

# Low Cost Legal Services

Legal problems can lead to unwanted emotional reactions and a sense of helplessness. Legal advice or mediation by a third party can help untangle problems and provide neutral support, especially when dealing with the court system. As with health care, the range of fees is broad. Listed below are legal services that are dependent on income, others that provide one-time advice for reasonable fees, and a referral agency for private law practices. Also listed are several civil rights and consumer protection groups. Remember that the ideal of the legal system is fair and reasonable justice, regardless of race, religion, gender or marital status.

## **American Civil Liberties Union**

Legal assistance and help with court costs in cases involving civil liberties. Fees: attorney fees donated.  
812 E. 22nd Ave., Denver, CO 80205, 861-2258.

## **Boulder County Legal Services**

Legal representation for low-income clients involved in civil cases (except traffic cases). Fees: sliding scale.  
1790 30th St., Boulder, CO 80301, 449-7575.

## **Child Support Enforcement Unit, Boulder County Social Services**

Legal assistance in obtaining child support. Fees: none for AFDC recipients; one-time \$20 fee for others (can be waived with proof of financial hardship). 3400 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80304, 441-1070.

## **Consumer Affairs Unit, Boulder County District Attorney's Office**

Investigation, mediation, information and referral for violations of state consumer protection laws covering auto repairs, sales, advertising, charity solicitation and credit. Violation must occur in Boulder County. Fees: none.  
District Attorney's Office, 1777 6th St., Boulder, CO 80302, 441-3730

## **City of Boulder Office of Human Rights**

Information, referral and enforcement of city's human rights ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations. Fees: none. 1101 Arapahoe Ave., second floor, Boulder, CO 80302, 441-3140. Mediation services, 441-3140.

## **Metropolitan Lawyer Referral Service**

Half-hour legal consultation by appointment with attorneys participating in service sponsored by the bar associations of metro counties. Fees: \$25 (fees for additional services can be arranged). 1301 Pennsylvania St., Suite 450, Denver, CO 80203, 831-8000.

## **University of Colorado Legal Aid and Defender Program**

Very low cost assistance with criminal and civil cases for low-income clients. Fees: \$5 for consultation, \$15 for a case. CU School of Law, Fleming Law Building, Boulder, CO 80309, 492-8126.

## **YWCA Legal Information Services**

Half-hour appointment with Boulder County attorney Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. by appointment. Fees: \$15.  
2222 14th St., Boulder, CO 80302, 443-0419

## **YWCA Divorce Education Project**

Workshops on the rights and options of divorcing couples. Fees: \$5 per workshop. 2222 14th St., Boulder, CO 80302, 443-0419.