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- >> buying or selling a home or property
- >> civil rights violations
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- >> credit problems and bankruptcy
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- >> divorce and other family matters
- >> employment problems
- >> rental or leasing problems
- >> starting a business
- >> worker's compensation and social security benefits
- >> writing a will

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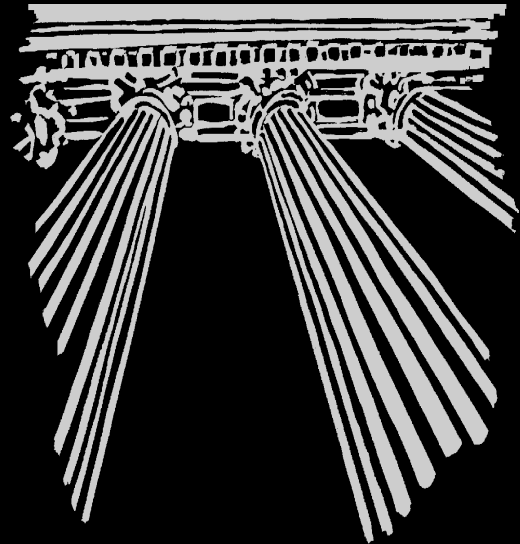
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## Your Link to



## Legal Help

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## “I think I may need a lawyer...”

### **An accident. A divorce. A new home.**

There are times in life when you need legal help. This is especially true in situations involving major life events or changes, such as:

- >> being arrested for a crime or served with legal papers in a civil lawsuit
- >> a serious accident causing personal injury or property damage
- >> divorce, adoption, or death
- >> getting or losing valuable personal property or real estate
- >> credit problems or filing for bankruptcy

When it matters most, knowing where to go for legal help can make all the difference. *So where do you find help?*

### **Lawyer Referral — Your Link to Legal Help**

Most communities have a Lawyer Referral and Information Service affiliated with your state or local bar association to help you find a lawyer. And the best part—it's a free public service that puts you in touch with quality legal help. Lawyers who work with Lawyer Referral usually concentrate their practices in specific areas of law.

### **Legal Help, Right Away**

#### >> **Phone or email Lawyer Referral.**

Your nearest public service Lawyer Referral can be found in the Yellow Pages or online at [www.findlegalhelp.org](http://www.findlegalhelp.org).

#### >> **Ask your questions.**

Helpful staff will interview you over the phone to determine the nature of your legal question.

#### >> **Set up an appointment.**

You will be given the name of an attorney to contact who has experience with your type of legal problem. If your question does not require legal help, you'll be directed to the appropriate source for assistance.

#### >> **Get your answers.**

You'll be put in touch with a qualified lawyer to handle your specific legal matter. A nominal fee will be charged for the first consultation with the lawyer. No fee is charged for calling the referral service.



### ***Lawyer Referral is a free public service.***

You pay nothing for the referral. And the lawyer to whom you are referred will charge only a nominal initial consultation fee of \$35 for a half-hour consultation. Fees for any additional work beyond the initial meeting will be arranged between you and the lawyer. But the first visit may be all you need to resolve your legal questions.

### ***Lawyer Referral makes an unbiased referral to a lawyer.***

Lawyers usually concentrate their practices in specific areas of law. Lawyer Referral can help connect you to a lawyer who practices the type of law that applies to your problem.

### ***Lawyer Referral provides information you can rely on.***

The lawyers who participate in Lawyer Referral have been pre-screened as a condition of membership in the service. That is, they must provide verifiable information about their professional background, and whether they practice in specific areas of law (criminal law, bankruptcy, etc.).