

Legal Assistance Resources

Note: Librarians cannot provide legal advice or recommend specific forms

Fort Bend County Willie Melton Law Library: 281-341-3718

George Memorial Library: 281-341-2605

A small legal collection including *Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes* and *Codes Annotated* is available at George Memorial Library. More information on state and federal laws is available at the Fort Bend County Willie Melton Law Library.

All Fort Bend County libraries locations have copies of self-help/pro se legal materials in reference and for check-out. Please visit our library catalog or branch locations for more information.

FORT BEND COUNTY RESOURCES

Fort Bend County Clerk's Office

281-341-8685

Information about local court proceedings, filing fees, vital statistics, and property filings.

www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/county-clerk

Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office

281-341-4515

Information about local court proceedings, filing fees, e-filing, and jury information.

www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/fort-bend-county-district-clerks-office

Local Court Records

A database of local court records for matters 1983 - present.

<http://fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/courts/court-records-research>

FINDING AN ATTORNEY

Lone Star Legal Aid

800-733-8394 or

832-913-7200 (Mon-Fri from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Provides general civil legal services to low-income families who qualify.

212 South 2nd Street, Richmond, TX 77469

<https://www.lonestarlegal.org>

Fort Bend County Bar Association

A directory of attorneys in Fort Bend.

<https://fortbendbar.org>

Houston Lawyer Referral Service

800-289-4577 or 713-237-9429 Houston Referral service for the Houston metro area including Fort Bend County.

www.hlrs.org

State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS)

800-252-9690 (Toll Free), Monday - Friday, CST, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

<https://www.texasbar.com/>

https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Lawyer_Referral_Service_LRIS

SELF-HELP RESOURCES

Texas Law Help

Free legal information and sample, fill-in-the-blank-style forms for low-income Texans.

www.texaslawhelp.org

Online Chat Service: Mon-Thu from 10:00 am — 3:00 pm

TXAccess.org

866-292-4636 (Mon-Fri from 1:00 pm — 5:00 pm)

Access and Visitation Hotline

Free information and sample forms for non-custodial parents concerning visitation, custody, paternity, support, modification, and enforcement

<https://txaccess.org/>

Texas Legal Services Center

800-622-2520 Legal Hotline

Free legal-assistance programs for Texans, including legal helplines for Texans over age 60, veterans, caregivers of minors, and Medicare recipients.

www.tlsc.org

Texas Court Help

Basic information about how to make your way through the court system.

www.texascourthelp.org

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ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.

281-342-4357, 24-Hour Hotline

281-344-5750 Rosenberg

Assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children achieve safety and self-sufficiency.

www.fbwcc.org

Texas Attorney General, Child Support Division

800-252-8014, 24-Hour Automated Hotline

512-460-6000, State Office

281-342-6222, Fort Bend County

Provides services for parents who wish to obtain or provide support for their children.

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support>

Earl Carl Institute

713-313-1139 (Mon-Fri from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Property Preservation and Foreclosure

Prevention Services, ECI Juvenile Justice Project,

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project,

ECI / MBK Clean Slate Initiative.

earlcarlinstitute@tmslaw.tsu.edu

<https://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/>

[apply_for_legal_services.html](https://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/apply_for_legal_services.html)

South Texas College of Law Clinics

713-646-2990 (Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm)

Provides services in family law, estate and

probate, guardianship, child welfare,

domestic violence, animal law, and other matters.

www.stcl.edu/clinics

Workers' Compensation Commission

800-252-7031 *Injured Employee Hotline*

Assistance with workers' compensation claims for work-related injuries.

www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/index.html

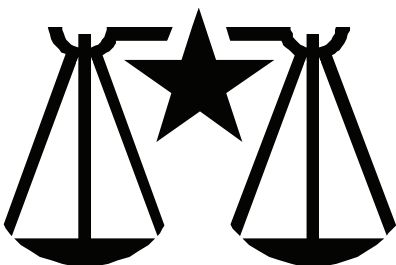
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

800-375-5283 *National Customer Service Center*

Forms and information regarding citizenship,

immigration, work humanitarian programs,

adoptions, and other matters. www.uscis.gov



FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigration Legal Assistance

713-874-6570

713-595-4100 *Consultation Request*

Immigration legal services in greater Houston to individuals unable to obtain legal representation; experienced corps of attorneys and legal professionals provide free and low-cost legal services to children who arrived in the U.S. alone, families seeking immigration assistance, crime victims, asylum seekers, and immigrants seeking to become U.S. citizens. Legal consultations scheduling is held once a month.

Beginning June 17, 2024 please register for Charla

by visiting <https://410301.waitwell.us/join/15>

Upon registration, attendees will be contacted via text message to schedule their appointment.

www.catholiccharities.org

Consejos Legales

Mexican American Bar Association

713-759-1133

Free legal advice in Spanish for simple legal, financial & citizenship issues. Co-sponsored with Houston Bar Association (HBA).

1st Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Must register online no later than the day before providing basic contact information and a brief description of the legal question(s) for a 20-minute virtual consultation through the HBA at:

<https://legalhelphouston.org>

https://hisbahouston.com/Consejos_Legales

<https://www.mabah.com>

Additional Resources

Fort Bend County Libraries Legal Links

<http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/basic-page/pro-se-home>

State Bar of Texas Referral Directory

www.texasbar.com/ReferralDirectory