

Legal Assistance for Seniors in the Northeast Kingdom

LAW LINE of Vermont is a telephone consultation and referral service for low income Vermonters. The Law Line lawyers will answer questions and provide advice about many kinds of legal issues. They will help people represent themselves by discussing their cases, explaining the law, helping with paperwork, and discussing the best strategies. There are eligibility criteria that relate to income and type of legal issue.



Access to Law Line is through the local Vermont Legal Aid. Call **748-8721** or **1-800-769-6728**. They will conduct an intake interview and, if the caller meets their guidelines, will make a referral to a Law Line attorney.

SENIOR CITIZEN CASE REFERRAL PROGRAM

This program maintains lists of attorneys who have agreed to provide certain legal services for reduced fees. To qualify you must meet income and asset guidelines, be a Vermont resident, and be age 60 or older.

For more information about the eligibility criteria and to receive names of attorneys on these lists, call Information and Assistance at the Area Agency on Aging at **748-5182** or **1-800-642-5119**.

VERMONT BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

This service will refer callers to lawyers who have agreed to consultations for no more than \$25 for the first half hour. There are no income or asset guidelines. Call **1-800-639-7036**.

CALEDONIA COUNTY FREE LEGAL CLINIC

This free legal clinic is a cooperative effort of the Caledonia Bar Association and the Caledonia County Courthouse. It is held on the third Friday of each month at the Courthouse in St. Johnsbury and is designed to help people with general legal questions. It is not intended to provide representation in a case. It is necessary to sign up several weeks in advance to reserve an appointment.

Call the Caledonia County Courthouse at **748-6600**. (There is no comparable clinic in Orleans or Essex counties).

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WOMEN'S LEGAL CLINIC

This is a free clinic offered for women in the Northeast Kingdom by the St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center. Local attorneys will provide one-time advice about legal rights and responsibilities, give information about the legal system, or refer people to a lawyer or mediator whose specialty matches the case. Legal assistance can also be provided by phone during clinic hours.

The clinic is held the first Monday of each month (or the second if Monday is a holiday) from 6-8 PM on a first come first serve basis at 1249 Main St., St. Johnsbury (north entrance). Call **748-2977**.

DISABILITY LAW PROJECT

This is a program of Vermont Legal Aid. It provides legal assistance, without charge, to people with disabilities whose legal problems arise from their disability. They cover such matters as abuse and neglect, special education, guardianship, SSI, Medicaid, accessibility, discrimination and access to assistive technology. Call **748-8721** or **1-800-889-2047**.

CONTRACT ATTORNEY

The Area Agency on Aging has a contract with a local attorney's office to serve seniors age 60 and over who cannot be served in any other way. In the Northeast Kingdom, this office replaces Legal Aid's Senior Citizen Law Project for most purposes.

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