

Legal Resource List

All numbers are in the 608 area code unless otherwise noted.
Most of these resources are based in Dane County, Wisconsin.

Attorneys

Becker Law Office

270-9979

Provides legal services to those who have applied for disability benefits and have been denied. They give prospective clients a first consultation for free. Clients only pay if Becker Law Office wins the case. They are only able to take disability cases that have been filed in Wisconsin. Offices are located in Madison, Dodgeville, and Wausau.

Community Justice, Inc.

204-9642

Non-profit law firm serving people with lower incomes. Case intakes are done Monday through Thursday from 1-4 PM. Attorneys review intakes and then contact clients.

Lawyer Referral & Information Services Hotline

257-4666 or

800-362-9082 (outside Madison)

A program of the State Bar of Wisconsin that provides attorney referrals to get simple legal questions answered. The hotline will set up an appointment for an attorney to call the client back, free of charge, within a few days.

Modest Means Program www.legalexplorer.com/lawyer/lawyer-notafford.asp

A program from the State Bar of Wisconsin that may be able to help individuals get legal representation at a reduced rate. Individuals must fill out an application.

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

256-3304 or

800-362-3904

Provides free legal assistance to low-income people in family law, housing (landlord-tenant, section 8, public, and subsidized housing), consumer, foreclosures, and public benefits, including disability and SSI, Medical Assistance and Badger Care, Food Stamps, W2, child care, unemployment insurance.

Family law intake is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 9 AM. Call 608-256-3258 for family law cases.

RISE Law Center

256-1015

Attorneys at RISE may be able to provide family law, immigration, and restraining order representation to victims of domestic violence.

State Public Defender's Office

266-9150

Legal representation in criminal cases for very low-income criminal case defendants. Also provide representation in Termination of Parental Rights cases or in cases where someone is facing jail time for failure to pay child support.

Children

Child Abuse Reporting—Dane County

261-KIDS (5437)

This number is used to report child abuse to Child Protective Services.

- **After Hours Child Abuse Reporting:**

255-6067

Child Support Agency—Dane County

266-4031

Courts

Clerk of Courts—Dane County

- Civil/Criminal/Family/Small Claims/Traffic/Records 266-4311
- **Restraining Orders**
 - Beginning Dec. 10, 2012, people who want to start the filing process for restraining orders as early as 7:45 AM can get the paperwork at the Court Records Office on the first floor of the Dane County Courthouse. People who have restraining order paperwork filled out prior to arriving at the courthouse can proceed straight to Court Records to begin the filing process. Restraining order paperwork can also be picked up at the Dane County Legal Resource Center located on Lower Level One of the Dane County Courthouse in Room L1007. The phone number for the Legal Resource Center is 266-6316. **Restraining orders are no longer filed in the Probate Office.**

Circuit Court Commissioners Center—Dane County 266-4311
Family court actions.

District Attorney’s Office—Dane County 266-4211

- **Domestic Violence Unit** 266-9003

In criminal cases involving domestic violence, provides information about crime victim rights and the defendant’s criminal case.

- **Deferred Prosecution Program** 284-6896
- **Dane Co. Crime Response** 284-6908

Probate Office—Dane County 266-4331

File for temporary **restraining orders** at this office. During the fall and spring semesters and summer, UW Law School students are at the courthouse to provide assistance with filing restraining orders. Call for the Probate Office or the Family Court Clinic at 262-2301 to find out when students are available.

Crime Victim Compensation

Crime Victim Compensation Program 264-9497 or
800-446-6564

Victims of crime may be able to obtain financial assistance for expenses related to the crime not covered by other resources.

Disabilities & Traumatic Brain Injuries

Becker Law Office 270-9979

Provides legal services to those who have applied for disability benefits and have been denied. They give prospective clients a first consultation for free. Clients only pay if Becker Law Office wins the case. They are only able to take disability cases that have been filed in Wisconsin. Offices are located in Madison, Dodgeville, and Wausau.

Disability Rights Wisconsin 267-0214
TTY: 888-758-6049

Disability Rights Wisconsin serves people of all ages, including people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, physical or sensory disabilities, and traumatic brain injury.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Programs—serving Dane County

American Indians Against Abuse, Inc.

888-330-7402

Works with all eleven Wisconsin Native American tribes to provide technical assistance and trainings on domestic violence. AIAA does not provide direct service, but may be able to provide referrals for individuals who want information about domestic violence advocacy programs in their tribe.

DAIS Legal Program

251-4445 Ext. 333 or
800-747-4045 (toll free)

Legal advocacy available for restraining orders, family law, criminal law, immigration, and more. Call crisis line number above.

Freedom, Inc.

661-4088

Provides advocacy services primarily for Southeast Asian victims of domestic violence.

Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Program

888- 343-8190

Comprehensive domestic abuse advocacy services, including shelter assistance and legal advocacy, for Native Americans ages 18-59. Dane County is included in the 16 county service region for this program.

Hmong Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Crisis Lines

24/7 crisis lines for Hmong victims of DV and sexual assault.

- **Statewide DV Hotline** (may go to voicemail) 877-740-4292
- **Milwaukee Hmong DV & SA Hotline** 888-345-5898

Military Family Advocacy Program

800-342-9647

Military families can contact this hotline to get information about domestic violence advocacy programs on specific military bases around the country. Call this number to receive contact information for the advocacy program at the base the soldier is assigned to. Can assist victims of soldiers and soldiers that have been victims of domestic violence.

- **Fort McCoy (local base) Family Advocacy Program** 608-388-2412

Rape Crisis Center

251-7273

Free and confidential accompaniment to medical exams, law enforcement interviews, and legal proceedings. Also provide counseling, support groups, and self-defense classes. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence

256-9195

Organization committed to helping survivors of domestic violence in the Latino community access local services. Also have a support group.

Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV) 255-0539

Provides a wide range of services to domestic violence agencies and victims of domestic violence.

- **National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life**
Resource center that advocates for victims of abuse later in their lives. Call WCADV.

Elder Abuse / Adult-at-Risk Abuse

Elder Abuse & Adult-at-Risk Abuse Reporting Hotline

261-9933 (Dane County)

Self-referrals are accepted.

- **Area Agency on Aging** 261-9930
May be able to provide legal advocacy to elderly crime victims.

Elder Law Center—Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups 224-0606

Provider of legal services and resources to citizens 60 years and older with special emphasis on the frail and vulnerable elderly in need of long-term care.

Family Law

Circuit Court Commissioners Center—Dane County 266-4311

Family court actions.

Family Court Clinic 262-2301

Free information and assistance from UW-Madison law students to people without lawyers. Can assist with divorce, legal separation, and other family law related paperwork. The clinic holds office hours at the courthouse in Room L1022 during fall and spring semesters and summer—call for updated schedule.

Family Court Counseling Services 266-4607

Assists with court-ordered mediation and family studies for those with family law cases in Dane County. *They do not provide counseling.*

Family Law Assistance Center

Wednesdays 11:30am -1:30pm; Spanish speaking attorneys available 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Volunteer attorneys provide family law information and assistance. FLAC is held in Room L1022 at the Dane County Courthouse at 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison.

Guardianships

Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center 800-488-2596

Answers questions about Wisconsin law relating to adult guardianships, living wills, and Do Not Resuscitate orders.

Health-Related Law

Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health 261-6939

Services include health benefits counseling, legal services for health care financing, and information and referrals. ABC for Health provides assistance to families and children with special healthcare needs or with difficulty accessing healthcare.

AIDS Network 252-6540

800-486-6276

Legal services available for low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Clients are assisted by legal staff or referred to volunteer or reduced-rate attorneys. Call for information and income eligibility requirements.

Center for Patient Partnerships 890-0321

A project at the UW Law School that helps advocate for patients with life threatening or serious chronic illness make informed decisions and get the health care they need and deserve. It provides information and services that are intended to empower the patient.

Disability Rights Wisconsin 267-0214

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Immigration

Centro Hispano

255-3018

Provides information and referral services, employment help, translation, and housing assistance with an emphasis on serving the Latino community.

Community Immigration Law Center

257-4845

Every 2nd & 4th Friday from 2-5 PM at Christ Presbyterian Church at 944 E. Gorham Street. CILC provides clients with volunteer law students and attorneys, case evaluation/assessment by volunteer attorneys, referrals, assistance with basic immigration-related forms, and “know your rights” information/presentations. Spanish interpreters available. Interpreters for other languages may not be available, so it is best to bring one.

RISE Law Center

256-1015

Attorneys at RISE may be able to provide family law, immigration, and restraining order representation to victims of domestic violence.

UMOS Immigration Services

249-1180

Offers sliding-scale immigration services (including legal representation) for migrant workers and immigrants.

Jail & Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Department of Corrections

- **Probation & Parole**

240-5300

Victims may be able to contact probation and parole agent if abusive person is on probation, parole, or extended supervision.

- **Master Records**

240-3750

Contact this number to get the name and phone number for the abusive individual’s probation and parole agent.

Jail–Dane County (Central Booking)

284-6100

To see if a person is in jail press 2, then 0. You do not have to give your name to obtain this information.

Law Enforcement

Police Departments—Dane County

Non-emergency numbers. Communities not listed are served by the Dane County Sheriff’s Office. Call 255-2345 to find information about records or to contact deputies serving these communities.

Belleville	424-3129
Blue Mounds	437-5197
Brooklyn (Rock & Dane Counties)	455-2131
Capitol Police	266-8797
Cottage Grove	255-2345
• Business	839-4652
Cross Plains	798-4100
DeForest	846-6756
Edgerton (Rock & Dane Counties)	608-884-3321
Fitchburg	270-4300
• Records	270-4343

Madison—City	266-4275
• Officer in Charge (of patrol shifts)	266-4418
• Records	266-4075
Madison—Town	255-2345
• Business/Records	210-7262
Maple Bluff (7 AM-11PM)	244-1430
(11 PM-7 AM)	266-4948
Marshall	655-3533
McFarland	838-3151
Middleton	824-7300
• Records	824-7360
Monona	222-0463
Mt. Horeb	437-5522
Oregon	835-3111
Shorewood Hills	267-1110
Stoughton	873-3374
Sun Prairie	837-7336
UW-Madison	264-2677
Verona	845-7623
Waunakee	849-4523
Sheriff's Department—Dane County	284-6800
• Civil Process	284-6824 (8am-4:30pm) or
To see if a person has been served with a restraining order.	266-9038 (after 4:30pm)
• Records	284-6827
• Warrants	284-6112

Legal Assistance Clinics

City of Madison Foreclosure Prevention Program 261-5677

A program to assist low or moderate income homeowners identify the resources, skills, and options that may enable them to avoid foreclosure and remain in their homes.

Consumer Law Litigation Clinic 263-6283

Provides legal services to low-income individuals with consumer law issues.

Family Court Clinic 262-2301

Free information and assistance from UW-Madison law students to people without lawyers. Can assist with divorce, legal separation, and other family law related paperwork. The clinic holds office hours at the courthouse in Room L1022 during fall and spring semesters and summer—call for updated schedule.

Family Law Assistance Center

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Foreclosure Answer Clinic

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Room 310 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Clients are served on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact the UW Law School's Consumer Law Clinic at 608-263-6283.

Neighborhood Law Clinic

260-8221

A project of the UW Law School that provides free legal services in three areas: landlord/tenant, public benefits, and unpaid wages. Must be low-income. Services available during the summer and fall and spring semesters. Call for hours.

Small Claims Assistance Program

Tuesdays, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Information and assistance with small claims.

Room L1022, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison.

Check <http://www.countyofdane.com/court/prepare/assistance.aspx> for Spanish schedule.

Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic

246-4357

Help with getting unemployment compensation benefits. The only way to schedule an appointment with the clinic is through the United Way by dialing 211 from a local phone or by calling the above number.

Legal Resource Centers**Legal Resource Center – Dane County** M-F 8:30 -4:30

266-6316

Room L1007, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison. Legal forms are available in the Legal Resource Center and online: www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit/index.htm.

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Wisconsin State Law Library

267-9696 or

800-322-9755

Legal reference and research assistance including help finding statutes, court forms, court procedures, primary and secondary practice materials such as local, state, and federal treatises, electronic sources, and more.

UW-Madison Legal Information Center

263-3243

UW-Madison law students provide legal information. Not available in summer or during UW breaks.

Tenant/Landlord Law**Neighborhood Law Clinic**

260-8221

A project of the UW Law School that provides free legal services in three areas: landlord/tenant, public benefits, and unpaid wages. Must be low-income. Services available during the summer and fall and spring semesters. Call for hours.

Tenant Resource Center Helpline

257-0006 or

Information about tenant rights and responsibilities.

877-238-7368 (outside Dane Co.)

University of Wisconsin—Madison**Dean of Students Office Student Assistance & Judicial Affairs (SAJA)** 263-5700

Deans in SAJA can assist UW student victims of domestic violence or sexual assault with getting a no contact directive against another student who is abusive or against an assailant. Deans also help advocate for students and can provide information on UW's student disciplinary process.

Victim Notification & Offender Information

Sex Offender Registry Program Tip Line

877-234-0085

Call for information about sex offenders and to make reports about incomplete or inaccurate information of the whereabouts of sex offenders.

VINE System

- **Dane County Jail**

877-418-8463

Victim Information and Notification Everyday: Call for information about inmate charges, bail, and scheduled release date, or to register for automatic notification by telephone when an inmate is released or transferred. Use the following link to find out if an individual is in custody at the Dane County Jail:

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=50013>

VOICE System

- **Enrollment**

800-947-5777

- **Access to VOICE & sex offender information**

800-398-2403

A victim notification system similar to VINE but for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. This system can be used to find release information for inmates incarcerated in Wisconsin state prisons. Call the above number to enroll for this service. <https://www.wivictimsvoice.org/index.jsp>