



THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY COURT ACCESS PROGRAM (CCAP)

“ENSURING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR COURT USERS IN THE VIRTUAL COURT ERA AND BEYOND”

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WHAT WE DO

In partnership with your community, the New York State Unified Court System aims to provide access to you or any person seeking assistance with court matters. We want to help those who may not have access to a computer and/or the internet or are unable to get to the physical courthouse for any reason including transportation or childcare needs, or personal safety. The Community Court Access Program (CCAP) creates a friendly, safe, and secure space for you to get your court needs met, all within the comfort of your community.

COMMUNITY COURT ACCESS PROGRAM RESOURCES

- **Court Appearances**
Attend your virtual court appearances
- **Court Resources**
Get access to court resources and help
- **File Petitions**
Connect with court staff to help you file your petition
- **Legal Research**
Connect with a law librarian for help with legal research
- **Public Resources**
Get referrals to various resources that can help with housing, food assistance, mental health, domestic violence, additional legal services, and more.

COMMUNITY COURT ACCESS PROGRAM LOCATIONS



Riverview Missionary Baptist Church
11 Riverview Drive
Coeymans, NY 12045



Albany Public Library – Pine Hills Branch
517 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12208



Unity House – Hoosick Falls Armory
80 Church Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

COURT SYSTEM ASSISTANCE

- **1-800-Court NY (1-800-268-7869)** – call for general questions, suggestions, and court information – interpreters available.
- **Access Court Decisions Online**
<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/decisions/index.shtml>
- **Ask a Law Librarian** – connect with staff law librarians through text, email, or live chat
<http://www.askalawlibrarian.nycourts.gov/>
- **Attorney Directory** – search for attorneys registered in New York State
<https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/attorneyservices/search?2>
- **CourtHelp** – find the help you need to represent yourself, find addresses for all court facilities
<http://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp>
- **Court Interpreting Service**
<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/COURTINTERPRETER/index.shtml>
- **Document Delivery** – library material document delivery service
<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/document-service.shtml>
- **Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Court Forms** – prepare forms online that can be filed at a court
<http://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/diy/index.shtml>
- **Downloadable Court Forms** – download, complete, and file petitions at a court
<http://www.nycourts.gov/forms/index.shtml>
- **Help Center Locations** – free information about the law and court procedures
<https://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/GoingToCourt/helpCenters.shtml>
- **Public Access Law Libraries** – legal libraries open to the public
<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/publicaccess.shtml>
- **Statewide Law Library Catalog**
<http://www.ucsil.nycourts.gov/>

COMMUNITY COURT ACCESS PROGRAM HELP CENTER

Call us at: (518) 285-6165
Email us at: 3jdcommunitycourtaccess@nycourts.gov
Appointments can be made Monday – Friday
09:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Free Legal Answers

Connect with volunteer attorneys on civil matters

<https://ny.freelegalanswers.org/>

LawHelp Interactive

Helps you fill out court forms and other legal documents free

<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/>

LawHelpNY

Free legal information and attorney referrals

<http://lawhelpny.org/>

LEGAL RESOURCE GUIDE

• Albany County Bar Association Family Court Help Center

Helps unrepresented litigants with filling out pro se petitions and give brief legal advice related to those petitions

Counties - Albany

Services - Brief legal advice and assistance with paperwork for litigants handling a family law concern in Albany County Family Court. Direct representation is not offered.

Financial Eligibility - None

Contact Information:

acba@albanycountybar.com /
<https://www.albanycountybar.org/>

• Disability Rights New York

Provides free legal and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities

Counties - New York State

Services - Civil, non-criminal help to address legal barriers related to disability, including discrimination in housing, employment, education, healthcare, public benefits, community access, voting, vocational services, and assistive technology.

Financial Eligibility - None

Contact Information - 518-432-7861

<https://www.drny.org/index.php>

• Lawyer Referral Service - Albany County Bar Association

Offers guidance in connecting the public to paid attorneys

Counties - New York State Capital District

Services - This resource connects you to a potential attorney for hire.

Financial Eligibility - Potential attorneys are for hire.

Contact Information - 518-445-7691 Ext. 10

lrs@albanycountybar.com
<https://www.albanycountybar.org/>

• Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY

Providing free civil, non-criminal legal services to low-income people

Counties - Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, and more

Services - Civil, non-criminal cases including Domestic Violence, Housing, Public Benefits, Impact Advocacy, Immigration, Consumer and Disability issues.

Financial Eligibility - Basic income eligibility for Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York is 125% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines; some exceptions apply.

Contact Information - 1-833-628-0087

<https://www.lasnnny.org/>

• Legal Information for Families Today

LIFT provides legal and social service support to this involved in New York Family Court, free of charge. Se habla español.

Counties - Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster

Services - Child Support, Custody/Visitation, Domestic Violence

Financial Eligibility - None, services are free to anyone who may need them.

Contact Information - 212-343-1122

<https://www.liftonline.org/>

• Unity House's Law Project

Provides free legal consultation and representation to victims of domestic violence or any consumer who needs legal help

Counties - Rensselaer County and surrounding communities

Services - Community Resources, Career Planning, Housing and Support, Domestic Violence, A Child's Place, Law Project

Financial Eligibility - All programs and services have specific eligibility requirements

Contact Information - 518-274-2607

<https://www.unityhouseny.org/>

• The Legal Project

Providing civil legal services and supports for the most vulnerable people in our community, including the working poor, women, immigrants, and the LGBTQ community

Counties - All programs offered in Albany and Rensselaer. Some services offered in Columbia, Greene, and Schoharie

Services - Affordable Housing, Bankruptcy & Credit, Campus Violence, Crime Victims Assistance, Domestic Violence, Homeowner Protection, Human Trafficking Help, Immigration Program, Legal Clinics & Workshops, Small Business Network, Uncontested Divorce, Wills Program

Financial Eligibility - All programs and services have specific eligibility requirements

Contact Information - 518-435-1770

<https://legalproject.org/>

• Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

Provides free, high-quality civil legal services to poor and low-income individuals and families.

Counties - Sullivan, Ulster, and more

Services - Child Support, Community Support, Crime Victims, Disability Advocacy, Domestic Violence, Elder Law, HIV/AIDS, Housing, Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN), LGBTQ Legal Project, Public Benefits, Special Education, and Veterans / Military Families Advocacy

Financial Eligibility - Clients whose household incomes are 200% or below the Federal Poverty Level guidelines will typically qualify for services

Contact Information - 1-877-574-8529

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

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