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## Intake Referral Directory

The Louisiana Bar Association (LSBA) offers a directory of Louisiana attorneys listed by name and location.

General Louisiana State Bar Association Hotline	Local Bar Association Contact Information
Contact information: Online: LSBA directory of Louisiana attorneys (800) 421-5722	Baton Rouge: (225) 344-9926 Lafayette: (337) 237-4700 New Orleans: (504) 561-8828 Shreveport: (318) 222-3643

The LSBA Modest Means Directory (<https://www.lsba.org/Public/FindLegalHelp/ModestMeans.aspx>) 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. This directory can be searched online at the LSBA directory.

### Criminal

#### Defender Services Program

DSP is the social services and outreach division of the Orleans Public Defenders. Its purpose is to offer holistic, community oriented representation and a range of supplemental legal/social services to clients of the Public Defenders. DSP social workers can do the following (but is not limited to): Client Case Histories-contextualization of criminal allegation in relation to disabilities, diagnoses, and/or addictions; Biophysical Assessments- detailed analytical view of biological, psychological, and social influences; Client Crisis Intervention; Brief-Counseling Sessions; Court Testimony; and Pre-Pleading Investigations.

Defender Services Program/Orleans Public Defenders, 2601 Tulane Avenue, Suite 700, New Orleans, LA 70119	(504) 821-8101 <a href="http://www.opdla.org">www.opdla.org</a>
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#### Louisiana Appleseed

Promotes fairness and equity in Louisiana's criminal and civil courts by representing individuals who cannot afford an attorney via Access to Justice Program.

Louisiana Appleseed, 1615 Poydras Street Suite 1000, New Orleans, LA 70112	(504) 561-7312
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#### Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

LCCR is a nonprofit law office that defends young people in Louisiana's justice system through direct representation and policy advocacy.

(504) 658-6860	<a href="http://www.lakidsrights.org">www.lakidsrights.org</a>
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#### Innocence Project of New Orleans

A non-profit law office providing investigation and representation for innocent prisoners serving life sentences in Louisiana. Applications will not be accepted by phone or via email and must be mailed. For those at Angola: ask an Inmate Counsel Substitute for an application form, and assistance completing the form if needed.

Innocence Project of New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA 70119
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#### Public Defenders Offices

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

Orleans Parish (504) 821-8101  
Jefferson Parish (504) 364-2820  
Caddo Parish (318) 221-2220

**\*\*Look up a Public Defender by parish online using this link\*\***  
<https://lpdb.la.gov/index/index.php>

## Advocacy

### The Promise of Justice Initiative

PJI is a nonprofit organization that advocates for criminal justice reform, civil rights protections, the abolition of the death penalty, and other excessive inhumane punishments. PJI works alongside impacted folks seeking fair and just treatment under the law.

Promise of Justice Initiative, 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117

(504) 529-5955

### 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.

Reverend Alexis Anderson (224) 281-8496

[www.EBRPPRC.com](http://www.EBRPPRC.com)

### Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition

OPPRC is a coalition of individuals and organizations that aims to reduce the size of Orleans Parish Prison and improve conditions of confinement for those held at OPP.

Sade Dumas (504) 264-2189

Sade Dumas [SDumas@opprenola.org](mailto:SDumas@opprenola.org)

### Vera Institute of Justice, New Orleans

A national organization that works to improve justice systems and address mass incarceration, racial disparities, and injustices.

(504) 312-4516

[Nolaoffice@vera.org](mailto:Nolaoffice@vera.org)

## Civil

### American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana

The ACLU of Louisiana works to advance and preserve civil rights, including those relating to prison conditions. **\*\*First amendment and solitary confinement cases only\*\***

(504) 522-0617

[www.laclu.org](http://www.laclu.org)

### The Pro Bono Project

The Pro Bono Project will pair clients with a volunteer lawyer who will help them resolve civil legal issues.

(504) 581-4043

[intake@probono-no.org](mailto:intake@probono-no.org)

### The Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center

A nonprofit organization that advocates for criminal justice reform, including cases related to solitary confinement, retaliation, police misconduct, over detention, and jail and prison conditions.

(504) 620-2259

[www.macarthurjustice.org](http://www.macarthurjustice.org)

### **Southeast Louisiana Legal Services**

Provides 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, Hammond, Harvey, Houma, and New Orleans.

Regional offices in Baton Rouge, Covington, Gretna, Hammond, Houma, New Orleans, & St. Charles Parish. Contact information for each office: <a href="https://slls.org/contact-us/">https://slls.org/contact-us/</a>	SLLS COVID-19 Legal Aid Hotline: 1-844-244-7871
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### **Southern Poverty Law Center**

SPLC works to reform the criminal justice and immigration enforcement systems so they operate fairly and equitably. Ensuring that prisoners are not subjected to unconstitutional, inhumane conditions and that they receive proper medical and mental health care. Seeking to stop the prosecution of children in the adult criminal justice system and their incarceration in adult prisons and jails. Advocating for rational policies and laws that keep communities safe while vastly shrinking the prison population and reducing the social and economic impact of mass incarceration on vulnerable communities.

Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Ave, Montgomery, AL 36104 <b>**do not send original document by mail – they will not be able to return them**</b>	(334) 956-8200 Toll-Free at (888) 414-7752
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## **Re-entry**

### **The First 72+**

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.

(504) 324-8859	<a href="mailto:Info@first72plus.org">Info@first72plus.org</a>
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### **The Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana**

Promotes access to justice through legal services and related community education. JAC’s legal services ensures expungements are available on a regular basis to those who have had contact with the criminal justice system.

Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana, 4035 Washington Avenue, Suite 203, New Orleans, LA 70125	(504) 322-4050 <a href="mailto:Info@JACLouisiana.org">Info@JACLouisiana.org</a>
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### **Voice of the Experienced (VOTE)**

VOTE is made up of a growing network of currently incarcerated people, formerly incarcerated people and their loved ones. To help people with convictions achieve real rehabilitation and reentry VOTE addresses these specific rights: crime survivor’s rights; employment rights; housing rights; medical rights; and voting rights.

Voice of the Experienced, PO Box 13622, New Orleans, LA 70185	(504) 571-9599 <a href="mailto:admin@vote-nola.org">admin@vote-nola.org</a>
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## Louisiana Law School Clinics

### Louisiana State University

- **Wrongful Conviction-** Assists life-sentenced, potentially innocent incarcerated clients with investigating and litigating applications for post-conviction DNA testing.

Robert E. Lancaster / (225) 578-8262
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Robert E. Lancaster / <a href="mailto:RLancast@lsu.edu">RLancast@lsu.edu</a>
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### Loyola University

- **Criminal Defense -** Represent clients at all levels of the criminal justice system.

Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice, Loyola University College of Law, 7214 St. Charles Ave, Box 902, New Orleans, LA 70118
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(504) 861-5590
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### Tulane University

- **Women's Prison Project-** Individual representation from pre-trial to post-conviction, parole, and clemency proceedings.

Kesana B. Durand, Esq. Women's Prison Project, Tulane University Law School Domestic Violence Clinic, 6329 Freret St, New Orleans, LA 70118
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(504) 247-1958
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- **Parole Opportunity Project-** Provides representation to any person incarcerated in Louisiana who is eligible for parole.

Katherine Mattes/ (504) 865-5155
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Kathrine Mattes/ <a href="mailto:KMattes@Tulane.edu">KMattes@Tulane.edu</a>
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- **Tulane Immigrants' Rights Law Clinic -** Students in the Immigrants' Rights Law Clinic represent detainees, migrant workers, children and other immigrants with critical legal needs working through the U.S. Immigration system.

Laila Hlass/ (504) 862-8815
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Laila Hlass/ <a href="mailto:LHlass@Tulane.edu">LHlass@Tulane.edu</a>
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## Online Legal Resources for People who are Incarcerated

### Post-conviction remedies

- Louisiana Uniform Application for Post-Conviction Relief: [www.lasc.org/rules/supreme/appA.pdf](http://www.lasc.org/rules/supreme/appA.pdf)
- Louisiana Judicial College December 2015 Training Materials on Post-Conviction Basics: [lajudicialcollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/PCR-materials-updated-12.11.15.pdf](http://lajudicialcollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/PCR-materials-updated-12.11.15.pdf)
- Louisiana Supreme Court Rules for Litigation Filed by Inmates: [www.lasc.org/rules/dist.ct/TitleVI.asp](http://www.lasc.org/rules/dist.ct/TitleVI.asp)
- *A Jailhouse Lawyers Manual*, published by Columbia Human Rights Law Review: [jlm.law.columbia.edu/viewpreviousused](http://jlm.law.columbia.edu/viewpreviousused)
- Innocence Project: [ip-no.org](http://ip-no.org)

### To view Federal and State Constitution OR look up Federal and State case information

- You can view the **Louisiana constitution, codes, and statutes** for free online at [legis.la.gov](http://legis.la.gov). Click on "Laws" and either enter a citation, search by keyword, or browse the Table of Contents.

- You can view the **federal constitution, codes, and statutes** for free online at [govinfo.gov](http://govinfo.gov). You can search by keyword or choose the specific law you wish to view under "Advanced."
- You can view **state and federal court cases** for free online at [scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com). Click on "Case Law" and enter your citation or case name.
- If you can't find the law you are looking for or need further assistance, call us at 504-310-2400 or toll-free in Louisiana only at 800-820-3038 or email [library@lasc.org](mailto:library@lasc.org).

### Civil Rights Violations in Prisons

- Louisiana Supreme Court Rules for Litigation Filed by Inmates: [www.lasc.org/rules/dist.ct/TitleVI.asp](http://www.lasc.org/rules/dist.ct/TitleVI.asp)
- *Jailhouse Lawyers Manual*, published by Columbia Human Rights Law Review: [jlm.law.columbia.edu/viewprevious](http://jlm.law.columbia.edu/viewprevious)
- *Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook*, published by Center for Constitutional Rights and National Lawyers Guild: [jailouselaw.org](http://jailouselaw.org)
- ACLU National Prison Project: [www.aclu.org/issues/prisoners-rights](http://www.aclu.org/issues/prisoners-rights)
- ACLU of Louisiana: [www.laclu.org/en/issues/prisoners-rights](http://www.laclu.org/en/issues/prisoners-rights)
- Southern Center for Human Rights: [www.schr.org/our-work/prisons-jails](http://www.schr.org/our-work/prisons-jails)
- Prison Activist Resource Center: [www.prisonactivist.org/resources](http://www.prisonactivist.org/resources)

### United States District Court Pro Se Writ Assistance

	Western District of Louisiana	Middle District of Louisiana	Eastern District of Louisiana
Pro Se Writ Resources	<a href="https://www.lawd.uscourts.gov/filing-without-attorney">https://www.lawd.uscourts.gov/filing-without-attorney</a>	<a href="https://www.lamd.uscourts.gov/pro-se-filing-without-attorney-0">https://www.lamd.uscourts.gov/pro-se-filing-without-attorney-0</a>	Pro Se Desk: 504-589-7714 Connie Kelly: 504-589-7751 Wayne Parker: 504-589-7751 Brad Newell, Supervisor: 504-589-7689

### Parole

- Louisiana Parole and Pardon Board Policies: [doc.louisiana.gov/parole-and-pardon-board-policies](http://doc.louisiana.gov/parole-and-pardon-board-policies)
- Louisiana Supreme Court Rules for Litigation Filed by Inmates: [www.lasc.org/rules/dist.ct/TitleVI.asp](http://www.lasc.org/rules/dist.ct/TitleVI.asp)
- Factsheet on Medical Parole, Compassionate Release, and Medical Treatment Furlough from Famm (as of June 2018): [famm.org/wp-content/uploads/Louisiana\\_Final.pdf](http://famm.org/wp-content/uploads/Louisiana_Final.pdf)
- Louisiana Parole Project: [www.paroleproject.org](http://www.paroleproject.org)
- Louisiana's Justice Reinvestment Reforms Practitioners' Guide (information about the 2017 criminal justice reform laws, including changes to parole and "good time" sentence reductions): [www.lasc.org/documents/LA\\_Practitioners\\_Guide\\_Justice\\_Reinvestment\\_Reforms\\_FINAL\\_2017-8-1.pdf](http://www.lasc.org/documents/LA_Practitioners_Guide_Justice_Reinvestment_Reforms_FINAL_2017-8-1.pdf)
- *A Jailhouse Lawyers Manual* (Louisiana supplement chapter on parole), published by Columbia Human Rights Law Review: [jlm.law.columbia.edu/files/2018/03/31.-LA-Ch.-21-FINAL.pdf](http://jlm.law.columbia.edu/files/2018/03/31.-LA-Ch.-21-FINAL.pdf)
- Information about federal First Step Act: [www.firststepact.org](http://www.firststepact.org)
- *Second Chances in the Criminal Justice System: Alternatives to Incarceration and Reentry Strategies* by the ABA Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions (published by American Bar Association Publishing in 2007): [www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/cecs/secondchances.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/cecs/secondchances.authcheckdam.pdf)

### **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**

- If you or someone you know has been subjected to sexual violence or misconduct involving Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections staff, please notify the warden's office where the person in prison is assigned or the Probation and Parole District Office where the person reports if they are under supervision.
- Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections PREA Policy: <https://doc.louisiana.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/C-01-022-Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act-PREA.pdf>
- **Office of Juvenile Justice:** All reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment will be investigated and addressed. Youth, employees, and third parties can report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in verbal or written formats. All parties can file a report with the Office of Juvenile Justice by calling the Investigative Services hotline at 1-800-626-1430. Reporters can remain anonymous or provide contact information in the event more information is needed.
- **Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office:** The PREA hotline serves inmates as well as third parties, including family members, friends and volunteers (though third-party callers do not receive counseling services). The PREA Hotline number for the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office is 504-717-2279

### **Family Law**

- Louisiana's Justice Reinvestment Reforms Practitioners' Guide (information about the 2017 criminal justice reform laws, including suspending child support payments while incarcerated): [www.lasc.org/documents/LA\\_Practitioners\\_Guide\\_Justice\\_Reinvestment\\_Reforms\\_FINAL\\_2017-8-1.pdf](http://www.lasc.org/documents/LA_Practitioners_Guide_Justice_Reinvestment_Reforms_FINAL_2017-8-1.pdf)
- Information and online form to ask a court to modify child support: [lasc.libguides.com/modificationchildsupport](http://lasc.libguides.com/modificationchildsupport)
- Chapter on Family Law from the *Louisiana Pro Bono Desk Manual* (last updated 2013): [people.loyno.edu/~probono/manual/family\\_law.pdf](http://people.loyno.edu/~probono/manual/family_law.pdf)
- Information on child custody, child support, and visitation from Nolo: [www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/child-custody](http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/child-custody)
- Information on Louisiana divorce from Nolo: [www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/louisiana-divorce-31834.html](http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/louisiana-divorce-31834.html)

### **Other organizations and resources that assist people who are incarcerated and formerly incarcerated include:**

- LA Informational Handbook for Friends and Families of People in Prison: [www.doc.la.gov/media/1/handbook4friends.familiesofinmates\\_9\\_11\\_19.pdf](http://www.doc.la.gov/media/1/handbook4friends.familiesofinmates_9_11_19.pdf)
- Louisiana Reentry Guide: [www.lareentryguide.com](http://www.lareentryguide.com)
- Rising Foundations: [www.risingfoundations.org](http://www.risingfoundations.org), 2915 Perdido St., New Orleans, LA 70119, 504-324-8859
- Louisiana Department of Corrections Reentry Initiatives: [www.doc.louisiana.gov/reentry-initiatives](http://www.doc.louisiana.gov/reentry-initiatives)
- ACLU of Louisiana: [www.laclu.org/en/issues/prisoners-rights](http://www.laclu.org/en/issues/prisoners-rights), 1340 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, 504-522-0617
- Southern Center for Human Rights: [www.schr.org/our-work/prisons-jails](http://www.schr.org/our-work/prisons-jails), 83 Poplar St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-688-1202