## Legal Services Resources

Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 15-19-51) prohibits law students (and other people who are not licensed attorneys) from giving legal advice or providing legal assistance without attorney supervision.

If you need legal services and cannot afford a lawyer, these resources may assist you:

## Legal Services Resources (civil/general)

- <u>Georgialegalaid.org</u>, a joint project of Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc. and Georgia Legal Services Program, provides basic legal information and forms on a variety of topics, links to self-help centers, and a list of free legal service providers you might contact.
- <u>Georgia Free Legal Answers</u> allows low-income users to submit civil legal questions and receive written answers from licensed attorneys at no cost.
- <u>Atlanta Legal Aid Society</u> (for the five-county metro Atlanta area) offers civil legal help for low-income individuals
  - o Downtown/Main Office: (404) 524-5811
  - DeKalb: (404) 377-0701
  - Cobb: (770) 528-2565
  - Gwinnett: (678) 376-4545
  - Clayton & South Fulton: (404) 669-0233
  - Georgia Senior Legal Aid (for persons 60 or older): 404-389-9992
  - Spanish-Speaking Applicants: 404-377-5381
- <u>Georgia Legal Services Program</u> (for Georgia residents outside of Atlanta): Assistance with health, family, housing and education issues for residents outside the metro area
  - (833) 457-7529, or
  - o (404) 206-5175
- <u>Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation</u>: Assistance with domestic violence, landlord-tenant issues, unpaid wages
  - o (404) 521-0790
- <u>DeKalb Pro Bono</u> assists low-income DeKalb County residents with domestic violence, landlord-tenant, probate and family law matters
  - o (404) 373-0865

# **Resources for Veterans**

- Atlanta Legal Aid Veterans' Law Project: (404) 614-3915. Civil legal matters including eviction defense, VA benefits, public benefits and health insurance, access to appropriate support services, disability rights, poor housing conditions, end of life planning, family law, and consumer law.
- Atlanta's John Marshall Law School <u>Homeless Veterans Legal Clinic</u>: (678) 916 2645, <u>vetclinic@johnmarshall.edu</u>. Misdemeanor criminal representation for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- UGA Veterans' Legal Clinic (706) 542-6439; <u>veteranslegalclinic@uga.edu</u>. Provides veterans in Georgia with legal assistance they might not otherwise have access to or be

able to afford, with particular regard to denied or deferred claims before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

- <u>The Warrior Alliance</u>: (404) 210-1776; <u>info@thewarrioralliance.org/</u> Connects Georgia veterans with a network of service providers.
- <u>Veterans' Consortium Pro Bono Program</u>. Free legal representation nationwide for:
  - Discharge Upgrades: (202) 733-3324; <u>upgrades@vetsprobono.org</u>
  - Appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: (888) 838-7727 Option 3; <u>mail@vetsprobono.org</u>
  - Permanent resident veterans applying for naturalization through military service: (202) 733-3337; <u>vnap@vetsprobono.org</u>
- <u>Veterans' Consortium Women Veterans' Legal Assistance Program</u>: (202) 733-3329; <u>wvlap@vetsprobono.org</u>. Free legal representation nationwide to women and women identifying veterans who are filing for VA disability compensation or appealing claims for conditions related to military sexual trauma.
- National Veterans Legal Services Program, Lawyers Serving Warriors: (202) 265-8305 Option 5; LSW.intake@nvlsp.org. Pro bono legal help with (1)\_discharge upgrades, (2) medical retirement, (3) combat-related special compensation, and (4) the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program (TSGLI).

# Legal Services Resources (immigration)

- <u>Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network</u>
   678-335-6040 ext. 110
- <u>Southern Poverty Law Center, Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative</u>: (pro bono representation of immigrants detained in immigrant detention centers)

   (229) 838-6500

# Criminal Defense Resources

- Fulton County Public Defender Office
  - Adult Division: (404) 612-5200
  - Juvenile Division: (404) 612-4410
  - State & Magistrate Court Division: (404) 612-5419
- <u>DeKalb County Public Defender Office</u>, (404) 371-2222
- <u>Georgia Public Defender Council (for other public defender offices throughout Georgia)</u>

# Lawyer Referral Services

- <u>Georgia Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service</u> (attorneys may charge fees)
- <u>Atlanta Bar Lawyer Referral Service</u> (consultation fees may apply), (404) 521-0777