



The University of Texas at Austin  
**Domestic Violence Clinic**  
School of Law

## OTHER RESOURCES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-FEE LEGAL SERVICES IN THE AUSTIN AREA

### Information Resources:

1. TexasLawHelp.org  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/family-divorce-children>  
The Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Access to Justice Commission worked together to create forms and instructions for divorces and custody matters. Includes videos, instructions, and forms. This information can help you to understand the divorce process and know what to expect.
2. The Travis County Law Library  
<http://traviscountylawlibrary.org/>  
Offers information about the steps in a divorce and forms that you can use by phone, email, or live chat. Sign up for a Case Review with a law librarian.

### Free legal services:

1. Travis County Attorney Protective Order Division  
(512) 854-4163  
<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/county-attorney/family-violence/obtaining-po>  
Immediate assistance to obtain a protective order and it is FREE. Travis County Attorney's Office, Ned Granger Admin. Building, 314 West 11th Street, Third Floor, Austin, Texas 78701. Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
2. SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone) Available 24 hrs.  
(512) 267-7233, [www.safeaustin.org](http://www.safeaustin.org)  
*Other options: text (737) 888-7233 or chat online at [safeaustin.org/chat](http://safeaustin.org/chat)*  
Assistance to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, including confidential rape kit testing, protective orders, shelter, counseling, and referrals to free and reduced rate legal assistance.
3. LASSA (Legal Assistance for Survivors of Sexual Assault)  
(844) 303-7233 option 1, <https://www.tlsc.org/lassa>  
Attorneys answer all calls to advise about legal options to address your needs, including safety, privacy, access to health services, immigration issues, and family arrangements. Callers can remain anonymous, and it does not matter if a police report was made. LASSA

stands with all survivors, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, in their pursuit of safety and justice.

4. Texas Access to Justice (TAJ) Hotline  
(833) 329-8752

Call for help to apply for Legal Aid. The hotline can help you find out if you are eligible for free legal services from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid and assist you with the application for Legal Aid. Call 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

5. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.  
(956) 996-8752, [www.trla.org](http://www.trla.org)

Free legal services to low-income residents. For help with family law matters, call Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

6. Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas  
(512) 476-5550, [www.vlsoct.org](http://www.vlsoct.org)

For family law matters, the [online application](#) opens on Mondays at 9:00 am and closes when full. [www.vlsoct.org/get-help/](http://www.vlsoct.org/get-help/) To apply at in-person clinic at the Austin Public Library, see attached page.

7. Texas Advocacy Project  
(800) 374-HOPE, <https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org>

Free legal services to survivors of family and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Texas. Call or apply for legal services online.

8. Texas Legal Services Center  
<https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org>

Free legal services to underserved people across Texas. Apply for legal services online.

#### **Reduced Fee legal services:**

Lawyers' Referral Service

(512) 472-8303, <https://austinlrs.com>

Modest Means Program: A reduced fee program (*not free*) for simple family law issues. You must be screened for income eligibility. If an attorney referral is made, the lawyer will re-screen for eligibility.

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#### **ASSISTED PRO SE: (*Pro Se means "to act on your own behalf"*)**

*Lawyers help with forms and documents. You appear in court on your own. Getting this type of help can be faster.*

### **Free assisted pro se legal services:**

1. The Texas Advocacy Project Assisted Pro Se Program  
(800) 374-HOPE, <https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/free-legal-services/support-representing-yourself>

This FREE program offers help to prepare legal documents for divorces, protective orders, modifications, and related matters. The client attends court on their own. Call (800) 374-HOPE (4673) or apply online.

2. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Assisted Pro Se Program  
(956) 996-8752, [www.trla.org](http://www.trla.org)

Provides FREE legal services to low-income clients who need help to pursue their family law case on their own. Call Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and tell them you are seeking 'pro se' assistance.

3. Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas  
(512) 476-5550, <http://www.vlsoct.org>

FREE assistance. When you apply, let them know you are seeking pro se assistance. The online application opens on Mondays at 9:00 am and closes when full. [www.vlsoct.org/get-help/](http://www.vlsoct.org/get-help/)

### **Reduced Fee assisted pro se legal services**

4. Lawyer Referral Service Limited Scope Family Law Program  
(512) 472-8303, <https://austinlrs.com>

This is a reduced-free program (not free) for Do-It-Yourself family law. If you are representing yourself with a family law case, lawyers can be hired to assist in a limited way. They can help with: Coaching, Reviewing documents, Discovery, Representing you in single hearings. This program is not free, but you pay for the single tasks the attorney performs at their hourly rate—this is much less than paying attorney fees for the whole case.