



Legal Services for People Over 60

Aging Partners contracts with the Buford Law Office to provide legal counseling and representation to individuals age 60 and older, with limited income, limited resources who are living in Lancaster County. Buford Law also does limited legal services in our seven other counties.

Mary Wilson, elderlaw attorney, will address legal questions by phone, or by appointment in her clinic once a week; each session will be 30 minutes. Mrs. Wilson is limited in the types of cases she can address and whom she can represent.

For people whose income or assets exceed the guidelines, the attorney will provide a one-time legal consult for information purposes and a referral to an appropriate legal representative.

Mary Wilson cannot and will not accept “fee generating cases,” criminal cases or cases that could result in a fee for legal services from an award to a client, from public funds, or from the opposing party.

Cases that can be handled by our legal services program include:

- **Consumer Fraud**
- **Debt Collection** - When there is a meritorious defense, when a repayment agreement is possible, or when assets are subject to attachment or garnishment.
- **Health Care** - Including patients' rights, health care powers of attorney, and living wills.
- **Public Housing** - Housing and essential services, including but not limited to tenant's rights, and utilities.
- **Public Benefits** - Including but not limited to Social Security, Veterans' benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, and Medicare
- **Spousal Impoverishment**
- **Wills, Powers of Attorney**

To help determine if you are eligible for this service, you will be asked to provide information about your financial circumstances and the nature of your legal concern.

Monthly gross income limits:

Individual: \$1,362
Couple: \$1,839

Asset Limits: (excludes principal residence)

Individual: \$12,000
Couple: \$24,000

The following programs also provide legal representation and advice to individuals based on age and income:

- **Legal Aid of Nebraska**
941 “O” St., Suite 825
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 435-2161
Application call: (877) 250-2016
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fridays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
nebls.com

Free legal advice, counseling and representation in civil matters. Income guidelines apply.

Must be under 60 years of age.

Monthly gross income limits:

Individual: \$1,135
Couple: \$1,532

- **ElderAccessLine**
(800) 527-7249
Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9 a.m - 12 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs., 12 - 3 p.m.

Free legal advice, resources and brief services for persons 60 and older.

Area covered: Butler, Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer and York counties.

- **Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law**

941 "O" St., Suite 105
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 438-8853
neequaljustice.org
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A non-profit, non-partisan law project that is committed to equal justice for all Nebraskans receiving public benefits.

Area covered: Statewide

- **Nebraska Advocacy Services, Inc.**

134 S.13 St., #600
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: (402) 474-3183
or (800) 422-6691

nebraskaadvocacyservices.org
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This agency is a statewide protection and advocacy system representing the rights and interests of people with mental and physical disabilities. Information, referral, investigation, negotiation and legal representation are provided.

- **Civil Clinical Law Program**

University of Nebraska Law College
172 Welpton Court Room
42nd & Fair St., Lincoln, NE 68583
(402) 472-3271
law.unl.edu/clinic.html
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Civil Clinical Law Program is closed during the winter class break (Christmas - New Year).

Free legal representation is provided in certain types of civil legal cases only by certified senior law students.

Monthly gross income limits:

Individual: \$1,135
Couple: \$1,532

Resources: Generally \$5,000 maximum cash resources per individual; some exceptions apply.

There is a one time \$15 administrative fee charged to each individual case.

Area covered: Butler, Fillmore, Lancaster, Polk, Saline, Saunders, Seward, and York counties.

- **Nebraska State Bar Association**

The Volunteer Lawyers Project
P.O. Box 81809
Lincoln, NE 68501-1809
(402) 475-7091 or (800) 742-3005
nebar.com
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Volunteer Lawyers Project and referral program is a statewide program providing assistance to individuals who need to obtain legal representation in civil matters. The program will attempt to aid any individual seeking a private attorney, regardless of income. Spanish language is available.

This fact sheet is distributed to help you obtain useful information regarding available community services and is not an inclusive list of providers. The information is subject to change following publication.