

## GENERAL, MULTIPURPOSE SITES

### Nolo.com

Self-help publications written for non-lawyers. Provides plain English explanations on many legal subjects such as custody, parenting, landlord tenant, debt collection, and divorce. From the LALL website, [www.lalawlibrary.org](http://www.lalawlibrary.org), select the "Legal Research" tab > "Research Databases" > "EBSCO Legal Information Research Center" > "Click Here" > Login: State Abbreviation: CA Password: LA

## SELF-HELP

### California Consumer Justice Coalition

Access to a consortium of nonprofit organizations providing information & workshops for foreclosure victims and consumers dealing with bankruptcy, debt collection issues and other credit related matters. See also LA Law Library's online library.

<http://www.caconsumerjustice.org>

### California Courts Self-Help Center

Free legal information and filing instructions covering the most common civilian legal issues including family law, small claims, protection from abuse, evictions, elder law, traffic court, etc. The "Problems with Money" section provides information about the process of a lawsuit.

Site also available in Spanish.

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm>

See also the California Courts' interactive family law page for kids and parents:

<http://www.familieschange.ca.gov>

### LawHelpCalifornia

Website provides self-help information, including a separate veterans' portal, and provides links to other online resources, court services, sliding scale legal aid and lawyer referral services. The website can be translated into many different languages; a list of languages is on the website.

<http://www.lawhelpca.org>

### Los Angeles Superior Court Self-Help Center

Self-Help Website provides information about representing yourself in some legal matters, educating yourself on the different procedures, filling out legal forms, and finding important resources including your court and county wide self-help center locations.

<http://www.lacourt.org/selfhelp/selfhelp.aspx>

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## **SELF-HELP** (continued)

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### **San Mateo County Superior Court downloadable PowerPoint Presentations and You Tube videos**

See, especially, two PowerPoint presentations: So, You're thinking of Filing a Lawsuit? and I have a Case in Court, Now What? Which walk the viewer through the court process and what to expect during the course of a lawsuit. The presentations can be opened with PowerPoint or watched via the You Tube link provided.

[http://www.sanmateocourt.org/self\\_help](http://www.sanmateocourt.org/self_help)

### **Stateside Legal**

Legal information and self-help tools for veterans. Information includes: Family guide to traumatic brain injury, VA caregiver support, discharge conditions: how to request review; disability benefits: military, VA and social Security; unemployment compensation for ex-service members; divorce in military families, and more.

<http://www.statesidelegal.org>

### **Swords to Plowshares**

Legal information and self-help tools for veterans. Information includes: Dealing with government agencies, requesting copies of military records, California's alternative sentencing for veterans and service personnel, guidelines for a PTSD mental health evaluation, upgrading your discharge, and more.

<http://www.swords-to-plowshares.org/guides>

## **FINDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

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A local bar association's Lawyer Referral Service offers licensed, private lawyers who have experience with all types of legal problems and will meet for a reduced fee. A local bar association may also have any of the following free services for people needing legal help:

- A volunteer lawyer project
- A pro bono project (another word for volunteer lawyer project)
- A free legal workshop
- A self-help clinic

### **Beverly Hills Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service**

<https://www.bhba.org/index.php/lawyer-referral-and-information-service>

Attorney roster covering more than 35 areas of law. Initial 30 minute consultation fee: \$35. Some legal issues qualify for a free consultation. Complete online form, call (310) 601-2440 or email LRIS@bhba.org.

The BHBA LRIS also offers a free monthly legal clinic to the public. The clinics are held at Roxbury Park in Beverly Hills from 10:00 a.m.- Noon on the first Saturday of each month.

### **LawHelpCalifornia**

<https://lawhelpca.org/legal-directory>

Many legal aid organizations serve large parts of California. With LawHelpCalifornia's search feature, contacts are identified by services offered and legal issue. Legal aid offices are not-for-profit agencies that provide free legal help to people who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. While many legal aid offices only help people with very low incomes, some offices have more flexible income rules.

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## **Lawyer Referral Service of Los Angeles & Orange County**

<http://www.socallawyerreferral.com/>

The LRS provides referrals throughout LA and surrounding counties including Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego. Speak with an attorney for up to 30 minutes over the telephone. Initial consultation is free. Alternate fee arrangements are available such as limited scope representation (888) 577-4255.

## **CA Courts Self Help Center**

Information from the official CA Courts website about the process of finding and hiring a lawyer.

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-findlawyer.htm>

## **Los Angeles County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties**

<https://www.smartlaw.org>

Legal information and referrals to attorneys in all areas of law; free 30-min consultation with attorney on referable matters. Flat fees, Limited Scope Representation, and other affordable legal services options. Phone number: (213) 243-1500.

## **Los Angeles County Bar Association Lawyer Flat Fee Referral Service of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties**

<https://www.smartlaw.org/flatfee>

Flat fee legal services are affordable limited legal service options for all consumers. Services cover the following areas of Law: business formation, LLC, trademark registration, uncontested divorce, bankruptcy (chapter 7). Phone number (866)762-7852.

## **San Fernando Valley Bar Association Attorney Referral Service**

<http://www.sfvbareferral.com>

Staff interviews and refers to a panel of attorneys covering a broad spectrum of legal matters. Some legal issues qualify for a free consultation. Submit an online information form describing a legal matter or contact the lawyer referral service directly: (818) 697-1426.

## **San Gabriel Valley Lawyer Referral Service**

<http://www.sgvlawyer.org>

Cost: \$40 initial consultation. However, no consultation charge for matters related to bankruptcy, personal injury, probate, medical malpractice, social security or workers' comp. Submit a request through their online form or contact the lawyer referral service directly: (877) 487-3337.

## **South Bay Bar Association and Lawyer Referral Service**

<http://southbaybar.org>

The Lawyer Referral Service has attorneys who are experienced in all major areas of legal practice. The fee for the first one-half hour consultation is \$50.00 and may be discounted, or waived, under certain circumstances. Call (310)325-4200 or provide the information via the online form provided on the website.

**A local law school** may have free legal clinics where law students provide free legal help and are supervised by law professors.

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