

Who We Are & What We Do

Founded in 1979, the Legal Services Center (LSC) is a community-based non-profit/public interest law firm and one of Harvard Law School's clinical training sites for law students. Each year, LSC lawyers and students provide free legal help to more than a thousand people from Greater Boston with legal issues such as:

- Debt Collection and Bankruptcy
- Unfair Loans or Contracts
- MA Criminal Record (CORI) Sealing
- Domestic Violence Orders, Divorces, Custody and Visitation Orders
- DCF Fair Hearing appeals to challenge supported allegations of abuse or neglect
- LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Litigation
- Eviction Defense
- Housing Discrimination
- Federal and State Tax Problems
- Veterans Federal and State Benefits
- Military Discharge Upgrades and Records Corrections
- Estate Planning for Veterans
- Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI/SSI) for Adults
- Food Stamps/SNAP

In addition to helping people one-on-one, we use many other strategies to fight for justice, such as class action lawsuits, policy advocacy, reports, and partnering with community groups, healthcare programs, and others.

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**The WilmerHale Legal Services
Center of Harvard Law School**
Centro de Servicios Legales

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We are right next to the Stony Brook T Station on the MBTA Orange Line. We have parking behind our building. To use GPS to get to our parking lot, enter 1 Marbury Terrace, Jamaica Plain 02130.

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Our Practice Groups and the Types of Cases We Handle

Consumer Protection Clinic

617-384-0744

We help consumers dealing with debt collection, including being sued on credit card debt, dealing with unfair collection efforts, or facing loss of wages. We also help individuals fight consumer scams.

Criminal Record (CORI) Sealing

617-390-2524

safetynetproject@law.harvard.edu

We help people move on from encounters with law enforcement systems as juveniles and/or adults by sealing their Massachusetts criminal records.

Family Justice Clinic

617-522-3003

familyjusticeclinic@law.harvard.edu

We help survivors of domestic violence with divorce, custody and parenting, abuse prevention orders, paternity, child support, and guardianship cases. The Family Justice Clinic also helps parents during DCF investigations and challenge DCF's support determinations in administrative Fair Hearings. Unlike the other practice groups, our clients are referred to us from hospitals, health centers, and other community partners.

LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic

617-522-3003

info@hslslgbtq.org

We help members of the LGBTQ+ community with legal issues arising out of their LGBTQ+ status, with a particular focus on issues affecting underrepresented groups within the LGBTQ+ community.



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Housing Clinic

617-384-0760

We help Boston tenants facing eviction from their homes. We defend against evictions and file lawsuits for clients seeking to improve housing conditions; help tenants seal eviction records; fight housing discrimination; make sure tenants aren't being treated unfairly by their landlords; and prevent homelessness.

Housing Justice for Survivors

617-384-0752

We help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sexual harassment who need to move to safe housing or who are trying to keep their homes. We represent clients facing eviction, loss of housing subsidies, those in need of safety transfers, and people who need to terminate their tenancies for safety reasons.

Tax Litigation Clinic

617-384-0750

We help taxpayers in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service/IRS and/or the Mass. Department of Revenue/DOR. Typical cases include tax debt/collection, Tax Court, disallowed dependents or earned income tax credit, identity theft, injured and innocent spouse claims, audits and reconsiderations.

Veterans Legal Clinic

We help veterans and their family members in the following areas:

Veterans Justice Project

617-390-2525

veteranslegalclinic@law.harvard.edu

We help eligible veterans and their families in appeals at all levels (agency and court) for federal VA veterans benefits, Massachusetts Chapter 115 veterans benefits, and in military discharge upgrade and records correction cases.

Estate Planning Project

617-390-2525

estateplanningproject@law.harvard.edu

We help local veterans and their spouses or dependent children by drafting estate planning documents such as wills, health care proxies, powers of attorney, medical directives, and special needs trusts.

Safety Net Project

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We help local injured and/or disabled people, including veterans, in appeals involving disability related benefits such as Social Security Disability Insurance, SSI, SNAP, and in accessing other public and private assistance programs.

People's Law School

LSC offers free workshops on a wide range of legal topics important to our community through the People's Law School program. Our workshops are accessible and open to the public. Workshops are hosted virtually or at LSC and in other community locations on request.

To request a workshop, email

peopleslawschool@law.harvard.edu or call 617-522-3003