

SPECIALIZED LEGAL SERVICES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.

P.O. Box 18019, Boston, MA 02118
Battered Women's Hotline: (800) 992-2600
(617) 521-0143

DOVE, Inc.

Box 287, Quincy, MA 02269
(617) 471-5087



DISABILITIES:

Center for Public Representation (CPR)

246 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02160
(617) 965-0776

Disability Law Center, Inc. (DLC)

11 Beacon Street, Suite 925, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 723-8455, or (800) 872-9992
TDD: (617) 227-9464, or (800) 381-0577
Provides free legal representation to low-income disabled persons throughout Massachusetts.

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC)

294 Washington Street, Suite 320, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 338-2345
Provides legal advice and assistance to indigent patients and residents of mental health facilities.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS:

Boston Bar Association—Real Estate Section

Boston Housing Court Lawyer for the Day

24 New Chardon Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02114
In-person Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
Volunteer lawyers provide advice to tenants & landlords.

Catholic Lawyers Guild

One Union Street, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 523-2640
Provides representation to homeless people.

City Life/Vida Urbana

335 Lamartine Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(617) 524-3541

Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing & Homelessness

(617) 723-0885
Aid for groups working on housing/homelessness issues.

IMMIGRATION:

Centro Presente, Inc.

54 Essex Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 497-9080

Catholic Charities/Refugee & Immigration Service

270 Washington Street, Somerville, MA 02143
(617) 625-1920

International Institute of Boston

287 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02115
(617) 536-1081

CIVIL RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION:

American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (ACLU)

99 Chauncy Street, Suite 310, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 482-3170

Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith

126 High Street, Boston, MA 02110
(617) 457-8800

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

294 Washington Street, #940, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 482-1145

NAACP Legal Department

451 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118-1198
(617) 296-7904

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders

294 Washington Street, Room 740, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 426-1350

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS:

Children's Legal Services, Inc.

18 Tremont Street, Suite 527, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 227-3232

Massachusetts Advocacy Center

100 Boylston Street, Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116
(617) 357-8431

SERVICES IN NEARBY AREAS

Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau

24 Crescent Street, Suite 202, Waltham, MA
(781) 893-4793
Serves Newton, Waltham and Watertown.

Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services

432 Columbia Street, Suite 16, Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 494-1800
Serves Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville, Winchester and Woburn.

A Guide to Legal Resources



In and Around Suffolk County



**Suffolk County
Probate and Family Court**
Richard Iannella, Register

A Message from the Register:



**Register of Probate
Richard Iannella**

I am pleased to present the latest edition of "Legal Resources In and Around Suffolk County." This directory provides you with the latest information about probate and family law resources that are available in and around Suffolk County. We have also included useful information about organizations that provide assistance in a number of specialized areas.

While we have made extra effort to include as many services as possible, not every available resource is listed here. Also, please note that we cannot and do not specifically endorse any of the groups listed in our brochure.

The Registry has also developed a helpful companion piece—"Legal Resources on the Internet: Families and the Law." For a free copy of this or any of our other publications, please visit us in person, on-line or call our offices.

Since first taking office in January 1997, I have worked hard to make it easier for you — the taxpayer and our bosses — to access court services. I hope that you'll agree that our community outreach efforts have made the Suffolk County Probate and Family Court Registry one of the nation's finest!

Richard Iannella

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Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

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On the Web at: www.gis.net/~richardi/

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES

The following programs provide assistance to those seeking the services of a paid attorney:

Boston Bar Association (BBA) Lawyer Referral Service
16 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 742-0625, or (800) 552-7046

Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service
20 West Street, Boston, MA 02111-1218
(617) 654-0400, or (800) 392-6164

Massachusetts Bar Association Dial-A-Lawyer
First Wednesday of the month— 5:30-7:30 p.m.
(617) 338-0610

Massachusetts Bar Association Tel-Law
(24-hour taped information)
(617) 338-0669



**Massachusetts Chapter:
National Lawyers Guild Lawyer Referral Service**
14 Beacon Street, Suite 407, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 227-7335

Legal Advocacy & Resource Center (LARC)
197 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114
(617) 742-9179, or (800) 342-LAWS

PRO BONO LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The following programs provide free legal representation to low income clients who meet specific guidelines. (Demand for these attorneys is high, and so the availability of services is not guaranteed):

**Suffolk County Probate and Family Court Registry
Lawyer for the Day Program**
24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
In-person legal advice on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Greater Boston Legal Services
Suffolk County Domestic Violence Advocacy Project**
24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114
(617) 371-1234
Advocates for victims of domestic violence in full range of family law cases.

Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP)
29 Temple Place, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02111
(617) 423-0648
Handles cases in matters of family law. Call first Thursday of the month for an intake appointment.

LEGAL AID SERVICES

These programs provide assistance to low income clients with needs that match program priorities:

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS)
197 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114
(617) 371-1234, or (800) 323-3205
Represents custodial parents in divorce if there is a history of domestic violence (no custody dispute); if elderly or disabled; custodial parents in paternity, visitation, parental kidnapping, guardianship and contempt cases where domestic violence exists; parties seeking guardianship of a minor; domestic violence victims seeking restraining orders.

Community Legal Services Counseling Center
One West Street, Cambridge, MA 02139-1799
(617) 661-1010

Handles cases for victims of domestic violence or for primary caretakers in contested custody and visitation cases involving child abuse or neglect. Also handles cases of custodial parents seeking child support.

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau
1511 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 495-4408

Represents custodial parents in matters of family law. Also represents non-custodial parents in visitation cases if domestic violence and child support are not an issue.

Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center
122 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(Spanish Case Manager: Isabel Lima)
(617) 522-3003
*Handles cases in matters of family law.
Intake hours: 1 - 4:30 p.m. except on Thursdays.*

**Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Child Support Enforcement Division**
239 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02214
(617) 619-0800, or: (800) 332-2733
Provides assistance with child support matters.

New England School of Law Clinical Law Office
(617) 422-7380
Represents primary caretakers in divorce cases.

Suffolk University Clinical Program
278 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150
(617) 884-7568
Support, divorce and post-divorce matters.