



SUMMARY OF STATEWIDE RESOURCES FROM THE STATE BAR OF MONTANA

Internet Access to Information & Legal Resources	www.montanabar.org - Follow the link to “Self Help Law Information” under the “For the Public” section on the home page. You’ll find excellent links to law libraries, information about hiring a lawyer, forms, legal subject indexes, free case law search and a lawyer locator
Pro Bono Help (low-income/civil law) www.mtlsa.org	Montana Legal Services Help Line 800-666-6899 www.mtlsa.org and www.MontanaLawHelp.org
Adult Protective Services Elder Abuse Hotline	800-551-3191; www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/services/APS/index.shtml Emergency intervention for elder abuse and protection
Aging Services	800-551-3191 or 444-7784; www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/ ; Information & Assistance, nursing home ombudsman, various legal issues involving seniors
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	406-830-3008; aclumontana.org ; The office does not routinely assist individuals, but focuses resources on cases affecting groups.
Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	866-820-5437; Centralized Intake (CI) system for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect
Child Support Enforcement	800-346-5437; www.dphhs.mt.gov/csed/ ; Assists parents with all aspects of child support including forms and information
Citizen Advocate Office	800-332-2272; http://citizensadvocate.mt.gov/default.asp / citizensadvocate@mt.gov ; Assists with problems or complaints related to state agencies.
Consumer Protection Office	800-481-6896 or 444-4500; http://doj.mt.gov/consumer/ ; Assists with consumer problems and educates consumers about their rights.
Disability Rights Montana 1-406-449-2344 voice/TDD	800-245-4743; www.disabilityrightsmt.org ; Protects & advocates for human, legal & civil rights of Montanans with mental and physical disabilities; provides assistance of advocates & attorneys for disability related issues
Domestic Violence MLSA Domestic Violence Intake	1-888-404-7794; www.MontanaLawHelp.org ; Provides legal assistance to victims of domestic violence
Human Rights Bureau	406-444-2884; http://erd.dli.mt.gov/humanright/hrhome.asp ; Investigates complaints of discrimination
Landlord-Tenant Issues / Housing & Discrimination Resources	Tenant-Landlord Hotline 1-888-345-7474; www.montpirg.org See internet site for information on all housing issues: <hr/> www.mtpaction.org/index.htm ; Questions about landlord-tenant problems.
Lawyer Referral & Information Service	406-449-6577; A service of the State Bar of Montana providing referrals to attorneys and information regarding other resources in the State; <i>does not have attorneys on staff or provide names of pro bono or reduced fee attorneys</i>
Montana Medical Legal Panel	406-443-1110; Montana law requires that you first present your claim to the Montana Medical Legal Panel before you can file suit.
Office of Disciplinary Counsel	(877) 442-1648 or (406) 442-1648; www.montanaodc.org ; Investigates claims of ethical violations by lawyers.
People's Law Center	The People's Law Center handles Social Security disability cases (SSI and SSDI), disability cessation, SSI overpayments, and Medicaid cases. Hotline Numbers: Bozeman/Billings: 866-650-9013; Helena/Butte/Missoula: 800-406-5567; Great Falls/Havre: 800-406-5560

Public Defender's Office	496-6080 http://publicdefender.mt.gov/ ; Supervises the Montana public defender system and the Office of the State Public Defender.
Public Service Commission	800-646-6150; www.psc.state.mt.us/ ; Assists with complaints regarding utility companies
State Bar of Montana 7 West 6 th Ave. Helena, MT 59624 www.montanabar.org	406-442-7660 The State Bar of Montana is the statewide association of attorneys administering several programs including Fee Arbitration, Access to Justice, attorney education & accreditation, Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, Lawyer Referral & Information Service, Commission on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, ethics opinions, publications, etc.
State Law Library of Montana	800-710-9827; http://courts.mt.gov/library/default.asp ; The State Law Library of Montana serves the legal needs of judges, attorneys, and the general public by providing reference and research assistance.
Veteran's Issues	406-442-6410 Montana Veteran's Administration Center National Veterans Legal Services Program http://www.nvlsp.org/
Victim Services and Restorative Justice and Crime Victim Compensation Program	406-444-1907; www.doj.mt.gov/victims/ ; Serves as a central reference point for victims of crime, offering information and referrals. Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) provides direct services to victims and processes claims for compensation for innocent victims who have been injured or killed as a result of a crime.

SUMMARY OF COUNTY LEGAL RESOURCES

NAME OF COUNTY	DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCES
CASCADE COUNTY	
Cascade County Law Clinic 503 1 st Ave. North, Suite 204 Great Falls, MT 59401	406-452-6269; The Cascade County Law Clinic provides legal assistance in civil matters and coordinates volunteer legal services of private attorneys.
People's Law Center P.O. Box 1669, Great Falls, MT 59403	406-761-7720; Handles Social Security disability cases (SSI and SSDI), disability cessation, Social Security overpayments, and Medicaid cases.
GALLATIN	
Associated Student Legal Services MSU Strand Union Building	406-994-2935; The Associated Students Legal Services provides legal assistance to students at Montana State University-Bozeman. Assistance is provided for landlord-tenant issues, family law issues, and criminal problems.
Community Mediation Center 104 East Main Street, Suite 312 Bozeman, MT 59715	406-522-8442; The Community Mediation Center is a non-profit organization assisting in small claims cases, low-income divorce cases, family disputes, landlord-tenant issues, neighborhood conflicts, land-use disputes, victim-offender mediations, and conflict resolution education in schools.
People's Law Center P.O. Box 278, Bozeman, MT 59771	406-585-0286; Handles Social Security disability cases (SSI and SSDI), disability cessation, Social Security overpayments, and Medicaid cases.
LEWIS AND CLARK	
Montana Human Rights Bureau 625 11th Avenue, P.O. Box 1728 Helena, MT 59624	406-444-2884; http://erd.dli.mt.gov/humanright/hrhome.asp ; Investigates complaints of discrimination
People's Law Center P.O. Box 5046, Helena, MT 59604	406-443-3896; The People's Law Center handles Social Security disability cases (SSI and SSDI), disability cessation, Social Security overpayments, and Medicaid cases.

<p>State Law Library of Montana 215 North Sanders, Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-3660</p>	<p>800-710-9827; http://courts.mt.gov/library/default.asp; The State Law Library of Montana serves the legal needs of judges, attorneys, and the general public by providing reference and research assistance.</p>
MISSOULA	
<p>Community Dispute Resolution Center of Missoula County 519 South Higgins, Missoula, MT 59801</p>	<p>406-543-1157; The Community Dispute Resolution Center provides mediation services to low-income members of the community. Programs include mediation for justice court, divorce and parenting plans, victims and offenders, neighborhoods, and police referrals.</p>
<p>ASUM Legal Services University Center, U of M Missoula, MT 59812</p>	<p>406-243-6213; Legal assistance to University of Montana students only</p>
<p>Montana Fair Housing 904A Kensington Avenue Missoula, MT 59801 1-406-542-2611</p>	<p>Montana Fair Housing provides legal assistance to victims of housing discrimination and provides education about fair housing law. www.montanafairhousing.bizland.com</p>
<p>Missoula Family Law Self Help Center Missoula County Courthouse, Room 271</p>	<p>(406) 258-3428; missoulaselfhelp@gmail.com The new Missoula Family Law Self Help Center opened its doors on Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Missoula County Courthouse to assist people involved in divorce, custody and other family law matters who cannot afford an attorney to represent them or who choose to represent themselves.</p>
<p>Montana People's Action Housing Hotline 208 E. Main Street, Missoula, MT 59802 1-406-728-5297 / 888-290-5711</p>	<p>The Montana People's Action Housing Hotline answers questions about landlord-tenant problems.</p>
PARK	
<p>Adult Protective Services (APS) 1-406-222-7402 220 East Park, Livingston</p>	<p>The APS social worker investigates reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation – including self-neglect.</p>
PONDERA	
<p>Montana Legal Services Association Browning, MT 59417 1-800-766-7102</p>	<p>The Montana Legal Services Association provides free civil legal assistance to low-income people.</p>
TOOLE & TETON	
<p>Montana Legal Services Association Browning, MT 59417 1-800-766-7102</p>	<p>The Montana Legal Services Association provides free civil legal assistance to low-income people.</p>
YELLOWSTONE	
<p>Montana Legal Services Association-Billings (MLSA) 2442 First Avenue North Billings, MT 59103</p>	<p>The Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) provides free civil legal assistance to low-income people. <i>Montana Legal Services Help Line</i> 800-666-6899 www.mtlsa.org and www.MontanaLawHelp.org</p>