# **SOUTH CAROLINA BAR**

S. C. Bar Lawyer Referral

Statewide 1-800-868-2284 Columbia 803-799-7100

Up to \$50.00 for the first half hour initial consultation, paid to lawyer

not the Service.

S. C. Bar CAP-Client Assistance Program

803-799-6653 x 142

Helps resolve client\attorney

complaints.

S. C. Bar Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection

803-799-6653 x 141

A fund to help clients when their attorney has been disbarred or suspended and has retained client

fund

S. C. Bar Fee Dispute

803-799-6653 x 163

Handles fee disputes between clients and attorneys and no charge

to clients

**ADR**—Mediators and Arbitrators are listed on the S. C. Bar web page. www.scbar.org

# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

http://www.sccourts.org

Office of Disciplinary Counsel **Commission on Lawyer Conduct** 

803-734-2038

Handles complaints against attorneys; call to request an initial form; same number for Judges. Complainant can send a letter with signature of person making the complaint.

Mail judicial complaint letter to:

The Commission on Judicial Conduct

1015 Sumter Street, Ste. 111 Columbia, S.C. 29201

The Commission on Lawyer Conduct

P.O. Box 12159

Columbia, S. C. 29211

# **LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME CLIENTS**

# **SC Legal Services**

www.sccej.org

Provides civil legal services to low income clients. Access the services by contacting L.A.T.I.S. first at 1-888-346-5592 or 803-744-9430 (Columbia)

## S. C. Bar Pro Bono Program

Tries to find attorneys who will handle civil issues for low income clients. Access the services by contacting L.A.T.I.S. first at 1--888-346-5592 or 803-744-9430 (Cola.). (referrals only, thru L.A.T.I.S. or S. C. Legal Services.)

# L.A.T.I. S. (Legal Aid Telephone Intake Service)

1-888-346-5592 803-744-9430 (Columbia area) Central intake and screening for all civil legal service; Mon-Thu 8:45 am-4:30 pm.; will determine financial and issue eligibility; conducts intake and makes referrals to the S. C. Legal Services and the S. C. Bar Pro Bono Program.

#### If served with civil pleadings contact the local centers (office)

Anderson Center	serves Anderson & Oconee	864-226-7216
		800-234-7216
Beaufort Center	serves Beaufort & Jasper	843-521-0623
		866-286-3677
Charleston Center	serves Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton	843-720-7044
	& Hampton	888-720-2320
Columbia Center	serves Richland, Fairfield, Newberry and Sumter	803-799-9668
		888-799-9668
Conway Center	serves Horry, Georgetown, Marion & Williamsburg	843-381-8182
		866-597-0100
Florence Center	serves Florence, Dillon, and Clarendon	843-413-9500
Greenville Center	serves Greenville and Pickens	864-679-3232
		800-763-4825
Greenwood Center	serves Greenwood, Abbeville, Edgefield & McCormick	864-223-4879
		800-922-3114

Hartsville Center	serves Darlington, Chesterfield, Kershaw, Lee & Marlboro	843-332-1162
		800-613-0438
Lexington Center	serves Lexington, Aiken and Saluda	803-359-4154
		800-280-1851
Orangeburg Center	serves Orangeburg, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, &	803-533-0116
	Calhoun	800-522-9354
Rock Hill Center	serves York, Chester & Lancaster	803-327-9001
		800-922-3853
Spartanburg Center	serves Spartanburg, Cherokee, Laurens, Union	864-582-0369
		800-922-8176
St. Helena Island Center serves Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper		843-838-5001
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center		803-779-1113

## **Charleston Pro Bono Project**

P.O. Drawer D

Charleston, SC 29402 Telephone: 843-723-6491 Provides civil legal services

for Charleston County

# LowCountry Legal Aid, Inc.

843-815-1570

www.lowcountrylegalaid.org

LowCountry Legal Aid engages community volunteers and retired attorneys in providing advice, education and legal representation to low-income families in Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton Counties.

#### **Catholic Charities**

www.Catholic-doc.org 803-929-1940 (Columbia) 843-388-0089 (Mt. Pleasant) Handles immigration issues for documented and undocumented

persons; staff speaks Spanish

# **Heirs's Property Preservation Project**

1-843-745-7055

Property rights issues for lowcountry residents.

# <u>LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME CLIENTS—CRIMINAL ISSUES</u>

Contact the Public Defender's Office in the county.

# **STATE AGENCIES**

Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Service 1-800-942-3425, 803-896-5555 http://www.daodas.state.sc.us./web/

**American Civil Liberties Union (S.C.)** 803-799-5151

**Attorney General's Office** 

http://www.scattorneygeneral.org/

General Information---803-734-3970 Youth Mentoring------803-734-3717 Domestic Violence----803-734-7135 Insurance Fraud------1-888-95-FRAUD Medicaid Fraud------1-888-662-4238

**Governor's Office** 

http://www.state.sc.us/governor 1-866-300-9333 803-734-2100

**Ombudsmen** 

803-734-0457

governor@govoepp.state.sc.us

Client Assistance Program 1-800-868-0040 1-803-734-0285 1-803-734-1147 TDD

S. C. Public Service Commission 1-800-922-1531, 803-896-5100 www.psc.sc.gov

S. C. Budget and Control Board <a href="http://www.bcb.sc.gov/BCB/BCB-index.phtm">http://www.bcb.sc.gov/BCB/BCB-index.phtm</a> 803-734-2320

S. C. Commission for the Blind http://www.sccb.state.sc.us/

Information on prevention, intervention, treatment and services and referrals to county offices.

Civil rights issues

Helps citizens with problems with state agencies.

Helps client of Voc. Rehab. and Commission for the Blind with rehabilitative services

Handles utilities disputes including gas, telephone, water and electric.

information on state job, doing business with S. C., data, state budget, state surplus material.

provides vocational rehabilitation, independent living and prevention

803-922-2222

of blindness, services for the blind.

#### S. C. Department of Consumers Affairs

http://www.scconsumer.gov

1-800-922-1594 803-734-4200 handles complaints from consumers about businesses.

## S. C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

http://www.state.sc.us./ddsn/

1-888-376-4636, 803-898-9600, 803-376-4636

## S. C. Department of Education

http://www.sde.state.sc.us/

803-734-8815, 803-734-8500

1-800-763-5437 (KIDS hotline-service for parents)

## S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DEHEC)

http://www.scdhec.net/

803-898-3432, 803-898-3300

1-800-277-4687 Immunization registry

1-800-768-3627 Migrant Health

1-800-868-0404 Prenatal Care

# S. C. Department of Insurance

www.doi.state.sc.us

information.

**Consumer Services** 

803-737-6160, 803-737-6212

803-737-6161

# S. C. Labor, Licensing & Regulation

http://www.llr.state.sc.us/

803-896-4300 (general #)

# **Division of Professional & Occupational Licensing Boards**

Accountancy Board	803-896-4492, 803-896-4770
Athletic Commission	803-896-4488
Auctioneers' Commission	803-896-4498
Barber Examiners Board	803-896-4491
Board of Cosmetology	803-896-4568
Foresters Board	803-896-4498
Bd. of Funeral Services	803-896-4497
Geologist Board	803-896-4498
Massage/Bodywork/Therapy	803-896-4490

**Building Codes & Related Services** 

Handles complaints about insurance fraud; has insurance

Building Codes Council	803-896-4688
Contractor's Licensing Board	803-896-4686
Manufactured Housing Board	803-896-4682
Residential Builders Commission	803-896-4696
<b>Health Related Professions</b>	803-896-4665
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	803-896-4587
Counselors/Marital & Family Ther.	803-896-4658
Occupational Therapy Board	803-896-4683
Opticianry Examiners Board	803-896-4681
Optometry Examiners Board	803-896-4679
Physical Therapy Examiners Board	803-896-4655
Podiatry Examiners Board	803-896-4353
Psychology Examiners Board	803-896-4662
Social Work Examiners Board	803-896-4662
Speech-Language Pathology Bd.	803-896-4650
Veterinary Medical Examiners Bd.	803-896-4598

# **Design, Environmental & Property Services**

Real Estate Appraisers	803-896-4400
Real Estate Commission	803-896-4400
Architectural Examiners Bd.	803-896-4408
Engineers & Land Surveyors Bd.	803-896-4422
Environmental Certification Bd.	803-896-4430
Pyrotechnic Safety Board	803-896-4420

# **Medically Related Professionals**

Bd. of Dentistry	803-896-4599
Bd. of Long Term Health Care	803-896-4544
Bd. of Medical Examiners	803-896-4353
Bd. of Nursing	803-896-4550
Bd. of Pharmacy	803-896-4700

# **Division of Labor**

Office of Wage & Child Labor 803-896-7756 enforces S.C. labor laws

OSHA Complaints 803-896-4300

(Forms and Filing) www.llr.state.sc.us/osha/index.asp

# S. C. Department of Revenue

http://www.sctax.org/default.htm

(Form request) 1-800-768-3676, 803-898-5000

#### S.C. Department of Social Services

http://www.state.sc.us/dss/contact/index/html

803-898-7601 (General information) 1-800-768-5700 (Client Services Hotline) provides children, family, adult services, child support enforcement and self sufficiency.

# Adoption and Birth Parent Services

1-800-922-1518 Charleston 1-800-868-6595 Greenville 1-888-711-7095 Columbia 1-800-922-9583 Lexington 1-800-922-1537 Rock Hill 1-800-763-6637 Florence

Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-422-4453

Child Support Enforcement Agency <a href="http://www.state.sc.us/dss/csed/index.html">http://www.state.sc.us/dss/csed/index.html</a>
1-800 768-5858
898-9210 if calling from Richland, Lexington

To report suspected abuse or neglect.

Almost all Child Support issues can be handled by this agency.

Establishes, modifies, collects child support.
Establishes paternity, locates parents. Services available for custodial and non custodial parents, on public assistance or not

#### **Visitation Involvement Program (VIP)**

Colleton, Fairfield, Kershaw, Richland Counties.

Colleton 843-549-1894 mcampbell@dss.state.sc.us

Fairfield, Kershaw & Richland 803-898-9350 1-800-768-5858 llcook@dss.state.sc.us

A visitation project including mediation to help establish a plan for access to children; provide information on how to apply to Family Court to enforce visitation order.

#### **Food Stamps (TANF)**

http://www.healthyhelpings.org/stamp\_app.htm 1-800-768-5700

## Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

1-800-922-4406

# S. C. Employment Security Commission

http://www.sces.org www.jobsearch.org 803-737-2588, 803-737-2617 jobs@sces.org 803-737-3071 ui@sces.org Seeking a job, unemployment benefits.

Jobs or training information

Unemployment insurance

# SC Guardian Ad Litem Program

803-734-1695 gal@govoepp.state.sc.us

Statewide program for volunteer guardians in abuse and neglect cases; handle complaints about complaints about volunteer guardians in DSS cases only-NOT in custody cases. Complaints about GAL in custody case should be directed to the attorney in the case or if an attorney, to the judge

Richland County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

1-803-576-1735

Volunteer GALs for Richland County

#### S. C. Human Affairs Commission

http://www.state.sc.us/schac/information@schac.state.sc.us
1-800-521-0725, 803-737-7800

## Handles employment

complaints based on discrimination, race, religion, age (40 and above), sex, national origin or disability; sexually harassed or discrimination because of pregnancy.

#### SLED-S. C. Law Enforcement Division

http://www.sled.state.sc.us./default.htm 1-803-737-9000

General information 24 hrs.

## S. C. Secretary of State

http://www.scsos.com/

803-734-2170 (General #) Registers corporations; regulates 803-734-1790 (charities) charitable solicitations; maintains

1-888-CHARITIcharity records.803-734-2158Corporations803-734-2119Notary Publics

#### S. C. State Election Commission

http://www.state.sc.us/scsec/

803-734-9060 Elections and voter registration

elections@scsec.state.sc.gov

#### S. C. State Ethics Commission

http://www.state.sc.us/ethics/index.html handles complaints about ethical violations of state officials,

campaign finance disclosure; lobbyist registration.

## S. C. State Housing & Finance Development Authority

http://www.sha.state.sc.us/

803-734-2000, 803-896-9001 administers state & federal low 803-896-9005 income housing programs.

S. C. State Office of Veterans' Affairs

provide client assistance to all

veterans: files claims for

<u>va@govoepp.state.sc.us</u> veterans; files claims for

803-734-0200 hospitilazation, training, insurance, Inc. Service to eligible dependents.

#### S.C. Victim Assistance

803-896-6500

803-734-1900 provide information, referral,

#### S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation

http://www.scvrd.net/index.htm

placement and services to those with

diagnosed mental or physical disability. Office in every county.

Provides evaluations, job training,

## S. C. Workers' Compensation Commission

http://www.wcc.state.sc.us/ 803-737-5700, 803-737-5744 administers the state's workers' compensation program monitors all claims & benefits, resolve disputes between injured workers, employers, and insurance carriers. Has extensive public information.

# **OTHER AGENCIES**

Auto Cap(S. C. Auto. Dealers Assn.)

803-254-4040 803-252-0205 Complaints & mediation against dealerships.

**Community Mediation Center** 

803-714-1178 (Columbia)

Helps individuals and organizations resolve conflict.

**Upstate Community Mediation Center** 

864-370-9771

www.upstatemediation.com

Greenville areas. Provides affordable mediation in SC Civil, Family, Common Pleas, Magistrates and **Probate Courts** 

**Consumer Credit Counseling** 

Columbia: 803-929-6666 1-800-223-9213

Columbia, Rock Hill, Florence, Shaw AFB, Orangeburg, Sumter and Camden.

Fort Jackson: 803-751-5256

A sliding scale service, evaluates consumer debt, teaches debt management and works with creditors to lower rates and Consolidate debt.

**Help Line** 

Columbia 221 803-929-1000 Beaufort---843-524-Help (524-4357) Hilton Head & Bluffton (843-686-Help) (686-4357)

Information and referral hotline that links people with services to meet their needs.

#### **Medicare Questions**

1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) www.cmc.hhs.gov/medicare/

#### **National Fraud Information Center**

www.fraud.org (800)876-7060

### Palmetto Aids Life Support (PALSS)

www.palss.org 1-800-922-7319

#### **Phonebusters**

888-495-8501

S. C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA)

http://www.sccadvasa.org 1-800-799-SAFE (799-7233)

**Small Business Administration (SBA)** 

S. C. District Office 803-765-5377

**SCORE** (Service Core of Retired People)

Norman Paige, State Director Columbia S. C. (803-253-3124) Email: mnvpaige@aol.com

Midlands SCORE Chapter 0230 Strom Thurmond Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Rm. 358 Columbia, S. C. 29201

Phone: 803-765-5131 Fax: 803-765-5962

Email: info@scoremidlands.org/

internet fraud

investigates telemarketing games\prizes, advance fee loan schemes, credit card fees and other frauds.

A consortium of organizations serving the community in all areas of domestic violence.

Business start up assistance

A non-profit association providing free counseling and low-cost workshops to the small business community. A resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Piedmont SCORE Chapter 0232 Federal Building, Room. B-31 300 W. Washington St Greenville, S. C. 29601 Phone: 864-271-3638

Email: info@piedmontscore.org

Coastal SCORE Chapter 0285

2750 Speisseger Dr.

N. Charleston, S. C. 29405 Phone: 843-727-4778 Fax: 843-723-4853

Email: <a href="https://www.score285.org/">www.score285.org/</a>

Hilton Head SCORE P.O. Box 5647

Hilton Head, S. C. 29938 Phone: 843-785-7107

FAX: 843-785-7110 Email: info@clcscore.org

Sister Care, Inc.

1-803-765-9428 Columbia 1-800-637-7606 (hotline) www.sistercare.com

CASA

803-531-6211 803-531-6211

**Social Security Administration** 

1-800-772-1213 (National) 1-803-929-7635 (Columbia)

www.ssa.gov

S. C. Protection & Advocacy For Disabled Persons

www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org 1-866-275-7273

**United States Dept. of Veterans Affairs** 

1-800-827-1000 (benefits) 1-800-669-8477 (life insurane) 1-800-827-0648 (debt management) 1-800-829-4833 (deaf) Grand Strand SCORE Chapter 0381

P.O. Box 2468

Myrtle Beach, S. C. 29577 Phone: 843-918-1079 Fax: 843-918-1538

Email: <u>info@mbscore.org</u> www.mbscore.org

Aiken: 803-641-1111 Anderson: 864-224-0453 Columbia: 803-765-5131

shelter for abused and battered women & children (at the hotline #, they) (can give #'s to shelters)

(all over the state)

Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center

Statewide organization that handles complaints and compliance issues for physically and mentally disabled persons, including school, employment, and access issues. Have many free publications.

administers benefits & services for eligible veterans and their families

**Veterans Affairs** (South Carolina) 803-734-0200 www.govoepp.state.sc.us/vetaff.htm

# **United Way of the Midlands**

803-733-5400 211 (crisis\referral line) 1-800-892-9211 933-9857

plan, support, deliver, and monitor human service programs

# **United Way of South Carolina**

803-252-9101

Victim Assistance 803-734-1900 www.govoepp.state.sc.us/sova provides assistance to Communities in an effort to address human care issue