



Legal Aid Services of Oregon

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Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO) is a statewide non-profit organization. LASO gives free legal help to thousands of low-income clients throughout the state in local offices and through free, specialized hotlines. LASO's mission is to achieve justice for the low-income communities of Oregon by providing a full range of the highest quality civil legal services.

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Rachael Federico and Rachel Hungerford are supervising and managing attorneys with the Salem Regional Office.

In addition to their trial and administrative law experience, they have appeared in state-level appellate cases. You may make appellate referrals to these attorneys, regardless of the county where the case was initially heard, using the attached Appellate Referral for Civil and Administrative Law cases form.

General Services

Local LASO offices help with the following case types:

- Family law cases involving domestic violence, including protective orders and custody;
- Housing law, including habitability, housing discrimination/Fair Housing Act violations, reasonable accommodation requests, and evictions;
- Public benefits law, including SNAP (food stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Oregon Health Plan (OHP), and unemployment insurance benefits;
- Senior law, including protective orders, long-term care involuntary move-outs, and state denials of Medicaid coverage;
- Consumer law, including unlawful debt collection and bankruptcy; and,
- Employment law, including unpaid wages and discrimination.

Those general categories do not describe all case types that are accepted for representation. For example, some offices are also offering assistance with federal § 1983 claims, expungements, court-fee-related debt relief, and education-related cases including student discipline. Not all offices help with each of these discrete legal issues. If in doubt, contact your local office before making a case referral.

Below is additional information about LASO's statewide programs for low-income Oregonians:

LASO's Farmworker Program helps agricultural workers throughout Oregon with employment, housing, civil rights, and other legal issues. Individuals can reach the program at 1-800-662-6096 and apply for services.

LASO's Native American Program (NAPOLS) provides statewide legal services to low-income Indian people and tribes, with an emphasis on tribal representation and impact work. Individuals can reach the program at 503-223-9483 and apply for services.

LASO's Statewide Tax Clinic helps Oregonians resolve disputes with the IRS and related Department of Revenue matters, including settling tax debt through the Offer In Compromise process, installment agreements or hardship requests, representation in tax audits and in U.S. Tax Court, help with worker classification issues, assistance in applying for innocent or injured spouse relief, and more. Individuals can reach the program at 1-888-610-8764 and apply for services.

LASO's Public Benefit Hotline is run by Legal Aid and Oregon Law Center attorneys and is available to provide statewide legal advice to qualifying low-income callers on a variety of public benefits issues, including unemployment benefits, Medicaid/OHP/coordinated-care coverage, SSI/SSDI, TANF, SNAP, intentional program violation cases, and a variety of contested administrative hearings, among others. Individuals can reach the hotline at 1-800-520-5292 during the designated hotline hours.

LASO's Wildfire Disaster Relief Program and Hotline is run by Legal Aid and assists low-income Oregonians who were impacted by wildfires. The program provides free legal assistance on many wildfire related legal issues, including denials of FEMA assistance. Individuals can reach the hotline at 1-844-944-2428 during the designated hotline hours or find resources online at <https://oregondisasterlegalservices.org/about-the-team/>.

Pro Bono Opportunities: Legal aid offices throughout the state offer pro bono opportunities for private attorneys. For a list of LASO's pro bono programs, please visit www.oregonadvocates.org.

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APPELLATE REFERRAL FOR CIVIL & ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CASES

Name of Referring Attorney: _____

Referring Attorney's Telephone No.: _____

Referring Attorney's Email: _____

Case Title: _____

Case Number: _____

Date of Final Order or Judgment: _____

Notice of Appeal Filed?: _____ Yes _____ No

Pending Deadlines: _____

Propose LASO Represent: _____ Appellant _____ Respondent _____ Amicus

Appeal to: _____ Oregon Court of Appeals _____ Oregon Supreme Court

1. Describe case type and legal error: _____

2. Preserved? _____ Yes _____ No

3. Low-income client? _____ Yes _____ No

4. Client consented to referral? _____ Yes _____ No

5. Client's name and contact information: _____
