

## WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD LAW CLINIC?

The Neighborhood Law Clinic (NLC) provides free legal information and in some cases representation to residents of Dane County, and surrounding counties in limited circumstances. In limited circumstances, NLC may provide services to residents of surrounding counties. **NLC can help with legal problems involving housing, employment and public benefits.** NLC is part of the University of Wisconsin Law School. NLC clients receive legal services from law students, who are supervised by attorneys.

### EXAMPLES OF ISSUES THAT NLC CAN HELP WITH:

- Your employer hasn't paid you for hours that you worked
- Your employer owes you overtime pay or didn't pay you the minimum wage
- You've been denied SSI/SSDI benefits
- Your landlord is trying to evict you
- You believe your landlord has illegally kept your security deposit
- Your apartment has maintenance or repair issues that have not been properly resolved after you called the city building inspector
- Your Section 8 voucher is being terminated
- You believe you have been discriminated against regarding employment or housing

## HOW DOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD LAW CLINIC WORK?

**1** Call (608) 265-2441 to schedule an appointment at NLC's Villager Mall office, located at 2300 South Park Street.

**2** NLC will conduct an in-person intake interview. Be sure to bring any relevant documentation to the interview. Examples could include:

- Your lease if you have a housing issue
- Eviction notices if you're being evicted
- Time sheets and/or pay stubs if you have a possible wage claim
- Other letters and forms that you've received

**3** After the intake interview, the student attorney will discuss your case with a supervising attorney to decide if and how NLC can help you with your legal issue. If unable to help, NLC will do its best to refer you to someone who can.

**4** If NLC is able to help you, a student will be assigned to your case and develop a plan. The student will discuss options with you and help you to make informed decisions. NLC will keep you updated about the status of your case.

**NLC does not charge for its legal services.** However, clients are generally expected to pay any court costs such as filing and service fees.

## ISSUES NLC CANNOT HELP WITH:

- Family law (issues such as divorce, child support or custody)
- Criminal law
- Worker's compensation
- Traffic tickets
- Bankruptcy
- Immigration
- Personal injury, such as auto accidents

If you have a problem falling under one of these categories, NLC will try to refer you to other organizations that may be able to provide help.

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AND ADVOCACY

In addition to providing individual legal representation, NLC works with local nonprofits, community organizations and social service providers to bring about social, economic and policy changes benefitting the Madison community. Clinic students and attorneys are available to collaborate with other community agencies on issues of economic justice. NLC provides legal education workshops for agency staff as well as for members of the public. Please contact NLC if your organization is seeking education about legal issues or if you would like to discuss a collaborative economic justice project.

## WHAT DOES NLC EXPECT FROM ITS CLIENTS?

- Cooperate with NLC and assist in resolving your legal issue
- Keep NLC informed about changes in your address, telephone number or other contact information
- Return NLC phone calls as promptly as possible
- Tell NLC if you resolve your legal issue on your own
- Provide NLC with any and all documentation related to your legal issue

## NLC'S FORMER CLIENTS SAY...

"My attorneys were extremely helpful and patient during this long, drawn-out dispute. I can't thank them enough for their help!"

"I would like to thank my law students for not only helping me with my problem, but also for showing me respect and compassion. They really made me feel very comfortable while going through this difficult period. Thank you all for being there for me!"

## LOCATION

NLC is located in the Atrium of the Villager Mall on South Park Street, just north of the South Transfer Point Madison Metro station. Once inside the Atrium, please follow the signs to our office.



NLC is provided by UW Law School's  
**Economic Justice Institute**



# The Neighborhood Law Clinic

**Located in the Villager Mall**  
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**Office hours:** Vary by semester.  
Call for an appointment.

**Se habla español;  
Llame para horario**

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[law.wisc.edu/eji/nlp/forthepublic.html](http://law.wisc.edu/eji/nlp/forthepublic.html)