



# The Legal Aid Society

— of ROCHESTER, NEW YORK —

**A Premier Provider Of Legal Services  
For Those Who Need It Most**

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## Mission

The Legal Aid Society of Rochester is a non-for-profit organization that provides direct civil legal services, including lay advocacy and related human services, to adults and children. We ensure that those who seek justice have an opportunity to receive a fair and full hearing. We obtain legal solutions that have a beneficial impact on our clients and the community.

## Vision

The Legal Aid Society of Rochester believes in the guarantees of due process and equal protection as promised in our State and Federal constitutions. To ensure that those rights have real meaning, we will strive to provide a highly qualified and zealous advocate to anyone who cannot otherwise obtain representation in civil legal matters. We will create an environment in our community that values access to legal counsel, so that every person is treated with dignity, equality and fairness.



## The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, N.Y. (LASROC)

provides civil legal services to residents of Monroe and 13 surrounding counties who otherwise could not afford them. Our attorneys represent people in a variety of family, immigration, housing and education cases. We are also the only mandated provider of legal services for children in Family Court, advocating for them in cases ranging from abuse and neglect to persons in need of supervision.

Each year, LASROC provides legal services to almost 10,000 low and moderate income adults and children on a free or sliding scale basis. In addition to high quality representation, LASROC attorneys also work to obtain benefits due their clients, obtaining more than \$3 million each year in areas such as child support, health insurance, credit repair and fee reduction in foreclosure actions.

## The LASROC Civil Division consists of the Family Law, General Law, and Housing Law Units.

Our **Family Law Unit** provides representation, legal counseling and information, and training in all areas of Family Law, including divorce, orders of protection, custody, visitation and child support for people with a range of income levels in Monroe County and surrounding counties. LASROC also provides specialized Domestic Violence Legal Services with a focus on the safety and well-being of victims. We obtain and enforce orders of protection, divorces, housing, financial support, and address other legal needs. Services are provided in Monroe, Wayne, Genesee, Ontario and Orleans counties.

### Our **General Law Unit** consists of **Immigration Legal Services** and **Department of Health programs**.

We provide representation, legal counseling and information in a variety of immigration matters, including asylum, permanent residence, removal proceedings, and work authorization. We also staff an outreach clinic to migrant farm workers in Williamson, NY. Thanks to our Department of Health program, clients with HIV/AIDS can receive legal services in the areas of family law, housing and immigration.

Our **Housing Unit** provides representation, legal counseling and information, and training in a variety of areas designed to stabilize an individual's living and financial situation. Services include: representation for qualified tenants who face eviction in Rochester City Court; foreclosure prevention, including loan modifications, short sales, deeds-in-lieu of foreclosure or bankruptcy; help with the purchase of a home and maintenance of home ownership through assistance with consumer credit issues, and other home preservation matters. We also provide assistance to landlords through mediation and assistance with small estates and wills for first time home buyers and seniors.

## LASROC's Juvenile Justice Division consists of the Attorney for the Child Unit and the Educational Law Program.

In our **Attorney for the Child Unit**, Monroe County Family Court judges appoint our attorneys to represent children involved in proceedings before them. From custody, foster care and abuse cases to juvenile delinquency and Person In Need of Supervision (PINS), we advocate for the most vulnerable among us.

Attorneys and advocates in our **Educational Law Program** provide legal representation and advocacy for youth and their families in education matters in Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Wayne and Livingston counties, including accommodations for children with disabilities, eligibility for school enrollment, and access to appropriate school or community services.



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City of Rochester  
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Monroe County Bar Association  
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New York State Interest  
on Lawyer Account Fund  
New York State Office of  
Court Administration  
PathStone  
Rochester Housing Council  
United Way of Greater Rochester  
Volunteer Legal Services Project  
Willow Domestic Violence Center  
YWCA of Genesee County, Inc.

## Need Help?

If you are in need of legal assistance, please call (585) 232-4090 or visit our website at [www.lasroc.org](http://www.lasroc.org) to find out if you qualify for services from The Legal Aid Society of Rochester.