

Legal Assistance Resources

Note: Librarians cannot provide legal advice or recommend specific forms

Fort Bend County Law Library: 281-341-3718

George Memorial Library: 281-341-2605

A small legal collection including *Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes* and *Codes Annotated* is available at George Memorial Library. More information on state and federal laws is available at the Fort Bend County Law Library.

All Fort Bend County libraries locations have copies of self-help/pro se legal materials in reference and for check-out. Please visit our library catalog or branch locations for more information.

FORT BEND COUNTY RESOURCES

Fort Bend County Clerk's Office

281-341-8685

Information about local court proceedings, filing fees, vital statistics and property filings.

www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=107

Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office

281-341-4515

Information about local court proceedings, filing fees, e-filing, and jury information.

www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=176

Local Court Records

A database of local court records for matters 1983 - present.

<http://tylerpaw.co.fort-bend.tx.us/default.aspx>

FINDING AN ATTORNEY

Fort Bend Lawyers Care

281-239-0015

Biweekly, Friday: 10:00 am — 12:00 pm

Legal aid organization provides a Legal Line, legal clinics, and limited representation for low-income residents of Fort Bend County.

www.fortbendlawyerscare.org

Houston Lawyer Referral Service

800-289-4577 or 713-237-9429 *Houston*

Referral service for the Houston metro area including Fort Bend County.

www.hlrs.org

SELF-HELP RESOURCES

Texas Law Help

Free legal information and sample, fill-in-the-blank-style forms for low-income Texans.

www.texaslawhelp.org

Online Chat Service: Mon-Fri from 10:00 am — 3:00 pm

TXAccess.org

866- 292-4636 (*Mon-Fri from 1:00 pm — 7:00 pm*)

Access and Visitation Hotline

Free information and sample forms for non-custodial parents concerning visitation, custody, paternity, support, modification and enforcement

www.lanwt.org/txaccess

Texas Legal Services Center

800-622-2520 *Legal Hotline*

Free legal-assistance programs for Texans, including legal helplines for Texans over age 60, veterans, caregivers of minors, and Medicare recipients.

www.tlsc.org

Texas Court Help

Basic information about how to make your way through the court system.

www.texascourthelp.org

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.

281-342-4357, *24-Hour Hotline*

281-344-5750 *Rosenberg*

Assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children achieve safety and self-sufficiency.

www.fortbendwomenscenter.org

Texas Attorney General, Child Support Division

800-252-8014, *24-Hour Automated Hotline*

512-460-6000, *State Office*

281-208-2137, *Missouri City*

281-342-6222, *Fort Bend County*

Provides services for parents who wish to obtain or provide support for their children.

www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/index.shtml

Lone Star Legal Aid

800-733-8394

713-652-0077 (*Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm*)

Provides general civil legal services to low-income families who qualify; available in 72 counties in Texas and four in Arkansas.

www.lonestarlegal.org

South Texas College of Law Clinics

713-646-2990 (*Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm*)

Provides services in family law, estate and probate, guardianship, child welfare, domestic violence, animal law, and other matters.

www.stcl.edu/clinics

VICARS for Crime Victims

888-343-4414 (*Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm*)

Legal services, self-help advice, resources, and referrals, for victims of identity theft in Texas.

www.idvictim.org

Workers' Compensation Commission

800-252-7031 *Injured Employee Hotline*

Assistance with workers' compensation claims for work-related injuries.

www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/index.html

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

800-375-5283 *National Customer Service Center*

Forms and information regarding citizenship, immigration, work humanitarian programs, adoptions, and other matters.

www.uscis.gov

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Assistance

713-874-6570

Legal services to individuals unable to obtain legal representation; includes outreach, legal assessment, representation, and advocacy.

Must arrive at 8:00 am to register for assistance.

Spanish Speakers: 1st & 3rd Tuesday

English Speakers: 2nd & 4th Wednesday

www.catholiccharities.org

Consejos Legales

Mexican American Bar Association

713-759-1133

Free legal advice in Spanish for simple legal, financial & citizenship issues. Co-sponsored with Houston Bar Association.

Spanish Speakers: 1st Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

English Speakers: 1st & 3rd Wednesday 5:00 – 9:00 pm

www.mabah.com/consejos-legales.htm

Additional Resources

Fort Bend County Libraries Legal Links

<http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/research/databases/legal.html>

State Bar of Texas Referral Directory

www.texasbar.com/ReferralDirectory

