List of Louisiana Legal Resources

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) has a directory of Louisiana attorneys on their website by name and location: https://www.lsba.org/Public/MembershipDirectory.aspx. You can also call the toll-free number for assistance finding an attorney: (800) 421-5722.

- Some cities have local bar associations that you can contact for a referral:
  - New Orleans Bar Association: 504-561-8828 - www.neworleansbar.org
  - Shreveport Bar Association: 318-222-3643 - www.shreveportbar.com
- LSBA also has a Modest Means Directory which provides contact information of attorneys who charge reduced rates or charge less because they represent someone for just part, and not all, of a case: https://www.lsba.org/Public/FindLegalHelp/ModestMeans.aspx

Criminal Cases

The Innocence Project of New Orleans is a non-profit law office providing investigation and representation for innocent prisoners serving life sentences in Louisiana. They do not accept inquiries or applications over the phone or via email. Applications must be mailed to their office – more details on website: https://ip-no.org/.

- For those imprisoned in the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, ask an Inmate Counsel Substitute for an application form. Inmate Counsel Substitutes are trained in the IPNO application process and can make sure applications contain all the information we need to screen his case.
- For those at other prisons, send a letter to IPNO requesting an application form:
  - Case Manager, Innocence Project New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Public Defenders are attorneys appointed to your case only if the judge decides that you don’t have the money to hire a private attorney.

If the public defender someone is looking for is not one of the three larger offices below, go to the following website and look up the applicable parish the caller needs: https://lpdb.la.gov/index/index.php.

- Orleans Public Defenders Office – 504-821-8101
- Jefferson Public Defenders Office – 504-364-2820
- Caddo Parish Public Defenders Office -- 318-221-2220

The Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center is a non-profit organization that advocates for criminal justice reform, including cases related to solitary confinement, retaliation, police misconduct, over-detention, and jail and prison conditions.

www.macarthurjustice.org | (504) 620-2259 | 4400 S. Carrolton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119

Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights (LCCR) is a non-profit law office that defends young people in Louisiana’s justice system through direct representation and policy advocacy.
CIVIL CASES

The Pro Bono Project pairs clients with a volunteer lawyer who will help them resolve civil legal issues. Call 504-581-4043 or visit their website for their application process http://probono-no.org/how-to-get-help.

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services provide free, civil legal aid to low-income people throughout Louisiana on a wide range of civil suit issues, including domestic violence and housing rights. They have offices in Baton Rouge, Covington, Houma, New Orleans, Hammond, and Harvey. Visit their website for contact information for any of their six offices, or to apply online for assistance: https://slls.org/get-help/client-services/.

American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana works to advance and preserve civil rights in Louisiana, including those relating to prison conditions. Contact them at 504-522-0617 for more information, or visit their website https://www.laaclu.org/.

RE-ENTRY SERVICES

The First 72+ provides support for formerly incarcerated individuals in the first three days following their release from prison, including a ride home, clothes, food, rides to social services offices to get state identification, social security cards, enrollment in public benefits, visits with parole/probation, and healthcare.

Justice & Accountability Center of Louisiana (JAC) is a non-profit organization that provides programs and support for re-entry, including expungement.

Operation Restoration is a non-profit organization that supports women and girls affected by incarceration through policy advocacy and re-entry services such as case management, transportation assistance, childcare, mentorship, tutoring, and clothing.

The case management number is (504) 494-1913 and the intake form for case management services can be found here.

ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Reform Coalition (EBRPPRC) is a community coalition that seeks to reform inhumane and deadly conditions at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.
**Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition (OPPRC)** is a coalition of individuals and organizations that aims to reduce the size of the Orleans Parish Prison and improve conditions of confinement for those held in Orleans Parish.

[www.opprcnola.org](http://www.opprcnola.org) | (504) 264-2189 | [sdumas@opprcnola.org](mailto:sdumas@opprcnola.org) | 1226 N Broad St, New Orleans, LA 70119

**Vera Institute of Justice, New Orleans** is a national organization that works to improve justice systems and address mass incarceration, racial disparities, and injustices.

[www.vera.org](http://www.vera.org) | (504) 312-4516 | [nolaoffice@vera.org](mailto:nolaoffice@vera.org) | 1307 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, Suite 203, New Orleans, LA 70113