

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU NEED AN ATTORNEY?

Contact us! We will determine if you are financially eligible for our services and also whether you have the type of legal problem we handle. If eligible, one of our case handlers will discuss with you the best course of action. We also will make special arrangements for the homebound and people with disabilities.



Even if you are not eligible, we will make sure you are referred to an agency that may be able to help you.

## WHAT IS THE PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT (PAI) PROGRAM?

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services maintains a list of private attorneys who have agreed to represent needy residents free of charge. The PAI Program allows us to provide services to more people while assuring participating attorneys that they are providing free services only to truly needy individuals. We first evaluate the case to determine if it is appropriate for referral to the PAI Program. The case is then referred to a private attorney who will provide the same quality representation that can be expected from our staff.

## DO YOU HAVE A LEGAL PROBLEM?

If so, please contact your local county office at:

**NNJLS**  
**Bergen County Division**  
190 Moore Street, Suit 100  
Hackensack, NJ 07601  
Telephone: 201-487-2166  
Fax: 201-487-3513

**NNJLS**  
**Hudson County Division**  
574 Summit Ave.  
Jersey City, NJ 07306  
Telephone: 201-792-6363  
Fax: 201-798-8780

**NNJLS**  
**Passaic County Division**  
152 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Paterson, NJ 07505  
Telephone: 973-523-2900  
Fax: 973-523-9002

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services is an equal opportunity affirmative action agency and provides services without regard to race, color, gender, age, disability, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.

## NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES

Dedicated to Equal Justice for All



**PROVIDING FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME BERGEN, HUDSON AND PASSAIC COUNTY RESIDENTS**

**We specialize in Housing, Family, Public Benefits, Consumer, Health, Immigration, Tax and Senior Law matters**

## Did you Know?

Bergen, Hudson and Passaic counties have over 200,000 children, seniors and adults living in poverty.

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Every year over 40,000 tenants are evicted from their homes in Bergen, Hudson and Passaic counties.

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Every year 13,000 Bergen, Hudson and Passaic county residents are the victims of domestic violence and seek restraining orders.

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Northeast New Jersey Legal Services provides assistance to over 10,000 low income Bergen, Hudson and Passaic county residents with serious legal problems each year.

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**If you are a Bergen, Hudson or Passaic County resident with a civil legal problem and you cannot afford an attorney please call NNJLS.**

## Who Are We?

We are a non-profit corporation supported with public and private funds. We provide free legal services to low-income Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic County residents in a variety of civil law matters. Our attorneys, paralegals, and support staff are dedicated to providing the highest quality legal services. We seek to assure that access to the civil justice system is not denied to our clients simply because they cannot afford a private attorney.

## What Types of Service Do We Provide?

We provide a broad array of legal services, including legal representation and advice, legal advocacy, community education, and information and referral.

In addition, we have special programs providing services for senior citizens, the disabled, tenants, and victims of domestic violence.

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services also provides speakers for community groups. If you would like us to talk to your group, please give us a call.

## In What Areas of Law Do We Provide Services?

**HOUSING:** Representation and Advice in landlord/tenant, foreclosure, rent assistance, public housing, community economic development and other housing matters.

**FAMILY:** Assistance in obtaining domestic violence restraining orders, and advice and representation in child support, child custody, divorce, and other family law matters.

**PUBLIC BENEFITS:** Advice and representation in matters involving eligibility for public benefits, such as Social Security Retirement and Disability, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, General Assistance and other benefits.

**IMMIGRATION:** Advice and representation in naturalization and other immigration matters.

**CONSUMER:** Advice and representation in matters involving collection, unfair and deceptive practices, credit, and bankruptcy.

**TAX:** Advice and representation in federal tax matters as part of our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Program.

**SENIOR CITIZENS:** Advice and representation for senior citizens in housing, social security, consumer, health and other legal matters affecting seniors.