



Legal Assistance

Most Agencies or Programs Listed Below Will Not Provide Legal Advice

Pro Se

Pro Se Self Help Center: 227-5191
El Paso County Judicial Building, Room 101
Email: sheila.griffin@judicial.state.co.us

The Self-Help Center has divorce forms, pro se custody packets and other information. Open 9:00 AM to noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Mondays - Fridays.

Pro-Se 1:

El Paso County Judicial Building, Room W113

Provides an overview of divorce process and initial forms. An attorney is present to answer questions and help fill out forms. Available the First and Third Thursday of every month, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

General Legal Advice

Call a Lawyer: 471-0380

El Paso County Bar Association volunteers accept phone calls from the public on the third Thursday of each month between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Callers and attorneys remain anonymous and the caller is under no obligation.

Colorado Legal Services: 471-0380
617 S. Nevada Avenue

This service is for seniors and those who are low income or indigent. Colorado Legal Services assists only with certain kinds of civil cases. Call for more information.

Lawyer's Referral Service: 636-1532

For a \$40 fee, the Lawyer Referral Service will set up a 30 minute consultation with an attorney who has been prescreened by our service and meets our criteria for participation in the service, including ongoing education and relevant case work in specific areas of the law. After the 30-minute consultation, the attorney's regular rates apply.

Legal Counseling for Seniors: 385-5933 Appointments required.

Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock

Available the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., this free service includes legal advice, counseling, negotiation advocacy and litigation. Areas of law in which assistance is provided include public assistance, Social Security, housing matters, consumer problems, garnishments and foreclosures, guardianships, powers of attorney and nursing home rights.

Mediation

Neighborhood Justice Center: 520-6016 105 E. Vermijo

The Neighborhood Justice Center is a program designed to help citizens peacefully resolve disputes through mediation hearings. This is a voluntary program that focuses on the identification of issues creating conflict and development of mutually acceptable resolutions. This service will help with non-domestic restraining orders. They cannot give legal advice. They do not mediate tenant/landlord disputes. You do not need to be referred to use this service.

Office of Dispute Resolution (Mediation): 448-7777 El Paso County Judicial Building, Room B23

The Office of Dispute Resolution ("The Mediation Office" or "ODR") is a full service provider offering mediation, med-arb, arbitration, settlement conferences and family conferences by seasoned mediators and arbiters. The mediators and arbiters have many years of experience and training and handle complex county and district civil, divorce, dependency and neglect (juvenile), child custody cases on a routine basis. Recently the ODR has begun conducting mediations on probate cases and some criminal cases. Please call first to schedule an appointment.

Landlord/Tenant

Colorado Springs Code Enforcement: 444-7891

The Code Enforcement Unit of the police department is responsible for the inspection of publicly- and privately-owned residential buildings to assure that they meet the minimum housing standards for the city of Colorado Springs and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions for all residents within the city limits.

Landlord and Tenant Rights: 1-303-831-1935 1212 Mariposa Street, Denver

This service is offered by Community Housing Services, a private nonprofit organization that provides landlord/tenant information and referrals on housing related issues, home ownership programs and legal resources. The primary goal of the Landlord/Tenant program is to help people understand what their rights are in a landlord-tenant dispute - and to give them options for moving toward resolution.

Domestic Issues

Adoption Clinic

El Paso County Judicial Building, Room W170, Colorado Springs

Free "How to Adoption Clinic" include instructions on how to handle your own stepparent, kinship, and custodial adoption. Held on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. An attorney will be available to provide basic information. Be sure to bring your paperwork.

Child Support Services of Colorado: 457-6331

30 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Ste. 203, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

The Child Support unit establishes paternity, orders support, modifies support orders, and enforces the order for child support payments.

Family Court Facilitator: Michael W. Vigil
El Paso County Judicial Building, Room 101, 448-7781
The facilitator answers general family law procedural questions.

Family and Relationship Center: 886-0743
102 E. Pikes Peak, Suite 306
This serves to advocate on behalf of children and families by providing parents with multi-disciplinary counseling, legal information, and support services in a non-adversarial collaborative environment.

C-FIT—Children and Families in Transition (Formerly Parenting Through Divorce Seminars)
MANDATORY FOR ALL DIVORCING PARENTS
El Paso County Judicial Building, Room W113
Classes are held: 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 5:30 p.m.
4th Friday each month 12:00

Pro Se I Clinic: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
El Paso County Judicial Building, Room 408 (4th Floor)
The purpose of this free clinic is to give you an overview of the divorce process and to help you prepare forms for filing your case (divorce or separation). An attorney is present to answer questions.

TESSA: 633-1462
Crisis Line: 633-3819
320 South El Paso St. www.tessacs.org
Assists clients in developing and reaching their goals for safety and self-sufficiency through our various programs and services, including referrals, assistance through the court process, assistance obtaining employment, transportation, housing, and other basic needs. No appointment necessary.

Discrimination Protection

Colorado Civil Rights Division/Commission: 576-1016
1259 Lake Plaza Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906
The Civil Rights Office investigates complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations if the complaint is based on race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental handicaps, marital status, or age.

Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People: 1-800-388-1376
455 Sherman St., Suite 130, Denver, CO 80203
<http://www.thelegalcenter.org>
The Legal Center helps people with disabilities use the legal system to protect and promote their rights through direct legal representation, advocacy, education, and legislative analysis. The Legal Center offers all of the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy Programs for people with disabilities in Colorado as well as The Client Assistance Program, the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program and the Legal Assistance Developer Program for Older People.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): 1-800-669-4000
303 E. 17th Ave., Ste. 510, Denver, CO 80203

The EEOC enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, which protects employees 40 years of age and older, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992.

Other Resources

El Paso County Bar Law Library: 389-8968
20 N. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, 80903

The law library is located at the Penrose Library, Lower Level Reference area. Open to the public Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The reference staff will not be able to answer your legal questions but can assist you with the law collection.