



The Gray Panthers
Legal Services Directory
For
Older People in New York City
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Preface: The Gray Panthers work is dedicated to providing older people with the resources they need in order to advocate for themselves and others. We've noted that finding Legal services in New York City that cater to the unique issues facing older people, such as the rights of nursing home patients and housing concerns, is challenging. Consequently, we at Gray Panthers recognized the need for an organized directory of legal resources and thus has created this directory in order to help older people in New York City find the legal services they need and can afford. The legal services in this directory were designed for low-income residents of New York and are either free or low-cost. The inclusion of these entities in the directory does not signify any endorsement of them by the Gray Panthers. For upcoming editions, we would appreciate your comments, updates, and additional resources. Please contact us by email at www.graypanthersnyc.org, 917-535-0457

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Below is a list of free legal service providers in New York City. These organizations provide free legal services to low-income residents of New York City. The kinds of services and eligibility requirements for all of these organizations may change so it is important to check the websites or call the organizations to find out if any individual is likely to be eligible for legal assistance.

Direct Legal Services:

Funded by the NYC Department for the Aging:

Brooklyn Office for the Aging- The Legal Aid Society

<http://www.legal-aid.org/en/las/findus/locations/brooklyn/brooklynofficefortheaging.aspx>

Brooklyn

Services Provided:

- The Brooklyn Office for the Aging provides direct legal services to 60+ year-old Brooklyn residents. Eviction prevention is a major focus. Also covers government benefits, rights of people in nursing homes and hospitals, elder abuse, guardianship proceedings, wills and advance directives, foreclosures, and other general cases. Appointment required. Languages spoken: English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Russian

Contact Information:

- Phone:(718) 645-3111
- 111 Livingston Street, 7th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Bronx Legal Services

<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/our-program/bronx>

Bronx

Services Provided:

- Offers direct legal services for low-income residents of the Bronx. Provides direct legal services to 60+ year-old Bronx residents. Provides representation in a wide range of civil matters including elder law, housing, foreclosure, government benefits including Medicaid, Medicare, pooled trusts, home care services, rights of people in nursing homes, advanced directives including wills, health care proxies, elder abuse, consumer, tax, employment and unemployment. Languages spoken: Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese, French, Spanish, and English (interpreters provided in all other languages including ASL sign language).

Contact Information:

- Legal Assistance Hotline (Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm): 917-661-4500
- Office Address: 349 East 149th St.
10th Floor, Bronx, NY 10451
- Phone: 718-928-3700

Legal Services Corporation - Brooklyn

<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/our-program/brooklyn>

Brooklyn

Services Provided:

- Offers direct legal services, including representation, for low-income residents of Brooklyn. Some specialization in elder law, including Medicaid and other benefits issues (including pensions), housing, and eviction prevention. Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Creole, Cantonese, Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew

Contact Information:

- Legal Assistance Hotline (Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm): 917-661-4500
- Office Address: 105 Court Street, 3rd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201
- Phone: 718-237-5500
- Office Address 2: 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 301, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens

<http://www.jasa.org/>

Queens

Services Provided:

- The Jewish Association for Services for the Aged offers legal service, including representation, for low-income Queens residents over 60 years old. Covers a range of issues specific to older people, including housing rights and eviction prevention, Medicaid and other benefit eligibility, financial exploitation, and foreclosure prevention. A special program, the Legal/Social Work Elder Abuse Program (LEAP), provides assistance regarding elder abuse. Languages spoken: Creole, French, Russian, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone (Monday-Friday, (9:00am-5:00pm): 212-273-5272
- Email: help@jasa.org

- Emergency number (applicable for warrant of eviction, termination of benefits, or abuse which threatens safety): 718-286-1500

MFY Legal Services, Inc. - Manhattan Seniors Project

<http://www.mfy.org/>

Manhattan (110th St and below)

Services Provided:

- MFY offers legal advice, counseling, representation, and referral to seniors. Covers housing issues, benefits eligibility, nursing home problems, and elder abuse. Languages spoken: Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, French, Greek, Creole, Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu

Contact Information:

- Phone: 212-417-3700
- Email: info@mfy.org
- In case of an eviction emergency with notice: (212) 417-3700

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation

<http://www.nmic.org/index.htm>

Washington Heights

Services Provided:

- Offers legal services, including representation, for people 60 and over. Priority given to housing (eviction especially) and involuntary institutional placement cases. Languages spoken: English, French, Creole, Spanish (interpreters provided for other languages).

Contact Information:

- Walk-in address (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm): 76 Wadsworth Avenue, New York, NY 10033
- Address for emergency housing issues (eviction or homelessness): 111 Centre Street, Room 323, New York, NY
- Phone: (212) 822-8300
- Email: info@nmic.org

New York City Department for the Aging

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/services/legal.shtml>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Provides legal services, not including representation, to city residents over 60 years old. Will refer to the appropriate agency depending on the issue. The Assigned Counsel Project provides legal assistance to seniors at risk of eviction. Languages spoken: English, interpreters available

Contact Information:

- Phone: (212) 442-1100

Other Direct Legal Services:

Cardozo Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic

<http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/legalservicesclinic>

Manhattan

Services Provided:

- Supervised by full-time faculty, law students offer legal service, including representation, for those with disabilities. Covers Medicaid and other benefits cases, disability discrimination, wills, and nursing home avoidance. Languages spoken: English, interpreter available for Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone (Tuesday-Thursday, 1:00pm-4:00pm, during academic year): (212) 790-0240

St. John's University School of Law Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic

<http://www.stjohns.edu/law/consumer-justice-elderly-litigation-clinic>

Queens

Services Provided:

- Law students and faculty members offer legal services, including representation, to low income older (55+) Queens residents. Covers deed theft, foreclosure defense, debt collection, and home improvement contractor fraud cases. Not available May-August or December. Languages spoken: English

Contact Information:

- Phone (Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm, Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm): (718) 990-6689
- Email: benjamil@stjohns.edu

CUNY Elder Law Clinic- On Hiatus from 2016-2017

<http://www.law.cuny.edu/academics/clinics/elder.html>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Clinic providing legal services to indigent or allegedly incapacitated older people. For adult guardianship cases, the judge hearing their case generally refers clients. Drafts wills and advance directives. Provides counseling on government benefits (Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security).

Contact Information:

- Clinic Dean: Joe Rosenberg
 - Email: rosenberg@law.cuny.edu
 - Phone: (718) 340-4375

Make the Road New York

<http://www.maketheroadny.org/>

Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Long Island

Services Provided:

- A dedicated bilingual (English and Spanish) organization offering New York City immigrants free or low-cost legal assistance, ranging from full legal representation to self help materials. Priority given to low-income persons. Specializes in workplace discrimination (age discrimination), accessing benefits, unlawful evictions, providing access to health insurance, and reducing exorbitant hospital bills.

Contact Information:

- Bushwick, Brooklyn:
 - 301 Grove Street, Brooklyn, New York 11237
 - t: (718) 418-7690
- Jackson Heights, Queens:
 - 92-10 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, New York 11372
 - t: (718) 565-8500
- Port Richmond, Staten Island:
 - 161 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10302
 - t: (718) 727-1222
- Brentwood, Long Island:
 - 1090 Suffolk Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717
 - t: (631) 231-2220

Open Hands Legal Services

<http://www.openhandslegalservices.org/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- A mobile legal aid organization offering legal advice, counseling, and representation. Travels to different soup kitchens and shelters across the city to provide onsite assistance. Focusing on housing and employment laws, and there are members that focus on seniors.

Contact Information:

- On site assistance provided at various locations on various days; check schedule here: <http://www.openhandslegalservices.org/how-to-get-help/>
- Email: info@openhandslegalservices.org

Legal Services Corporation-Manhattan

http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=93&Itemid=134

Manhattan

Services Provided:

- Offers legal services for low-income residents of Manhattan, including older adults, focusing on accessible/affordable housing and eviction prevention, Medicaid funding, and benefits. Also specializes in worker's rights and disability advocacy. Languages spoken: Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese, French, Spanish, and English.

Contact Information:

- Legal Assistance Hotline (Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm): 917-661-4500

The Legal Aid Society

<http://www.legal-aid.org/en/probono/volunteerprobono.aspx>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Organization offering legal services and integrated referrals to free legal representation to low-income residents. Older people are a focus, and issues the organization covers include illegal discrimination and housing. Those with incomes above 200% of the federal poverty level are not eligible. Priority given to those with incomes at or below 125% of the federal poverty level. Languages spoken: English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone (leave a short message describing your legal problem and phone number): 1-888-218-6974

Asian Americans for Equality

<http://www.aafe.org/programs/community-immigration-housing-services>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Organization offering counsel on various issues to Asian American residents of New York. Holds workshops in conjunction with

senior centers to provide counsel on Senior Citizen Rent Exemption (SCRIE) issues, Medicaid eligibility, and wrongful eviction, among other issues.

Contact Information:

- Email: askaafe@aafe.org
- Phone: 212-979-8988
- Counseling available at the following addresses:
 - AAFE Brooklyn, 807 48th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220
 - Tel: 718-686-8223
 - AAFE Queens, 133-04 39th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354
 - Tel: 718-961-0888
 - Housing & Community Services Manhattan, 111 Division Street, New York, NY 10002
 - Tel: 212-979-8988

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House

<http://www.Lenoxhill.org>

Manhattan

Services Provided:

- Organization offering legal services, including representation, to low-income Manhattan (59th Street to 143rd Street and on Roosevelt Island, plus tenants living in the 10026 and 10027 zip codes) residents. For older people on Manhattan's East Side, Lenox Hill is accepting intakes for Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), as well as intakes on health care for all residents. Income limit is 200% of the federal poverty limit. Also holds legal clinics for residents of Manhattan's East Side. Languages spoken: English, Cantonese Chinese, French, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone: 212-218-0503
- SCRIE Phone: 212-218-0503 & press 6
- Eviction Prevention Project Clinic: Second and Fourth Monday of each month from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm
 - Address: 331 East 70th Street

New York Legal Assistance Group- Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program

<http://nylag.org/>

Citywide (located in Manhattan)

Services Provided:

- Organization providing legal service, including representation, consultation, impact and class action litigation to New York residents. The Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program provides specialized services for the elderly, covering issues such as benefit eligibility, home

care services, and Holocaust compensation. Languages spoken: English (interpreters provided if needed).

Contact Information:

- Phone (Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm): (212) 613-5000
- Email: info@nylag.org
- Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program Phone (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm): 212-613-7310

Vera Institute- Guardianship Project

<http://www.vera.org/project/guardianship-project>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- The institute's Guardianship Project is staffed by both lawyers and social workers and serves low-income older and/or disabled people in need of guardianship services. The institute provides both legal and other support for those in need of care. No public referrals. Languages spoken: English (interpreters available)

Contact Information:

- Project Director, Jacqueline Baillargeon, Email: jbailiar@nycourts.gov
- Phone: (212) 334-1300
- Address: 320 Jay Street, 4th Floor – Rm#4110
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Guardian Assistance Network (GAN)

<https://www.nycourts.gov/ip/gan/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- The Guardian Assistance Network helps families or friends who have been appointed by the court under Article 81 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law to serve as guardians. GAN offers support, practical advice and training in carrying out guardianship responsibilities.

Contact Information:

- Address: Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 723, Brooklyn, NY 11201
- Phone: 347-296-1948
- Email: GAN@nycourts.gov

Center for Disability Advocacy Rights (CeDAR)

(no website)

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Provides legal services, including representation to low-income disabled and/or senior residents. Covers benefits issues, housing, income, health care, and home care.

Contact Information:

- Phone: (212) 979-0505
- Email: info@cedarlaw.org

City Bar Justice Center Cancer Advocacy Project

<http://www2.nycbar.org/citybarjusticecenter/projects/economic-justice/cancer-advocacy-project>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- The project assists cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and support staff in three main areas: (1) drafting no-cost life-planning documents (wills, healthcare proxies, living wills and powers of attorney) for cancer patients and survivors, (2) challenging unjust health insurance decisions and (3) advice on cancer-related employment discrimination. In addition, the Project provides clients with access to information and assistance through on-site community presentations for support groups, medical and social work staff and community organizations on issues related to life-planning choices, workplace rights, health insurance problems, and issues related to medical debt.

Contact Information:

- Intake Phone: [\(212\) 382-4785](tel:2123824785)
- Address: 42 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036

The NYC Bar Association Elder Law Project

<http://www2.nycbar.org/citybarjusticecenter/projects/economic-justice/cancer-advocacy-project>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- The Elder Law Project, with the help of volunteer attorneys, provides needy seniors with legal services for life planning, specifically with wills, living wills, healthcare proxies, and powers of attorney.

Contact Information:

- Phone: 212-382-6658

Private Referral Services and Legal Clinics:

BronxWorks

<http://www.bronxworks.org/services-for-seniors>

The Bronx

Services Provided:

- Provides legal assistance to low-income Bronx residents. The Senior Housing Assistance Programs provides seniors with legal services and assistance in housing and eviction issues. Languages spoken: English, French, Creole Spanish, interpreters available for other languages

Contact Information:

- Phone: 718-731-3114
- Emergency Walk Ins (for those in danger of eviction)
 - Address: 60 E. Tremont Ave, Bronx, NY 10453
- Senior Housing Assistance Program Contact Information: Rosemarie Archilla, Case Manager (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm)
 - Phone: (718) 299-0300
 - Email: rarchilla@bronxworks.org

EIS Housing Resource Center Legal Clinic

<http://eisny.org/blog/legal/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Organization holds weekly legal clinics on housing issues/tenant problems; clinics offer free consultations with attorneys and advice. Wednesday legal clinics are devoted to seniors. Appointments can be arranged for legal counseling. Languages spoken: English

Contact Information:

- Contact Information for legal counseling appointments:
 - Phone: (212) 308-2210
 - Email: info@eisny.org
- Address: 80 Maiden Lane, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10038
- Tuesday legal clinic: 2:30pm
- Wednesday Housing Buddy legal clinic: 10:00am-1:00pm
- Thursday Legal Clinic at the People's Firehouse in Brooklyn: 3:00pm-7:00pm
 - Address: 113 Berry St, Brooklyn, NY 11211

The Legal Wellness Institute at the Family Center

<http://www.thefamilycenter.org/lwi/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Offers free or low-cost (if affordable) legal services, including representation, for people affected by severe illness. For older people (suffering from illness) specifically, the organization provides help with Medicaid and related benefits. Older people could also receive support with housing, although the organization does not cater specifically to older people in this area. Languages spoken: English, Spanish, French, Creole

Contact Information:

- Phone: 718-789-3841, ext. 150
- Email: info@thefamilycenter.org

City Bar Justice Center Legal Hotline

<http://www2.nycbar.org/citybarjusticecenter/legal-hotline>

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island

Services Provided:

- Offers legal advice and referrals to both pro se legal clinics and representation to low-income New York residents. Covers both housing and benefits issues. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone (Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm, Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm): 212-626-7383
- Apply online for help: https://cbjcoi.legalserver.org/modules/matter/extern_intake.php?pid=125&h=84ee0d
- Email: legalhotline@nycbar.org

Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) Elderly Project

<http://www.volsprobono.org>

Manhattan County

Services Provided:

- Clinic connecting residents 60 years and over directly to lawyers. Through the “Wills Project,” the organization refers clients to pro bono lawyers for the drafting of wills. To be eligible for help, one must be living on a fixed income and have less than \$40,00 in assets. Call the phone number for information on clinic schedules. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Email: info@volsprobono.org
- Phone: (212) 966-4400

New Economy Project NYC Financial Justice Hotline

<http://www.neweconomynyc.org/nychotline/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Hotline provides legal advice, information, and referrals to low-income residents. Covers various forms of financial exploitation issues, including abusive debt collection practices, remittances, and unfair bank fees. Does not cover bankruptcy, foreclosure prevention, or debt consolidation. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone: 212-925-4929
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SAGE Legal Clinic

<http://www.sageusa.org>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Experienced attorneys provide pro-bono legal advice at SAGE. Clinic meets twice per month. Must be a registered SAGE member (starting at \$35) to participate. Last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM. Second Monday of every month, by appointment only.

Contact Information:

- Email: info@sageusa.org
 - Phone: 212-741-2247
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CaringKind Legal and Financial Planning Clinic

<http://www.caringkindnyc.org/legalfinancial/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- CaringKind provides legal seminars run by experienced attorneys specializing in elder law. These seminars are only for those people and/or families affected by Alzheimer's disease. Topics covered include guardianship, Medicaid eligibility, long-term care, and power of attorney. Registration is necessary (but free) for attendance. Clinics are generally in English, call for information on Chinese and Spanish clinics.

Contact Information:

- Phone (Call to register): (646) 744-2900
 - Seminar dates:
 - 1st Monday of every month; 12:00pm-1:00pm
 - 3rd Monday of every month; 5:30pm-7:00pm
 - 4th Thursday of every month, 5:30-7:00pm
 - Seminar Address: 360 Lexington Avenue, 4th Fl.
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New York State Long-term Care Ombudsman Program

<http://www.cidny.org/long-term-care-ombudsman-program.php>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Program that advocates for the rights of nursing home and assisted living patients. Volunteers are trained and work directly with the residents of these facilities. Languages spoken: English (generally)

Contact Information:

- Manhattan, Bronx, and Staten Island Phone: 212-812-2901
- Brooklyn and Queens Phone: 212-812-2911

Carter Burden Center

<http://carterburdencenter.org/programs/case-management-unit/>

Locations served varies

Services Provided:

- The Carter Burden Center provides various resources for older people. The center's Case Management Unit provides help with long term planning, benefits applications, financial management, and referrals to people 60 years and older who live independently between 59th St & 143rd St and from 5th Ave to the East River, or Roosevelt Island. The center's Community Elder Mistreatment and Abuse Prevention Program (CEMAPP) provides assistance (including legal guidance) to those dealing with elder abuse issues in Manhattan.

Contact Information:

- Case Management Unit Phone: 646-504-4999
- CEMAPP Phone (ask for Elder Abuse Prevention Program): 212-879-7400

Queens County Bar Association

<http://qcba.org/pro-bono/>

Queens

Services Provided:

- Bar association provides legal referrals and pro bono legal assistance to indigent Queens residents. Covers housing issues, drafting of wills, bankruptcy, and foreclosure, among other issues. The Lawyer Referral Service provides referral services to attorneys; the first half-hour consultation with the referred attorney is always \$35.

Contact Information:

- Pro-bono Applicant Phone (Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm): (718) 739-4100
- Lawyer Referral Service Phone: 718-291-4500
 - Email: lrs@qcba.org

Brooklyn Bar Association

<http://brooklynvlp.org/programs#senior>

Brooklyn

Services Provided:

- Bar association runs the Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyers Project (BVLV). The BVLV does referrals and provides legal assistance; a major area of focus is Elder Law, specifically the drafting of wills. Also covers guardianship and foreclosure issues. Languages spoken: English, others vary

Contact Information:

- Phone: 718-473-9202
 - Email: INFO@BROOKLYNVLP.ORG
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New York State Bar Association

<http://www.nysba.org/CustomTemplates/SecondaryStandard.aspx?id=28182>

Statewide

Services Provided:

- NYS bar association's Department of Pro Bono Services provides free referrals to legal services. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone: 518-487-5641
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Bronx County Bar Association

<http://www.bronxbar.com/?page=referral>

The Bronx

Services Provided:

- Bar association holds walk-in referral services. The cost is \$40 for 30 minutes with a private attorney. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Walk-In Address: 851 Grand Concourse, Room 124, Bronx, N. Y. 10451
 - Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-12:00pm
 - Phone: 718-293-5600
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New York City Bar Association

<http://www.nycbar.org/get-legal-help/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Bar association offering legal referral service for a variety of issues, including the drafting of wills, landlord-tenant issues, and guardianship. First consultations are \$35 or free depending on the case and last 30 minutes. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone for English Speakers (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm): 212-626-7373
- Phone for Spanish Speakers (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm): 212-626-7374
- Email: lrs@nycbar.org

The New York County Lawyers' Association

[http://www.nycla.org/index.cfm?section=pro_bono&page=Legal Referral](http://www.nycla.org/index.cfm?section=pro_bono&page=Legal_Referral)

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Bar association offering free legal referrals on a variety of issues. Referral counselors (paralegals or attorney) listen to clients to determine if a lawyer is needed (if not, client may be referred to a free legal service). If a lawyer is needed, the counselor refers the client to an attorney. The initial consultation the attorney costs \$35 for one half-hour. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Phone for English Speakers (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm): 212-626-7373
- Phone for Spanish Speakers (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm): 212-626-7374

Richmond County Bar Association

<http://www.thercba.com/find-a-lawyer>

Staten Island

Services Provided:

- Bar association provides legal referrals in many areas of law, including elder law, wills and estates, and landlord-tenant issues. The Volunteer Lawyers Project offers free assistance to low-income residents in danger of foreclosure.

Contact Information:

- Fill out the online form with your information and description of your issue at this address: <http://www.thercba.com/find-a-lawyer>
- Volunteer Lawyers Project Phone: 718-442-4500
 - Email: RCBAVLP@gmail.com

LawHelpNY

<http://www.lawhelpny.org/issues/seniors>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Website containing legal information and referrals to free or low-cost legal services or referrals for a variety of issues pertaining to seniors, including age discrimination, housing issues, Medicare, elder abuse, debt collection, and guardianship. Languages: Website can be viewed in English and Spanish

Contact Information:

- Search website directly here: <http://www.lawhelpny.org/find-legal-help?topic=seniors&subtopic=ssi%2Dfor%2Dseniors%2Dover%2D65>

MFY Legal Services, Inc. – Nursing Home Residents Project

<http://www.mfy.org/projects/nursing-home-residents-project/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- The Nursing Home Residents Project works to advocate for nursing home residents; the project offers information and advice for nursing home residents and their families. Some nursing home issues they cover are abuse, neglect, unfair consumer practices, and civil rights violations. The project will also bring impact litigation when it feels it is necessary based on complaints it receives. Languages spoken: Languages spoken: Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, French, Greek, Creole, Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu

Contact Information:

- Phone (Monday-Friday, 10:00am-5:00pm): 855-444-6477

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

https://www.naela.org/Public/About_NAELA/Public_or_Consumer/Find_an_Elder_Lawyer/Find_an_Elder_Lawyer.aspx

Nationwide

Services Provided:

- NAELA website provides ways to find an attorney experienced in elder law issues based on location.

Contact Information:

- Find a lawyer here:
https://www.naela.org/Public/About_NAELA/Public_or_Consumer/Find_an_Elder_Lawyer/Find_an_Elder_Lawyer.aspx

The Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention

<http://www.weinberg-center.org/>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- The Weinberg Center at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale offers a legal referral service for elder abuse, in addition to operating an emergency shelter for victims of elder abuse. In some cases, attorneys will advocate for clients in court. Languages spoken: English, varies

Contact Information:

- Referral Hotline: 800-56-SENIOR

Brooklyn Law School Elder Litigation Clinic

https://www.brooklaw.edu/academics/curriculum/coursedescriptions/course?id=L_180

Brooklyn

Services Provided:

- Helping Elders through Litigation and Policy (HELP) clinic run by law students and supervised by experienced attorneys. Cases include housing and eviction prevention, guardianship proceedings, public benefits (Medicaid, etc.) issues, advance directives and elder abuse. Clients are often referred by the Weinberg Center for Abuse Prevention. Languages spoken: English, varies by semester

Contact Information:

- Phone: (718) 625-2200
- https://www.brooklaw.edu/academics/curriculum/coursedescriptions/course?id=L_180

Civil Legal Advice and Resource Office (CLARO)

<http://www.claronyc.org/claronyc/default.html>

Citywide

Services Provided:

- Staffed by volunteer attorneys and supervised law students, CLARO provides legal advice to low-income New Yorkers facing consumer debt issues, especially those being sued by debt collectors. Consumer debt includes medical debt, credit card debt, utilities debts, and other debts. Come to the office with a complete copy of the court file (available at the court) and any other documents related to the debt. Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Contact Information:

- Bronx Office, Thursdays 3:00pm-6:00pm,
 - Address Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room B128A
 - Phone: (212)-636-7671
- Brooklyn Office, Thursdays 2:30pm-4:30pm, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - Address: Kings County Civil Courthouse, 141 Livingston Street, Room 403
 - Phone: (718)-624-3894

- Manhattan Office, Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - Address: New York City Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre Street, Room 105
 - Phone: (212)-267-6646
- Queens Office, Fridays 1:30pm
 - Address: Queens County Civil Courthouse, 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Room 116
 - Phone: (718)-739-4100
- Staten Island Office Address: Richmond County Civil Courthouse, 927 Castleton Avenue, 2nd Floor
 - Check schedule here:
<http://www.claronyc.org/claronyc/Staten%20Island/statenisland.html>
 - Call for schedule: 347-927-3417