

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 Arbiters are listed on the S. C. Bar web page. www.sctbar.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 & Hampton	843-720-7044 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, & Calhoun	803-533-0116 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.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME CLIENTS—CRIMINAL ISSUES

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/>

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

American Civil Liberties Union (S.C.)

803-799-5151

Civil rights issues

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

Helps citizens with problems with state agencies.

Client Assistance Program

1-800-868-0040

1-803-734-0285

1-803-734-1147 TDD

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

S. C. Public Service Commission

1-800-922-1531, 803-896-5100

www.psc.sc.gov

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

S. C. Budget and Control Board

<http://www.bcb.sc.gov/BCB/BCB-index.phtm>

803-734-2320

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

S. C. Commission for the Blind

<http://www.sccb.state.sc.us/>

provides vocational rehabilitation, independent living and prevention

803-922-2222

of blindness, services for the blind.

S. C. Department of Consumers Affairs

<http://www.sconsumer.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

Handles complaints about insurance fraud; has insurance

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

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

Health Related Professions	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
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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

To report suspected abuse or neglect.

Child Support Enforcement Agency

<http://www.state.sc.us/dss/csed/index.html>

1-800 768-5858
898-9210 if calling from Richland, Lexington

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@govoep.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 #)

803-734-1790 (charities)

1-888-CHARITI

803-734-2158

803-734-2119

Registers corporations; regulates charitable solicitations; maintains charity records.

Corporations

Notary 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>

1-803-253-4192

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

803-896-9005

administers state & federal low income housing programs.

S. C. State Office of Veterans' Affairs

va@govoepp.state.sc.us

803-734-0200

provide client assistance to all veterans; files claims for hospitalization, training, insurance, Inc. Service to eligible dependents.

S.C. Victim Assistance

803-734-1900

provide information, referral,

S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation

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

803-896-6500

Provides evaluations, job training, placement and services to those with diagnosed mental or physical disability. Office in every county.

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

internet fraud

Palmetto Aids Life Support (PALSS)

www.palss.org

1-800-922-7319

Phonebusters

888-495-8501

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

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

<http://www.sccadvasa.org>

1-800-799-SAFE (799-7233)

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

Small Business Administration (SBA)

S. C. District Office 803-765-5377

Business start up assistance

SCORE (Service Core of Retired People)

Norman Paige, State Director

Columbia S. C. (803-253-3124)

Email: mnvpaige@aol.com

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.

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/

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 Speissegger Dr.
N. Charleston, S. C. 29405
Phone: 843-727-4778
Fax: 843-723-4853
Email: www.score285.org/

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 insurance)
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: info@mbscore.org
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.govoep.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

provides assistance to
Communities in an effort to
address human care issue

Victim Assistance

803-734-1900
www.govoep.state.sc.us/sova