

MISSISSIPPI
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**FREE ONLINE LEGAL RESOURCES SPONSORED BY THE
MISSISSIPPI ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION**

For a list of the nonprofit organizations that provide free legal assistance to low-income individuals, visit <http://www.msatjc.org/legal-services-providers/>.

Free Online Legal Help Through <https://MS.freelegalanswers.org>

MS Free Legal Answers is an online civil legal help website designed to assist Mississippi's low-income citizens with their legal questions. The free, innovative service answers users' civil law questions. Topics may include family law matters such as divorce, custody, child support, visitation, guardianship, emancipation, adoption, name change and birth certificate correction as well as domestic violence, bankruptcy, consumer issues, education, employment, housing, workers compensation, wills and estate planning. *The site will not deal with criminal law questions.* People who qualify for assistance will sign up for an account and then post a question privately to the website. Attorneys will respond to questions and users will be alerted to their responses by email.

Free Legal Forms for Divorce, Emancipation and Adult Name Change

The Commission is pleased to make available virtual forms for low-income Mississippians seeking assistance with irreconcilable differences divorce, emancipation and adult name change matters. Find links to the virtual forms below:

Irreconcilable Differences Divorce (Both parties want to be divorced and will both sign the divorce papers):
<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/3490/engine>

Emancipation (You are under the age of 21 and want to live independently from your parents with their consent):
<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/4906/engine>

Adult Name Change (You want to legally change your name):
<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/5247/engine>

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Unless otherwise indicated, the organizations listed below provide services to people living throughout Mississippi. None of the organizations represent individuals in criminal proceedings. For more information about how to access legal help in Mississippi, contact the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission at 601-960-9581 or visit www.msajtc.org. The Mississippi Access to Justice Commission provides over overarching, unifying support for the legal aid system in Mississippi.



American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi (ACLU of MS) – The ACLU of MS is dedicated to promoting, defending, and extending civil liberties to all Mississippians with an emphasis on issues related to criminal justice reform, equality and freedom of speech and expression. The ACLU of MS accomplishes its mission through legislation, litigation and advocacy. To learn more about the ACLU of MS, call 601-354-3408 or visit www.aclu-ms.org.



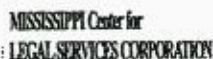
Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Clinic at Catholic Charities Diocese of Jackson: This program provides support and legal representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Hinds, Rankin, and Madison counties. To learn more about the Legal Assistance Clinic, call 601-366-0222 or visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org>.



Mission First Legal Aid Office: Mission First Legal Aid Office is a nonprofit legal organization dedicated to providing assistance to eligible people who live in households with an annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines and reside in Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties. The organization assists with the following issues: paternity, custody, child support, visitation, estate planning, probate, heirship property, emancipation, expungement, guardianship, conservatorship, name change, birth certificate correction, transfer of real property, adoption, tax, housing, landlord/tenant, debtor/creditor, government benefits and employment. To learn more about Mission First Legal Aid office, call 601-608-0056 or visit <http://www.missionfirst.org/legalaid>.



Mississippi Center for Justice (MCJ) – MCJ is a nonprofit, public interest law firm committed to advancing racial and economic justice. The organization provides free legal representation in the following areas: foreclosure prevention, BP oil claims, HIV/AIDS employment and housing discrimination, fair housing, expungement, education discipline/special education and limited heirship matters. MCJ does policy work and advocacy in the areas of access to healthcare, educational opportunity, access to fair and affordable housing, access to fair credit and disaster response. To learn more about MCJ, call 601-352-2269 or visit www.mscenterforjustice.org.



Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation (MCLSC): The mission of the MCLSC is to serve eligible people who live in households with an annual income at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines and reside in the central and southern regions of Mississippi. MCLSC provides services in the following areas of law: consumer, education, employment, housing, family, income maintenance, health, individual and juvenile rights. To learn more about MCLSC, call 1-800-498-1804 or visit www.mscenterforlegalservices.org.

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Mississippi College School of Law Clinical Programs: Mississippi College School of Law offers clinical opportunities for students to serve low-income and disadvantaged people with adoption, family, HIV/AIDS employment and housing discrimination and youth court matters. *To learn more about the Clinical Programs, call 601-925-7180 or visit <http://law.mc.edu/academics/clinics/>.*



Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights: The Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights is a membership organization that fights worker mistreatment through organizing, legal advocacy, community education and outreach and the development of indigenous worker leadership. Among the issues the organizations addresses are: unfair labor practices; employment discrimination; hostile work environment and hate violence; retaliation; sexual harassment; wrongful dismissals and workplace safety and health hazards. *To learn more about the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights, call 662-334-1122.*



Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLPA): MVLPA is a nonprofit legal organization dedicated to providing free legal services to low-income Mississippians with divorce, visitation, child support, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption, emancipation, birth certificate correction, name change and estate planning matters. *To learn more about MVLPA, call 601-960-9577 or visit www.mvlp.org.*



North Mississippi Rural Legal Services (NMRLS): The mission of the NMRLS is to serve eligible people who live in households with an annual income at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines and reside in the north regions of Mississippi. NMRLS provides services in the following areas of law: elder care, family, housing, employment, tax, domestic violence, foreclosure prevention and consumer. *To learn more about NMRLS, call 1-800-498-1804 or visit www.nmrls.com.*



SPLC Southern Poverty Law Center

www.splcenter.org

Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC): The Mississippi office of the SPLC works to reform juvenile justice and education in Mississippi. The organization seeks reform through public education, community organizing, litigation, legislative advocacy, training and technical assistance. *To learn more about the SPLC, call 601-948-8882 or visit www.splcenter.org.*



Clinical Programs

Learning Through Service

Criminal Appeals • Child Advocacy • Elder Law • Estate Planning
Housing • Health Care • Pro Bono Initiative • Social Law
Tax Law • Transactional • Mississippi Innocence Project

University of Mississippi School of Law Clinical Programs: The University of Mississippi School of Law offers clinical opportunities for students to serve low-income and disadvantaged people across Mississippi and affect systemic change through policy initiatives and law reform projects. The University of Mississippi School of Law has clinical programs in the following areas: child advocacy, criminal appeals, elder law, family, housing and a low-income tax clinic. *To learn more about the Clinical Programs, call 662-915-7429 or visit <http://law.olemiss.edu/academics-programs/clinics/contact-clinical-programs/>.*