



Legal Assistance

Most Agencies or Programs Listed Below Will Not Provide Legal Advice

Pro Se

Pro Se Self Help Center: 227-5191
 El Paso County Judicial Building, Room 101
 Email: sheila.griffin@judicial.state.co.us

The Self-Help Center has divorce forms, pro se custody packets and other information. Open 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Mondays - Fridays.

Pro-Se 1:

El Paso County Judicial Building, Room W113

Provides an overview of divorce process and initial forms. An attorney is present to answer questions and help fill out forms. Available the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM.

General Legal Advice

Call -A-Lawyer: 471-0380

El Paso County Bar Association volunteers accept phone calls from the public on the 3rd Thursday of each month between the hours of 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Callers and attorneys remain anonymous and the caller is under no obligation. This number is only in effect during the scheduled time of the Call-A-Lawyer service.

Ask-A- Lawyer

On the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 am - 12 pm, volunteer attorneys from the El Paso County Bar Association answer legal questions from the public, in person, at the Citadel Mall in Colorado Springs.

Colorado Legal Services: 471-0380

617 S. Nevada Avenue

<http://coloradolegalservices.org/>

This service is for seniors and those who are low income or indigent. Colorado Legal Services assists only with certain kinds of civil cases. Call for more information.

Law Line 9: 303-698-0999 (call from anywhere in Colorado)

9 News and the Denver Bar Association sponsor this service every Wednesday from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM. Call in and ask questions.

Lawyer's Referral Service: 636-1532 (Call-in service only, no walk-ins)

For a \$40 fee, the Lawyer Referral Service will set up a 30 minute consultation with an attorney who has been prescreened by our service and meets our criteria for participation in the service, including ongoing education and relevant case work in specific areas of the law. After the 30-minute consultation, the attorney's regular rates apply. This is not a pro bono service.

Legal Counseling for Seniors: 385-5933, Appointments required.**Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock**

Available the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, this free service includes legal advice, counseling, negotiation advocacy and litigation. Areas of law in which assistance is provided include public assistance, Social Security, housing matters, consumer problems, garnishments and foreclosures, guardianships, powers of attorney and nursing home rights. You will be required to complete an intake form that includes financial information.

Mediation

Neighborhood Justice Center: 520-6016**105 E. Vermijo**

The Neighborhood Justice Center, a division of the Fourth Judicial District's DA's Office, is a program designed to help citizens peacefully resolve disputes through mediation hearings. This is a voluntary program that focuses on the identification of issues creating conflict and development of mutually acceptable resolutions. This service will help with non-domestic restraining orders. They cannot give legal advice. They do not mediate tenant/landlord disputes. You do not need to be referred to use this service. There is no fee for this service.

Office of Dispute Resolution (Mediation): 448-7777**El Paso County Judicial Building, Room B23**

The Office of Dispute Resolution ("The Mediation Office" or "ODR") is a full service provider offering mediation, med-arb, arbitration, settlement conferences and family conferences by seasoned mediators and arbiters. The mediators and arbiters have many years of experience and training and handle complex county and district civil, divorce, dependency and neglect (juvenile), child custody cases on a routine basis. Recently the ODR has begun conducting mediations on probate cases and some criminal cases. Please call first to schedule an appointment.

Landlord/Tenant

Colorado Springs Code Enforcement: 444-7891

The Code Enforcement Unit of the police department is responsible for the inspection of publicly- and privately-owned residential buildings to assure that they meet the minimum housing standards for the city of Colorado Springs and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions for all residents within the city limits.

Landlord and Tenant Rights: 1-303-831-1935**1212 Mariposa Street, Denver**

This service is offered by Community Housing Services, a private nonprofit organization that provides landlord/tenant information and referrals on housing related issues, home ownership programs and legal resources. The primary goal of the Landlord/Tenant program is to help people understand what their rights are in a landlord-tenant dispute - and to give them options for moving toward resolution. Assistance in Spanish is available.

Domestic Issues

Adoption Clinic

El Paso County Judicial Building, Room W160, Colorado Springs

Free “How to Adoption Clinic” include instructions on how to handle your own stepparent, kinship, and custodial adoption. Held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. An attorney will be available to provide basic information. Be sure to bring your paperwork.

Child Support Services of Colorado: 457-6331

30 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Ste. 203, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

The Child Support unit establishes paternity, orders support, modifies support orders, and enforces the order for child support payments.

Divorce Clinic: 471-0380

705 S. Nevada Ave. (Police Operations Center)

Help in filing for divorce the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:15-7:15 PM. Clients must call 471-0380 before the clinic to be screened for eligibility and conflicts and to complete an intake form.

Family Court Facilitators

Michael W. Vigil 448-7781, walk-in hours Monday-Thursday 1:00 PM-4:00 PM, except the 3rd Thursday of each month when the hours are 2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Nicole Rugh 448-7570, Room S410, General family law (divorce or custody) procedural questions.

Family and Relationship Center: 886-0743

324 E. Vermijo Ave.

This serves to advocate on behalf of children and families by providing parents with multi-disciplinary counseling, legal information, and support services in a non-adversarial collaborative environment.

C-FIT—Children and Families in Transition (Formerly Parenting Through Divorce Seminars)

447-9898

MANDATORY FOR ALL DIVORCING PARENTS

El Paso County Judicial Building, Room W113 (Jury Assembly Room)

Classes are held: 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month 5:30 PM

3rd Friday each month 12:00 PM

Pro Se I Clinic: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 12:00 PM- 1:30 PM

El Paso County Judicial Building, Room W113 (Jury Assembly Room)

The purpose of this free clinic is to give you an overview of the divorce process and to help you prepare forms for filing your case (divorce or separation). An attorney is present to answer questions.

TESSA: 633-1462

Crisis Line: 633-3819

435 Gold Pass Heights

www.tessacs.org

Assists clients in developing and reaching their goals for safety and self-sufficiency through our various programs and services, including referrals, assistance through the court process, assistance obtaining employment, transportation, housing, and other basic needs. No appointment necessary.

Discrimination Protection

Colorado Civil Rights Division: 366-7518
915 E. Fillmore St.

The Civil Rights Office investigates complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations if the complaint is based on race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental handicaps, marital status, or age.

Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People: 1-800-288-1376
455 Sherman St., Suite 130, Denver, CO 80203
<http://www.thelegalcenter.org>

The Legal Center helps people with disabilities use the legal system to protect and promote their rights through direct legal representation, advocacy, education, and legislative analysis. The Legal Center offers all of the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy Programs for people with disabilities in Colorado as well as The Client Assistance Program, the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program and the Legal Assistance Developer Program for Older People.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): 1-800-669-4000
303 E. 17th Ave., Ste. 510, Denver, CO 80203

The EEOC enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, which protects employees 40 years of age and older, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992. The Denver Field Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Please call first.

Other Resources

El Paso County Bar Law Library: 389-8968
Penrose Library
20 N. Cascade Ave.

The law library is located at the Penrose Library, lower level Reference area. Open to the public Monday-Thursday from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 AM. to 6:00 PM and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The reference staff will not be able to answer your legal questions but can assist you with the law collection.