

# 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](http://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](http://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

### Lone Star Legal Aid

800-733-8394

832-913-7200 (Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm) Provides general civil legal services to low-income families who qualify.

212 South 2nd Street, Richmond, TX 77469

[www.lonestarlegal.org](http://www.lonestarlegal.org)

### Fort Bend County Bar Association

A directory of attorneys in Fort Bend.

[fortbendbar.org](http://fortbendbar.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](http://www.hlrs.org)

### State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS)

800-252-9690 (Toll Free), Monday - Friday, CST, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com)

## SELF-HELP RESOURCES

### Texas Law Help

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

[www.texaslawhelp.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.tlsc.org)

### Texas Court Help

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

[www.texascourthelp.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/index.shtml)

### **Earl Carl Institute**

713-313-1139 (*Mon-Fri from 8:00 am — 5:00 pm*)

Property Preservation and Foreclosure Prevention Services, ECI Juvenile Justice Project, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project, ECI/MBK Clean Slate Initiative.

<http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/>

[apply for legal services.html](http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/apply_for_legal_services.html)

### **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](http://www.stcl.edu/clinics)

### **Texas Attorney General, Crime Victims**

1-800-983-9933

Provides relief for victims of violent crimes. Request for services are provided by phone & online.

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims>

### **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](http://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](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

English Speakers: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

[www.catholiccharities.org](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

English Speakers: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 5:00 – 9:00 pm

[www.mabah.com/consejos-legales.htm](http://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](http://www.texasbar.com/ReferralDirectory)

