



Florida

## SUGGESTED ASSISTANCE CONTACT LIST

*Because the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida (ACLU of Florida) understands how difficult it can be to find legal assistance, we have assembled this list of other organizations that may provide further assistance.*

### ADVOCACY CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Handles Advocacy matters for the disabled.

- Tallahassee: (850) 488-9071  
Ft. Lauderdale: (954) 967-1493  
Orlando: (407) 249-6507  
Tampa: (813) 233-2920
- [http://www.flspedlaw.com/Advocacy\\_Cntr.html](http://www.flspedlaw.com/Advocacy_Cntr.html)

### CAPITAL COLLATERAL REPRESENTATIVE (CCR)

Representation to death row prisoners who have exhausted death penalty appeals.

- Tallahassee: (850) 487-0922  
Temple Terrace: (813) 558-1600  
Ft. Lauderdale: (954) 713-1284

### CIVIL RIGHTS CORPS

Working, in D.C., to end many injustices within prisons.

- (202) 559-0953
- <http://www.civilrightscorps.org/contact/>

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

Handles matters concerning wages, benefits, hours, and overtime in the workplace.

- Ft. Lauderdale: (954) 356-6896  
Jacksonville: (904) 359-9292  
Miami: (305) 598-6607  
Orlando: (407) 648-6471  
Tallahassee: (850) 942-8341  
Tampa: (813) 288-1242  
West Palm Beach: (561) 640-0474

### DISABILITY RIGHTS FLORIDA

Handles advocacy matters for the disabled.

- 800-342-0823; 800-346-4127 (TDD)
- 2728 Centerview Drive, Suite 102, Tallahassee, FL 32301
- <http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org>

### ELDER HELPLINE

Offers information and referral to local service providers for senior citizens on issues including abuse, housing, and recreation. Every community has a local number available to call for information and help.

- (800) 955-8770  
Broward: (954) 745-9779  
Miami-Dade: (305) 670-4357  
Palm Beach: (561) 214-8600
- 4040 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32399
- <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php>

### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC)

Resolves complaints or employment discrimination. Enforces federal laws against discrimination in employment practices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual harassment), disability, and age. U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

- (800) 669-4000
- 131 M Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20507
- <http://www.eeoc.gov>

### FLORIDA ABUSE HOTLINE

Call here to report abuse and neglect of children, the elderly, and disabled persons.

- (866) 762-2237
- <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Consumer-Services>

### FLORIDA BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Provides names of attorneys specializing in the area of law pertinent to your case.

- (800) 342-8011
- 651 E. Jefferson Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399
- <http://www.floridabar.org>

### FLORIDA BAR ATTORNEY CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For individuals who are unsure if a lawyer has acted ethically or who are dissatisfied and wish to consider whether filing a complaint may be appropriate.

- 866-352-0707
- 651 E. Jefferson Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399
- <http://www.floridabar.org>

### FLORIDA BAR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Investigates complaints about attorneys.

- Ft. Lauderdale: (954) 835-0233  
Miami (305) 377-4445  
Orlando: (407) 4425-5424  
Tampa: (813) 875-9821
- <https://www.floridabar.org/about/cmtes/cmtes-gr/>

### FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Handles cases of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, age, and handicap in areas of employment and housing. Investigates and resolves discrimination complaints in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and Florida's Whistle-blower's Act.

- 800-342-8170
- 2009 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 100, Tallahassee, FL 32301
- <http://www.fchr.state.fl.us>

### FLORIDA DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Handles complaints about unfair practices in the consumer market.

- (800) HELP-FLA (435-7352), En Espanol: (800) FL-AYUDA (352-9832)
- Plaza Level 10, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.
- <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Consumer-Services>

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Legal Hotline for Senior Legal Services.

- (888) 895-7873

## FLORIDA DIVISION ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Handles worker's compensation issues in Florida.

- Claims: (800) 342-1741; Exemption /Compliance: (850) 413-1609
- 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

## AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

Handles advocacy issues for immigrants.

- (305) 573-1106, ext. 1060
- 3000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 400, Miami, Florida 33137
- <http://www.aijustice.org/>

## FLORIDA INSTITUTIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

Serving people who are institutionalized in Florida and publishes *Florida Parental Rights Manual for Incarcerated Parents and their Families*.

- (407) 801-4350
- 14260 W. Newberry Road, Suite 412 Newberry, FL 32669
- <http://www.floridalegal.org/filproject.htm>

## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW – CARLOS A. COSTA IMMIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Provides services to immigrants facing detention.

- (305) 348-7541
- 11200 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Rafael Diaz-Balart 1010, Miami, Florida 33199

## FLORIDA JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Handles complaints regarding prison conditions, including overcrowding, sanitation, medical care and brutality.

- 1 (888) 358-2081 (Toll-Free), (305) 358-2081
- 3750 Miami Tower, 1000 S.E. Second Street, Miami, FL 33131
- <http://www.floridajusticeinstitute.org>

## FLORIDA STATE DIRECTORY

Provides any state office number.

- (850) 488-1234

## HOPE - (HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT FOR EXCELLENCE)

Resolves housing discrimination issues.

- 305-651-4673; 800-955-8771 (TDD)
- Bill Thompson Building, 11501 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33168
- <http://www.hopefhc.org>

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER

Advocates on behalf of the human rights of people held in U.S. detention facilities.

- (561) 360 2523
- P.O. Box 1151, Lake Worth, FL 33460
- <https://www.humanrightsdefensecenter.org/>

## INNOCENCE PROJECT OF FLORIDA

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Florida. DNA and Non-DNA Cases, including arson and shaken baby syndrome cases. No sentence requirements. Does not accept federal cases or cases on direct appeal.

- (850) 561-6767
- 1100 E Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

## JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE (JQC)

To register a complaint about a judge.

- 850-488-1581
- Judicial Qualifications Committee, PO Box 14106 Tallahassee, FL 32317
- [http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub\\_info/jqc/index.shtml](http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/jqc/index.shtml)

## LAMBDA LEGAL

Works to achieve full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

- 404-897-1880; 866-542-8336
- Southern Regional Office, 730 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1070. Atlanta, GA 30308
- <http://www.lamdalegal.org>

## LEGAL AID

Handles civil cases for low income clients, including evictions, divorce, child custody, etc.

- Miami: (305) 579-5733; Broward: (954) 765-8950; 305-579-1001 (TTY)
- 123 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33128
- <http://www.dadelegalaid.org>

## LEGAL SERVICES OF GREATER MIAMI

Handles civil cases for low-income clients including eviction, divorce and child custody.

- 305-576-0080
- 4343 W. Flagler Street, Miami, FL, 33134
- <http://www.lsgmi.org>

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIR EMPLOYMENT Practices

Handles cases within Miami-Dade County regarding employment, housing, and public accommodation discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or source of income.

- (305) 375-2784.
- Stephen P. Clark Centers, 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Miami, Florida 33128
- <http://www.miamidade.gov/humanrights/>

## SERVICEMEMBERS LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK

Advocacy group for gay and lesbian servicemembers.

- (202) 328-3244
- P.O. Box 53013, Washington, D.C., 20009

## UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Provides full range of human rights advocacy including: gender justice, migrants' rights, immigrants' rights, and juvenile justice.

- (305) 284-1678
- 1311 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33146

## UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW INNOCENCE CLINIC

Handles cases involving individuals incarcerated for a minimum of 10 years who have new evidence ranging from recanting witness to new witnesses discovered by students to prosecutorial misconduct and ineffective assistance of counsel. Also, accepts cases involving DNA evidence.

- (305) 284-2339
- 1311 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33146

### **IMMIGRATION EQUALITY**

Advocates for and directly represents LGBT and HIV-positive individuals in the immigration system. Offers over the phone consultations.

- (212) 714-2904
- 40 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005
- <http://www.immigrationequality.org/>

### **NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (NELA)**

Advances employee rights and serves lawyers who advocate for equality and justice in the American workplace

- (305) 446-1500
- [www.floridanela.org](http://www.floridanela.org)

### **THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS (CAIR)**

Florida's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

- South Florida: 954.272.0490  
Tampa: 813.514.1414  
Central Florida: 407.440.9252  
Northwest Florida: 850.855.8708
- <http://www.cairflorida.org/>