



## Find an Attorney or Other Legal Representation

You should consider hiring an attorney to represent you during the arbitration or mediation process to provide direction and advice. If you cannot afford an attorney, there are many legal aid and pro bono programs in communities that provide legal help for the poor. People with income below the federal poverty guidelines may be eligible for free legal help through these programs. People who are elderly, disabled, enlisted in the military, or in other special circumstances also may be eligible for help even if their income is a little higher.

The AAA® is a neutral administrative organization, and therefore the AAA staff cannot provide specific recommendations for legal representation or referrals. However, we can offer the following general guidance.

If you need help to find a lawyer, you may want to try the following:

- Check the American Bar Association's website <http://apps.americanbar.org/legalservices/findlegalhelp/home.cfm>. The American Bar Association is a national bar association that may provide you with referrals in your area.
- Check with your state, county, or city bar associations at <http://www.washlaw.edu/bar> to obtain a varied listing of lawyers in your area. Many lawyers will offer to consult with you initially for free or for a minimal fee.
- Broaden your list of potential lawyers by consulting directories of attorneys. The Martindale-Hubbell® Law Directory can be found at many libraries or at its website <http://www.martindale.com>. It lists lawyers by state and jurisdictions.

This is not a complete list and we cannot endorse or recommend a specific lawyer to you, vouch for the competence of any lawyer recommended to you by a bar association or referral service, nor recommend the services of one bar association over another.

### Incubator Programs

#### California Western School of Law Incubator Law Offices

225 Cedar Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

General questions about the program can be directed to **Bob Seibel at (619) 752-4443 or [rfs@cwsl.edu](mailto:rfs@cwsl.edu)**.

Potential cases may be referred directly to participating attorneys:

[http://www.cwsl.edu/main/default.asp?nav=centers\\_institutes.asp&body=centers\\_institutes/ali.asp#complete-list](http://www.cwsl.edu/main/default.asp?nav=centers_institutes.asp&body=centers_institutes/ali.asp#complete-list)

California Western School of Law (CWSL) alumni in solo and small firm practices or in non-profit entities who wish to establish economically viable practices and also provide legal services to underserved segments of the community.



## Law School Clinics

The law schools listed below provide legal representation through clinics. Under the supervision of attorneys, law students will represent qualified parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations. Parties need to determine if they qualify for help from a clinic; some clinics will not handle claims above a set amount, will only handle certain types of claims, or may require that your income not exceed a certain amount. Please check directly with each clinic for information.

### California

#### **University of San Francisco School of Law Clinics**

2130 Fulton Street KN211  
San Francisco CA 94117-1080  
Telephone: (415) 422-6752  
Email: lawclinic@usfca.edu

##### *Employment Law Clinic*

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations in wages and hours and employment discrimination cases as well as workers in MSPB cases (federal agency employment actions) and US Coast Guard cases where the coast guard is attempting to take away mariner licenses. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

##### *Entrepreneurial Ventures Project*

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations in matters relating to starting a company including disputes regarding formation of business entities, intellectual property, employment issues and founders disputes. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

##### *Intellectual Property Clinic*

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations in matters relating to trademarks and copyright issues. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

##### *Investor Justice Clinic*

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations in matters relating to securities. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

##### *Mediation (Arbitration) Clinic*

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered consumer or other small claims related arbitrations and/or mediations. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.



## Florida

### **Florida International University's College of Law**

11200 S.W. 8th Street, RDB 2015  
University Park, FL 33199  
Telephone: (305) 348-2669  
Fax: (305) 371-6712

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations in matters relating to international matters, securities, commercial or consumer matters. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

## Georgia

### **Georgia State University, College of Law Investor Advocacy Clinic**

P.O. Box 4037  
Atlanta, Georgia 30302-4037  
Telephone: (404) 413-9270  
Email: [InvestorAdvocacy@gsu.edu](mailto:InvestorAdvocacy@gsu.edu)

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations in matters relating to securities. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

## Idaho

### **University of Idaho College of Law, Legal Aid Clinic**

875 Perimeter Drive MS 2321  
Moscow, ID 83844-2321  
Telephone: (208) 885-6541

The University of Idaho College of Law's Legal Aid Clinic handles mediations and other ADR processes to low income persons. Low income persons can contact their office at the number listed above.

## Illinois

### **John Marshall Law School, Conflict Resolution Institute**

315 S. Plymouth Court  
Chicago, IL 60604



Kelly Navarro, Director, Conflict Resolution Institute  
Telephone: (312) 427-2737 x146  
Email: [knavarro@jmls.edu](mailto:knavarro@jmls.edu)

The Institute provides pro-bono mediation advocacy services. There are no stated restrictions, and will take cases limited in scope to representation during mediation, based on available student/staff availability.

### **Elder Financial Justice Clinic at the University of Illinois**

504 East Pennsylvania Avenue  
Champaign, Illinois 61820  
Telephone: (217) 244-9494  
Email: [andresm@illinois.edu](mailto:andresm@illinois.edu)  
<http://www.law.illinois.edu/academics/elder-financial-justice>

The Elder Financial Justice Clinic at the University of Illinois provides legal representation to seniors (individuals 60 and over) who are victims of any kind of financial fraud or financial abuse. The clinic may consider representation of any individuals who are 60 and over, or who are under 60 but have a disability that makes them particularly vulnerable, and who are making claims of financial fraud (investment fraud, mortgage fraud, consumer fraud, family fraud, or any other type of fraud or deceptive business practice) or are responding to financial claims against them that they claim are fraudulent or the result of fraudulent actions by the claimant. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

### [New York](#)

#### **Brooklyn Law School, Securities Arbitration Clinic**

One Boerum Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Telephone: (718) 780-7994  
Email: [clinics@brooklaw.edu](mailto:clinics@brooklaw.edu)

Securities arbitration or mediation matters only - each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

#### **Fordham Law School, Securities Arbitration and Litigation Clinic**

150 West 62nd Street  
New York, NY 10023  
Telephone: (212) 636-6934

Securities arbitration and mediation matters only - each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.



**New York Law School, Securities Arbitration Clinic**

185 West Broadway  
New York, New York 10013  
Telephone: (212) 431-2338  
Fax: (212) 324-7912

Securities arbitration matters only - each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

Ohio

**The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, Civil Clinic**

255 E Drinko Hall  
55 W. 12th Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43210  
Telephone: (614) 292-6821  
Email: [cooke.62@osu.edu](mailto:cooke.62@osu.edu)

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations. Clinic does not have strict eligibility requirements such as income limits, but it does try to take cases in which client otherwise could not afford to hire legal counsel, and looks for cases that offer educational opportunities for our students. Clinic students, under close faculty supervision, represent clients in a wide variety of civil matters in state and federal courts across Ohio. Many cases are resolved through mediation or arbitration. Mortiz College of Law has a well-developed Alternative Dispute Resolution program, and many of its students have taken classes specifically in mediation and negotiation before enrolling in the clinic.

Tennessee

**The University of Tennessee College of Law**

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Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1810

Professor Becky Jacobs  
Telephone: (865) 974-8598  
Email: [jacobs@utk.edu](mailto:jacobs@utk.edu)

and/or

Professor Brian Krumm  
Telephone: (865) 974-4141  
Email: [bkrumm@utk.edu](mailto:bkrumm@utk.edu)

Clinics will represent those individuals or organizations that are otherwise unable to afford private counsel.



Wisconsin

**University of Wisconsin Law School, Neighborhood Law Clinic**

975 Bascom Mall

Madison WI 53706

Telephone: (608) 265-2441

Handles cases involving employment, rental housing, and other miscellaneous small claims. Screens all cases by way of conducting an intake interview.