



CENTRAL VIRGINIA LEGAL AID SOCIETY

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Who We Are

The true measure of a society is how we treat our children, the elderly, disabled and poor.

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is a community of lawyers who provide free civil legal services to low-income people in crisis. We believe in the tremendous power of lawyers to make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and communities. Through the compassionate and crucial work of our dedicated attorneys, CVLAS ensures justice is not out of reach for those cannot afford it and who often are left behind.

Low income or elderly people who need assistance in civil (non-criminal) matters are provided advice or representation by staff attorneys and also by volunteer private attorneys. CVLAS has offices in Richmond, Petersburg and Charlottesville, serving 5 cities and 15 counties.

Legal services are free to all who qualify. Qualification for CVLAS services is based on several different factors. Two of the most essential are residence in our service area (or a case arising within our service area) and income & resource eligibility.

CVLAS provides free civil legal assistance to low-income people in the cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights & Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, Nelson, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George & Surry.

Generally, households must have gross income below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. Households with income up to 200% of federal poverty may be accepted in certain situations. Households also must have low resources. The elderly (60 or older) may receive legal advice without regard to their finances. Applicants for service also must meet citizenship requirements.



Legal Aid Makes the Difference!

What We Do

Consumer Law

- Bankruptcy & garnishment protection
- Debt collection defenses
- Payday, car title and predatory loans
- Repossessions

Elder Law

- Advance directives & Powers of Attorney
- Guardianships / Conservatorships
- Wills

Employment Law

- Unemployment compensation
- Wrongful discharge

Health Law

- Medicaid and Medicare
- Nursing home care and discharges

Family Law

- Avoiding or reversing finding of child abuse/neglect
- Domestic violence
- Uncontested no-fault divorce

Housing Law

- Eviction defense
- Foreclosure prevention
- Housing voucher problems
- Lockouts, utility cutoffs, self-help evictions
- Repairs

Public Benefits

- SNAP benefits (formerly Food Stamps)
- TANF benefits for needy families

How to get Help

All clients first must be screened for income and resource eligibility. Intake is done by phone messages we call back, by in-person walk-ins, and by internet on-line.



Telephone intake days and hours are:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Richmond: 804-200-6046 or 804-648-1012

Petersburg: 804-200-6046 or 804-862-1100

Charlottesville: 434-296-8851

Toll-free: 1-800-868-1012 or 1-800-390-9983 or 1-866-534-5243

Walk-in intake days and hours are:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at any CVLAS office

On-line intake at any time at our website: <http://cvlas.org> and click on "Apply for Help Online"

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