



HBA Resource & Referral Guide

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If you cannot answer your caller's question, below are the most common numbers used as resources. A more in-depth resource book is located in the kitchen.

<u>Catholic Charities- Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance</u>	www.catholiccharities.org	713-874-6570
Handles family based petitions, asylum and deportation proceedings, citizenship, and VAWA petitions, etc. Holds free informational meetings/free consultations		
<u>City of Houston</u>		311
<u>City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services</u>		832-395-9800
<u>City of Houston Landlord Dispute Hotline</u>		713-868-8461
Will send inspectors to check on complaints with apartments.		
<u>Dispute Resolution Center</u>	www.drchouston.org	713-755-8274
8am-5pm M-F, a free service sponsored by the HBA that handles disputes between neighbors, consumers, landlords/tenants, employers/employees, families and friends.		
<u>Equal Employment Opportunity Commission</u>	www.eeoc.gov	1-800-669-4000 713-651-4900
8 am – 4:30 pm, M-F. Employment Issues involving discrimination, 1201 Louisiana.		
<u>Family Law Information Booth</u>	In-Person Only	8:30 am-Noon; 1-2pm, M-F
Located on the 17 th floor, room 1770, of the Civil Courthouse, 201 Caroline. A booth where the public can ask simple legal advice on family law matters.		
<u>Federal Courts Clerks' Office</u>		713-250-5500
<u>Free Legal Forms</u>	www.texaslawhelp.org	
<u>Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association</u>	www.hccla.org	713-227-2404
Automated. Volunteer professional association that offers a referral service for individuals needing a criminal attorney. This group does not handle pro bono cases. Most people charged with a crime are appointed an attorney by the judge if they cannot afford one.		
<u>Harris County Sheriff's Office</u>	www.hcso.hctx.net	713-755-5300
<u>Harris County District Attorney's Office</u>	www.app.dao.hctx.net	713-274-5800
Divisions: Consumer Protection, Check Fraud, Citizen Intake, Family Violence Unit		
<u>Harris County Switchboard</u>		713-755-5000
Child Support Information		713-755-6077
County Clerk	www.cclerk.hctx.net	713-755-6405
District Clerk	www.hcdistrictclerk.com	832-927-5846
Domestic Relations Office		713-755-6757
Probate Clerk	www.co.harris.tx.us/probate	713-755-6425
Mold problems		832-393-5750
<u>Houston Apartment Association</u>	www.haaonline.org	713-595-0300
<u>Houston Lawyer Referral Service</u>	www.hlrs.org	713-237-9429
Program sponsored by the HBA and 9 other organizations that provides a free referral to an attorney according to legal and geographic preference. All attorneys provide the first 30-minute consultations for \$20; then it's the attorney's regular fee. All legal areas – civil or criminal. Reduced fee referrals available for eligible individuals.		
<u>Houston Police Department (non-emergency)</u>		713-884-3131
<u>Houston Volunteer Lawyers</u>	www.Makejusticehappen.org	713-228-0732



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Free service sponsored by the HBA that provides volunteer attorneys of certain types of civil matters. Individuals must meet specific income and criteria guidelines. Legal clinics held on 1st Saturday of each month in various location throughout Harris County. Call for details.

- Lone Star Legal Aid www.lonestarlegal.org 8am-5pm, M-F 1-800-733-8394 713-652-0077
Federally funded agency that provides free legal assistance for certain types of civil matters. Individuals must meet specific guidelines
- Municipal Courts pay ticket online at www.texasonline.state.tx.us 713-247-5479
- NAACP Legal Redress Program www.naacp-houston.org 713-526-3389
Handles civil matters including family, adult name changes, probate, landlord/tenant, and social security. Clients must meet specific guidelines.
- Neighborhood Centers www.neighborhood-centers.org 713-667-9400
Monthly immigration clinics at centers around Houston
- State Bar of Texas (SBOT) www.texasbar.com 1-800-204-2222
- SBOT Client Attorney Assistance Program (CAAP) 1-800-932-1900
Dispute resolution for clients and attorneys in resolving minor problems when the issues do not involve misconduct under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct
- SBOT Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel 1-877-953-5535 713-758-8200
600 Jefferson, Suite 1000. To file a grievance against attorneys who violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.
- SBOT Statewide Lawyer Referral Service 1-800-252-9690
Referrals for attorneys in areas without a referral service.
- SBOT Unauthorized practice of Law Committee www.txuplc.org 1-877-953-5535
Investigated complaints about persons or entities who may be practicing law without a license.
- Small Claims Court 713-755-5125
- Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov 1-800-772-1213
- South Texas College of Law Clinic Programs www.stcl.edu 713-646-2990
8 am – 4:30 pm, M-F. Income based program that handles civil matters, simple divorces, guardianship, estate planning, disability claims, probate and some family matters.
- Texas Attorney General www.oag.state.tx.us 713-802-9293 713-755-6077 (CSIC)
8am – 5pm, M-F. Child support issues in Houston/Harris County area.
- Consumer Protection Division 1-800-621-0508 713-223-5886
Handles consumer complaints against individuals or businesses
- Tenants Rights Counsel 713-982-1985
- Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services 512-438-3011 1-800-458-9858
- Thurgood Marshall School of Law Legal Clinic www.tsulaw.edu 713-313-4455
8am – 5pm, M-F. Income based program in the areas of immigration, simple divorces, probate/wills, guardianship, and criminal misdemeanors.
- University of Houston Legal Aid Clinic www.law.uh.edu 713-743-2100
8am – 5pm, M-F. Income based program that handles cases with general civil matters, including family, juvenile, defense, social security, disability claims, and immigration.
- Texas Workforce Commission Labor Law Department www.texasworkforce.org 1-800-832-9243
Salary complaints and disputes
- Texas Consumer Complaint Center www.texasccc.com 1-877-839-8422
Helps consumers settle disputes by informing them of their legal rights and assisting with the resolution of disputes through mediation and, when necessary, litigation.