Your Next Step: California Legal-Help Resources

Find court information, legal aid or a lawyer to speak with. No Fast Divorce purchase or application is required to use these resources.

01 Free help with court forms and steps

California Courts self-help centers provide free legal information and help with court forms and procedures for people without a lawyer, regardless of income. Services vary by court. Staff do not act as your lawyer or provide personal legal advice. Both sides may use the same center, and communications are not attorney-client privileged.

https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/self-help/find-self-help

02 Help looking for free or low cost legal services

LawHelpCA helps you find legal-aid organizations and other legal resources. Search for family-law help in your area. Each organization decides who it can assist based on its rules, location, type of case and available resources. A listing does not guarantee a free lawyer.

https://www.lawhelpca.org/

03 Help finding a family law lawyer

The State Bar of California lists certified lawyer-referral services. Use the directory to find services by county, legal issue and language. Ask about consultation and representation fees before you agree to anything. This is not a promise of free representation. The State Bar certifies these services but does not operate them directly. Each referral service sets its own fees and procedures.

https://www.calbar.ca.gov/public/find-legal-professionals/find-lawyer-referral-service

What to have nearby

- The county where your case is filed, if a case has started.
- Any papers you received and any hearing or response dates shown on them.
- A short description of the help you want and a list of your questions.
- Your preferred language and a safe way for the organization to contact you.

The organization may ask about income, household size or other eligibility details through its own intake process. Do not send those details to Fast Divorce just to use this resource page.

Keep the resource page nearby

https://fastdivorce.com/resources/family-law-legal-help/

Direct QR. No tracking redirect.

Selected nonprofit organizations

Examples in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties, not a statewide list. For other California counties, use LawHelpCA on page 1. Ask each organization whether it handles your issue and can take new requests.

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County. Its courthouse Self-Help Legal Access Centers help people representing themselves with divorce, custody, visitation and parentage. Self-help assistance does not mean an attorney will appear for you. Other legal services require separate screening.

Official services and locations

Self-help phone: 818-485-0571

Community Legal Aid SoCal

Orange County and designated Southeast Los Angeles communities. Family-law help may include divorce, custody, visitation, support, parentage and restraining orders. Income, assets and service-area screening apply. Representation is considered case by case. Contact the organization before visiting.

Official services and locations

Intake phone: 714-571-5200

Legal Aid Society of San Diego

San Diego County. Free family-law advice and assistance for eligible residents may cover divorce, custody disputes, parentage involving custody issues and matters affecting survivors of intimate partner violence. Each request is screened; assistance and representation are not guaranteed.

Official services and locations

Intake phone: 877-534-2524

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Greater Los Angeles. LAFLA's direct family-law practice focuses on survivors of domestic violence, including help with divorce, custody, support and restraining orders. Financial eligibility screening applies. This listing is not a general promise of divorce representation.

Official services and locations

Intake phone: 800-399-4529

Office schedules and capacity change. No same-day response, appointment or case acceptance is promised.

Optional county bar referral shortcuts

These are not legal-aid programs. Ask about consultation and representation fees.

Los Angeles County Bar SmartLaw

Orange County Bar LRIS

San Diego County Bar LRIS

If you need safety support

If you are in immediate danger, call 911. For support about relationship abuse, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or visit TheHotline.org. It is a safety-support resource, not a promise of legal representation. Use a safer device if someone may be monitoring your activity; private browsing does not erase every trace.

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Visit TheHotline.org

Questions about Fast Divorce services?

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I am not an attorney. I can only provide self help services at your specific direction.

We share these organizations as community resources, not endorsements of an organization or attorney. Contact each organization directly to confirm eligibility, fees, current availability and services. A listing does not guarantee help, representation or an outcome.

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