquerque Police Dept. Internal Affairs | 505-768-2280 | Complaint against APD | Police Complaints |
| Independent Review Office | 505-924-3770 | | |
| Bernalillo County Sheriff Internal Affairs | 505-768-4350 | Complaint against Bernalillo Cty. Sheriff or County Officer. | Police Complaints |
| Children Youth & Families Dept. (CYFD) NM Intake Protective Services Complaints | 505-841-6100 1-800-797-3260 *505-827-8400 *Ask for Elisha | Report child abuse/neglect to NM Intake. For people whose children are in the system with problems call Protective Services. Complaints about social workers should be referred to Elisha. | Information |
| Disciplinary Board | 505-842-5781 | Complaints against lawyers. | Legal Complaints |
| Judicial Standards Commission | 505-841-9438 | Complaints against judges. | Legal Complaints |
| Federal Public Defenders Office (Alb.) State Public Defenders Office (Alb.) | 505-346-2489 505-841-5100 | Problems with Public Defenders in Albuquerque | Legal |
| Attorney General's Office Victims Services Advocate | 505-827-6000 505-827-6084 | Assistance to victims and their families during appellate process. | Information |

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CONSUMER PROBLEMS

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| Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division | 505-827-6000 1-800-678-1508 | Mediate consumer problems; e.g. ID theft, rip-offs by contractor, didn't get refund, correcting credit reports. NO discrimination cases. | Information/ Consumer |
| Consumer Credit Counseling Services SW | 1-800-308-2227 | Problems with harassment by creditors; debt-consolidation. | Consumer |
| Better Business Bureau of New Mexico | 505-884-0500 | Complaints about businesses; no legal services. | Consumer |

SOCIAL SERVICES

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| United Way Help Line for Non-Legal Issues | 505-245-1735 505-245-1758 | Referrals to various services and information for general help. | Information |
| Catholic Charities | 505-724-4600 | Housing, ESL, GED, Counseling, etc. | ESL, GED, Immigration, Housing, Counseling |
| Veterans' Administration Santa Fe | 1-800-827-1000 505-827-6300 | Medical referral for Veterans. | Information |

ACLU AFFILIATES

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| Arizona Civil Liberties Union (Phoenix) | 602650-1967 | Neighboring states' ACLU affiliate offices. |
| ACLU of Colorado (Denver) | 305-777-5482 | |
| ACLU of Texas (Austin) | 512-441-0077 | |
| Houston Office Dallas Office | 713-942-8146 214-939-8089 | |

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