

Marion County Local Legal Advice Options

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Indianapolis Bar Association

IndyBar Pro-Bono & One More Non-Profit

<https://www.onemoreindy.org/>

Quarterly free legal clinics – 2025 dates: January 25, April 26, July 26, September 27

Hours: 9am-1pm, last intake at 12:30pm

Address:

The Haverstick at Church at the Crossing
9111 Haverstick Road
Indianapolis, IN 46240
The center is located behind the church

Type of clinic: **Walk-in** (check the website for a potential option to pre-register and note language interpretation needs)

Issues covered:

- Expungements
- Landlord-tenant issues
- Immigration
- Much more

Sponsored by: Indiana State Bar Association Pro Bono Committee

Hosted by: One More Non-Profit

You are invited to stop by this legal clinic to speak with a licensed attorney about your expungement questions, landlord tenant issues, immigration concerns, or other questions. We will be happy to assist you.



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IndyBar Free Wills Clinic

<https://www.indybar.org/?pg=LegalAdvice-LowAssetWills>

Who will carry out your wishes about financial & health care matters when you can no longer speak for yourself? Do you have provisions in place for minor children? Every person, regardless of age or assets, should have a voice.

Through the Free Wills Clinic, Indianapolis Bar Association attorneys draft wills for FREE as a service for low-income Indy residents. Qualified individuals who meet the financial criteria (based on income, home equity and liquid assets) can meet privately with an attorney who will draft a last will and testament and advance directives for them.

Next Free Wills Clinic Workshops

The Indianapolis Bar Association will be offering free wills and advance directive clinics for individuals whose income levels is at or below [250% Federal Poverty Guidelines](#).

After reviewing the financial guidelines, if you believe you qualify, please complete this [online application](#). Once submitted, a representative will review your application and contact you regarding next steps. Applications must be received at least five business days prior to a clinic or may be deferred to the next available date.

The physical creation of the documents takes roughly one hour and you must be able to attend in person for the execution of your final documents. Exact appointment locations and times will be communicated by IndyBar staff once application is approved.

IndyBar **Virtual** Ask a Lawyer

<https://www.indybar.org/?pg=LegalAdvice-AskALawyer>

Chat now!

To begin the chat, click the dark blue chat bubble in the bottom right corner of the page.

Lawyers participating in Virtual Ask a Lawyer work in law firms, agencies and organizations throughout the city and are donating their time in order to provide this valuable community service. They'll be prepared to provide assistance with questions on topics like divorce, child custody, child support, landlord/tenant issues, bankruptcy, personal injury, employment law and more. All correspondence is confidential.

The chat service will be manned Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding holidays). During other times or in the event that an attorney isn't available, members of the community can provide their email address for follow up by an attorney within 12 to 24 hours.

For individuals without access to the internet, phone-based assistance is also available by calling 317-269-2222 Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



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Indiana Legal Services

Veteran Legal Clinic

The second Tuesday of every month, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Must sign in by 3pm)

2025 dates: 1/14, 2/11, 3/11*, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10*, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9*, 10/14, Nov – NO CLINIC, 12/9*

*Low asset [Indy Bar Wills Clinic](#) on dates labeled with asterisk, must pre-register

Address:

Veteran Health Indiana
Richard L Roudebush
VA Medical Center
1481 W 10th St
Indianapolis, IN 46202 (Auditorium AB-066)

No Cost, No Appointment Needed

Legal Clinic offered in partnership with Indiana Legal Services/Military Assistance Project (MAP) to eligible low-income Hoosier Veterans, service members, and their families in non-criminal cases.

Walk-in to address your civil legal matter, such as:

- Driver's license restoration
- Veteran eviction avoidance
- Criminal record expungement
- Military discharge upgrades
- Child support and family law
- VA overpayments

Near Westside Legal Clinic – Administer Justice

<https://www.administerjustice.org/location/nearwestside-indianapolis-in/>

Address:

1163 N. Belmont Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Hours:

Second Saturdays, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Walk-ins welcome!

Spanish appointments available.

Book an appointment via the website or by calling (855) 818-4554

Don't let your legal issue hold you back. For only **\$30**, schedule a 45-minute session with one of our attorneys and receive support from the team. We help with legal issues including:



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- Divorce / custody
- Landlord / tenant
- Debt / collections
- Estate planning
- Immigration
- Criminal records

An appointment at our center provides:

- Answers to your legal questions
- A Next Steps Plan to overcome your challenges
- Caring support for your situation

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

<https://www.nclegalclinic.org/consult-with-a-lawyer>

NCLC “Consult with a Lawyer” – Main Office

*Excludes Holidays

<https://www.nclegalclinic.org/consult-with-a-lawyer-main-office>

3333 N Meridian St # 201

Indianapolis, IN 46208

General consultation

The second Tuesday of every month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

- We do not offer consultation regarding criminal matters.
- Four (4) slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- No immigration matters are discussed at general consultations.
- No further service beyond a basic consultation will be provided. Please bring any documents related to your legal issue such as a divorce decree or lease contract.

Immigration consultation

The first & third Wednesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

- We do not offer consultation regarding criminal matters.
- Immigration consultations are now by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call the intake line at 317.676.9575 at 9:00 a.m. on the Monday before the scheduled Wednesday consultation day you hope to attend. Please note that only four (4) slots are available.
- No further service beyond a basic consultation will be provided. Please bring any documents related to your immigration issue.



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NCLC “Consult with a Lawyer” – Shepherd Community Center

*Excludes holidays & the last 3 weeks of December

<https://www.nclegalclinic.org/consult-with-a-lawyer-shepherd>

4107 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, In 46201

General consultation

Every Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.*

- **We do not offer consultation regarding criminal matters.**
- Four (4) slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- No immigration matters are discussed at general consultations.
- No further service beyond a basic consultation will be provided. Please bring any documents related to your legal issue such as a divorce decree or lease contract.

NCLC “Consult with a Lawyer” – Second Presbyterian Church

*Excludes holidays

<https://www.nclegalclinic.org/consult-with-a-lawyer-spc>

7700 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Immigration consultation

The third Tuesday of each month, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.*

- **We do not offer consultation regarding criminal matters.**
- Four (4) slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The doors open at 9:20 a.m., and registration for slots begins at 9:30 a.m. until filled. Follow the signs from Meridian St. to the Welcome Center. Clients can enter through the double doors on the north side of the church building.
- No further service beyond a basic consultation will be provided. Please bring any documents related to your **immigration issue**.



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Paternity & Guardianship Establishment Clinic

Walk-in Clinic - Free to Unrepresented Parties

2nd Tuesday of every month, 1-4pm; 4th Friday of every month, 9am-12pm

2025 Dates:

1/14, 1/24, 2/11, 2/28, 3/11, 3/28, 4/14, 4/25, 5/13, 5/23, 6/10, 6/27, 7/8, 7/25, 8/12, 8/22, 9/9, 9/26, 10/13, 10/24, 12/9

Address:

Community Justice Center - Family Facilitation Center, 2nd Floor
675 Justice Way
Indianapolis, IN 46203

An attorney will be available to help unrepresented parties accurately and completely fill out the necessary petitions to establish legal causes of action when a party needs to establish paternity or guardianship over a child/ren.

- The attorney will NOT represent parties in court or provide legal advice.
- The attorney will also be able to tell people about the usual course of conduct in a hearing of this type, so they have some idea of what to expect.

What to bring?

- Any court documents related to the minor child/ren
- The names and addresses of any interested parties, including parents, guardians, and any person where the child/ren are currently living
- Any paternity affidavit or birth certificate for the child/ren, if available

Please plan to spend at least 45-60 minutes completing the paperwork and meeting with the attorney.

What not to bring?

Please do not bring children and third parties who are not named within the petition as an interested party to the clinic. There is no onsite childcare; both children and unrelated parties slow down the intake and consultation process.



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Free Legal Answers (Virtual)

<https://indiana.freelegalanswers.org/>

What is Indiana Free Legal Answers and is it really free?

- Indiana Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal advice clinic in which qualifying users post civil legal questions at **no cost** to be answered by pro bono attorneys licensed in their state.

What kinds of legal problems does Free Legal Answers help with?

- Question topics include Family, Divorce, Custody, Housing, Eviction, Homelessness, Consumer Rights, Financial, Work, Employment, Unemployment, Health and Disability, Civil Rights, Income Maintenance, Juvenile and Education Law.

How it Works

- **See if you qualify**
 - Answer a few questions to see if you qualify to use this service.
- **Ask a question**
 - Ask our volunteer attorneys a specific question about your civil legal issue.
- **Check your email**
 - You'll receive an email telling you when your question receives a response.
- **Log back in**
 - See the response to your question; ask more questions.

WomensLaw Email Hotline (Virtual)

<https://hotline.womenslaw.org/public>

The purpose of this Email Hotline is to provide U.S.-based legal information related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. All emails are answered or reviewed by an attorney. However, we **cannot provide legal advice or representation** and we **cannot call you on the phone**. You can expect to receive a response within 1-5 business days.

Further Legal Resources other than Representation

Indiana Legal Help – Information, Events & Self-Service Forms

Events

<https://indianalegalhelp.org/events/> - filter by county

- Dates, times, and locations for free legal assistance on eviction matters

Topics

<https://indianalegalhelp.org/legal-topics/> - resources and information related to:

- Housing
 - Foreclosure
 - Rent and Eviction
- Family and Safety



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- Minor Child Guardianship
- Name/Gender Marker Change (see section below)
- Parenting Time
- Paternity
- Child Custody
- Adult Guardianship
- Child Support
- Contempt
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Relocation
- Money and Estate
 - Debt
 - Estate
- Military, Immigration, and Employment
 - Immigration
 - Discrimination at Work
 - Military and Veteran Assistance
- Driving and Expungement
 - Driving
 - Expungement
- Other Legal Issues

Forms

<https://indianalegalhelp.org/info/> - legal forms related to:

Housing

- [Foreclosure \(1\)](#)
- [Rent and Eviction \(2\)](#)

Family and Safety

- [Minor Child Guardianship \(2\)](#)
- [Name/Gender Marker Change \(1\)](#)
- [Parenting Time \(5\)](#)
- [Paternity \(2\)](#)
- [Child Custody \(2\)](#)
- [Child Support \(7\)](#)
- [Divorce \(6\)](#)
- [Relocation \(3\)](#)

Money and Estate

- [Estate \(1\)](#)

Driving and Expungement

- [Driving \(1\)](#)
- [Expungement \(1\)](#)



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Indiana Legal Services – Legal Information

<https://www.indianalegalservices.org/topic/> - topics related to:

- Family Law
- Landlord/Tenant Law
- Consumer Law
- Criminal Record Expungement
- Public Benefits
- Life Planning/Estate Planning
- Name & Gender Marker Changes
- Drivers Licenses

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic – Legal Education

<https://www.nclegalclinic.org/housing-preventive-legal-education>

Preventive Legal Education – Housing-Related Issues

- [Cleaning up your rental history: sealing eviction filing records](#)
- [Preparing for the expiration of your lease](#)
- [What to do when you're unable to pay your rent](#)
- [How to handle uninhabitability issues](#)
- [Tenant protections against racial discrimination](#)

Indiana Name Change & Gender Marker Laws

- <https://indianalegalhelp.org/legal-topic/name-and-gender-marker-change/>
- <https://transequality.org/documents/state/indiana>
- <https://www.indianalegalservices.org/namegendermarkerfaq/>
 - <https://www.indianalegalservices.org/updatingids/>
 - <https://www.indianalegalservices.org/namegendermarkerforms/>

To obtain a legal name change in Indiana, an applicant must submit a petition to the court. The applicant must publish notice of the petition in the newspaper for three weeks and the last week's publication should be at least 30 days before the hearing. The applicant should file a copy of the published name change notice verified by affidavit of a disinterested person.

Individuals who are currently confined in a Department of Corrections facility cannot receive a name change, and individuals who are not currently incarcerated but have a felony conviction within the last ten years have additional notification requirements. (Ind. Code Ann. §§ 34-28-2-1 to 34-28-2-4).

In addition, individuals with past convictions of certain violent or sex offenses are barred from obtaining a name change for life except in cases of marriage, divorce, adoption, or for purposes of a sincerely held religious belief. In these cases, notification requirements apply. (Ind. Code Ann. IC §§ 11-8-8-23, 31-15-2-19, 31-19-2-1.1, 34-28-2-1.5).



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What are the qualifications?

For the minor name change forms when parents agree:

1. You would like to change the name of your minor child.
2. The minor child is not in jail or prison.
3. You are the parent or guardian of the minor child.
4. The child is less than seventeen (17) years old.
5. The other parent has consented, or will consent, to the name change of the child.

For the minor name change forms when parents disagree:

1. You would like to change the name of your minor child.
2. The minor child is not in jail or prison.
3. You are the parent or guardian of the minor child.
4. The child is less than seventeen (17) years old.
5. Consent from the other parent or guardian is not required because a court hearing will be necessary.

For the minor gender marker change forms:

1. Child is less than eighteen (18) years old.

For the adult name change forms:

1. You would like to change your name.
2. You are not in jail or prison.
3. You are seventeen (17) years old, or older.
4. You are not required to register as a sex or violent offender.
5. You are not trying to avoid creditors.

For the adult gender marker change forms:

1. You are eighteen (18) years old, or older.

For the adult name and gender marker change forms:

1. You would like to change your name.
2. You are not in jail or prison.
3. You are eighteen (18) years old, or older.
4. You are not required to register as a sex or violent offender.
5. You are not trying to avoid creditors.

For further instructions on legal name changes for minors under 17 in Indiana, see NCTE's [Name Changes for Minors in Indiana](#) resource.

Indiana Driver's License Policy & Procedures

<https://transequality.org/documents/state/indiana>

In order to update name and/or gender on an Indiana ID, the applicant must submit to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

(1) If requesting a name change, a court order approving a change of name or an amended birth certificate showing the change of name

(2) If requesting a gender change:

- a birth certificate showing a change of gender OR
- a form signed by a physician certifying that the applicant successfully underwent all treatment necessary to permanently change gender ([State Form 55617](#)) OR



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- a physician’s signed and dated statement, on letterhead, that includes the language from 140 IAC 7-1.1-3 “<insert customer’s name> successfully underwent all treatment necessary to permanently change <insert customer’s name> gender from <insert prior gender> to <insert new gender>.”

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles addresses name and gender change [here](#).

Indiana Birth Certificate Laws

<https://transequality.org/documents/state/indiana>

Indiana Code allows for additions or corrections to birth certificates, but does not provide specific gender correction language. Ind. Code Ann. § 16-37-2-10. The Corrections Section of the Indiana State Department of Health Vital Records office will issue an amended birth certificate upon receipt of a court order. To apply for an amended birth certificate the applicant should submit:

- A certified court order from any valid court in the U.S. (the court order must have the person's name, date and place of birth, and must say to change the original gender of the person on the birth certificate)
- An application for a birth certificate
- A copy of a photo ID with current mailing address
- A check or money order with applicable fees ISDH

General information from the Department of Health about amending birth certificates is on their website [here](#).

