
Family Law Clinic

What we do

Volunteer lawyers, law students, and court staff provide free help for low income people representing themselves in Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court. We offer assistance prior to the filing of an action, during the court process and changing an existing court order.

Please Be Advised

Representing yourself is not right for everyone. The help you receive at the Clinic is not a substitute for the full services of a lawyer. Help is provided only during Clinic hours. No Clinic volunteer will appear with you in court.

What Kind of Help Can I Get at the Clinic?

- Learn about the law that applies to your case
- Which papers to file to ask for what you want
- Which forms to use and how to fill them out
- How to file the forms
- The next steps in your case
- What happens in the courtroom
- How to get the information or evidence you need for your court hearings
- Court programs to settle your case without having to go to trial
- Putting any agreement on paper and finishing up your case
- Resources for free or low-cost legal help if you need the full services of a lawyer
- Brief private meetings with a lawyer to get legal advice about your particular case

What to Bring with You

- If you are filing a new divorce or dissolution case, you will need a current ID (such as driver's license, state ID, or passport).
- For all divorces and most other type of cases, it is helpful to have:
 - Pay stubs - most recent for each job you have had this year
 - Last tax return
 - Social security numbers for parents and children of the marriage
 - Health insurance cards for yourself and children of the marriage
 - List of monthly expenses
 - List of debts

The Family Law Clinic is a service of the following organizations:

Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court
Volunteer Lawyers Project
Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati
Hamilton County Law Library

Where to Find Us

Family Law Clinic of Hamilton County
Domestic Relations Court
800 Broadway, 2nd fl.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Thursdays 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



You must have a low income that meets Volunteer Lawyers Project requirements.

To see if you qualify, fill out an application at:

Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court

800 Broadway, 3rd fl. Docket Office

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Call (513) 946-9000

(8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday)

Court forms, procedures, rules, and other helpful information is available online:

http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/courts/court_of_domestic_relations/

Legal Aid Society

215 E. Ninth Street, Suite 200

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Call (513) 241-9400

(8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday)

Please note:

The Family Law Clinic offers help on a first-come, first-served basis. We will help as many people as possible, but the Clinic may not be able to help you if the demand is too high on a certain day, or if the volunteer lawyer thinks your case is too complicated for the clinic or has a conflict of interest. If that happens, we may be able to give you a referral to another place where you can get help.