

**Eligible Clients
May Receive Free Legal Aid
In the Following Cases:**

Public Benefits

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Welfare, TANF, SNAP
Medical Assistance
LIHEAP
Self-Sufficiency & Training
Special Allowances

Housing Cases

Tenant Evictions
Private Landlord-Tenant Disputes
Public and Subsidized Housing
Mobile Home Park Rights

Family Law

Protection From Abuse (Plaintiffs Only)
Child Custody Defense
Child Support (Plaintiffs Only)
No Fault Divorce
Name Change

Employment & Education

Unemployment Compensation
Expungements & Pardons
School Expulsions

Consumer Law

Bankruptcy
Mortgage Foreclosure
Creditor Harassment
Constable Sales
Utility Terminations

This is just a partial list of the kinds of cases
we represent in. For a detailed list visit
www.nwls.org/CaseCriteria.htm

Give Us a Call!

Apply For Services Call

(Toll Free) 1-800-665-6957

(In Erie) 452-6957

WWW.NWLS.org

NWLS Office Locations

Renaissance Centre
1001 State Street - Suite 700
Erie, PA 16501

100 Main Street
Bradford, PA 16701

1031 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, PA 16121

1243 Liberty Street - Suite 406
Franklin, PA 16323

231 Chestnut Street - 4th Floor
Professional Building
Meadville, PA 16335

First Niagara Building
315 Second Ave., Suite 401
Warren, PA 16365

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**Free Legal Aid
In
Civil Cases**

**Serving Low-income Residents
Of the Following Counties**

- **Cameron**
- **Crawford**
- **Elk**
- **Erie**
- **Forest**
- **McKean**
- **Mercer**
- **Potter**
- **Venango**
- **Warren**

www.nwls.org

Who We Are . . .

Since 1969, Northwestern Legal Services has provided free legal aid in civil cases to low-income clients in 10 counties in northwestern Pennsylvania: Cameron, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango, and Warren Counties.

We are a private non-profit organization that receives funding from federal, state and local agencies. We also administer grants for specialized legal services and community outreach.

Over half of the NWLS staff is composed of attorneys and paralegals who provide direct representation and counsel, along with telephone advice and brief service, to our clients.

Our board of directors is composed of private attorneys and client-eligible individuals from counties in our service regions. The board takes an active role in setting priorities for the types of cases we accept, and in helping to raise funds for our mission.

All of our services are free-of-charge to our clients.

Our Mission

Northwestern Legal Services assists low-income individuals and families by guiding them through the legal system using advocacy and education to obtain justice with the goal of improving their quality of life and strengthening our community.

Getting Help . . .

1.) All applicants can request service by telephoning our central intake unit. When you call the unit, an intake screener will ask questions about your income and assets, and the type of legal problem you are facing.



NWLS Central Intake Unit
Mon. - Fri.
9 a.m - 4 p.m.

Simply Call
(Toll Free) 1-800-665-6957
(in Erie) 452-6957

2.) If you meet all of our eligibility guidelines, and we handle the kind of legal problem you are having, you will receive free legal service.

3.) Depending on the type of legal problem, you may receive telephone advice from an attorney, qualify for a clinic class, or be scheduled to meet with a NWLS law worker at an office located nearest to you. NWLS also administers *pro bono* programs in several counties which connect private attorneys with eligible clients - without any cost to you.

Not Eligible? If you are found ineligible, we will attempt to refer you to a local social service agency or county assistance office that may be able to assist you.

Other Services We Provide . . .

Community Outreach

Need a speaker? A NWLS law worker will speak at your organization or gathering. Simply call one of our offices near you (listings on back). NWLS also participates in various community events as time and staff availability permits.

Internet Resources



www.nwls.org

Wide range of civil legal information:

- Brochures
- Self-help documents
- Audio content
- Video content
- Links to helpful resources

Facebook Social Network

Follow us on Facebook for the latest Developments and news about our program.
www.facebook.com/NWLegalServices

Videos and Forms

NWLS offers a Blog containing information, videos and family law fillable forms at www.nwlsmedia.blogspot.com