## Legal Assistance & Advocacy

## **Civil Legal Services**

The core component of Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV) is the Civil Legal Services program, which provides free legal advice and representation for vulnerable people across the state.

Individuals seeking civil legal aid from LAWV generally must meet income guidelines, established by the federal government, and legal issues must fall into general priority areas.

The types of legal cases LAWV typically handles are those affecting safety, livelihood, access to benefits, and other basic life needs. These include, but are not limited to:

- Protection from domestic violence
- Divorce and family law
- Access to government benefits, including veteran's benefits, Medicaid, food stamps, unemployment compensation and others
  - Consumer protection
  - Housing disputes
  - Access to healthcare

and education

Cases they typically do not handle include:

- Criminal law cases
- Personal injury/automobile accident
  - Medical malpractice
  - Class action lawsuits
- Cases for individuals who do not meet income

guidelines set by the federal government

## **West Virginia Senior Legal Aid Inc.**

Quality legal services are critical to seniors to protect their homes, income security, access

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