

## GUARDIANSHIP VOLUNTEER PROJECT

The Guardianship Volunteer Project is open to people who need assistance with guardianships and conservatorships of the person. This program does not assist you if there is an estate or financial resources that you need the authority to manage. Volunteer attorneys and paralegals donate their time assisting people to complete and file the appropriate paperwork and informing them about the legal process. There are many forms necessary to file for guardianship so individuals should allow several hours to complete the process. A Spanish speaking volunteer is usually available on Wednesday and Thursday.

Room 252, Second Floor  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
9 a.m. - 12 noon/1 - 3 p.m.  
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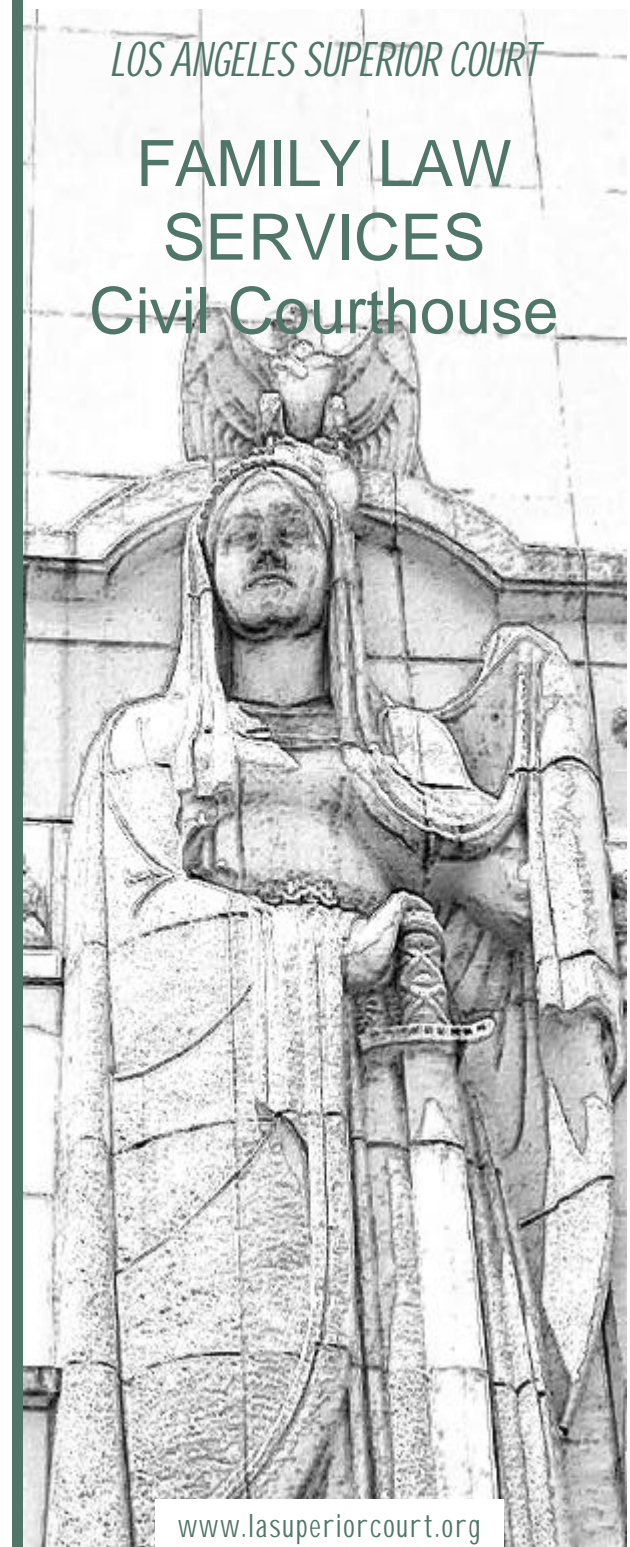
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## LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

# FAMILY LAW SERVICES

## Civil Courthouse



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# FAMILY LAW SERVICES

Need custody or visitation orders?  
Need help with a divorce or paternity action?  
Unsure what forms you need in family law?

→ Please go to the Family Law Information Center.

Need help with a support order?  
Driver's license suspended for non-payment?  
Claim never served, but there is a support order against you?  
Served with documents from the District Attorney's Office?  
→ Please go to the Family Law Facilitator's Office.

Victim of domestic violence?  
Threatened with recent abuse?  
Need help getting a restraining order?  
→ Please go to the Domestic Violence Project.

Need help planning when the children will be with each parent?  
Children need help adjusting to the divorce or visitation plan?  
→ Please go to Family Court Services Mediation Office.

Need emergency services such as food or shelter?  
Want job training for a better paying job?  
Need referrals to low cost dental or health care services?  
Ordered to participate in parenting classes, family or domestic violence counseling?  
Need a monitor for visitation?  
→ Please go to Info Line.

Low income?  
Need help with custody, visitation, child abduction or domestic violence?  
→ Please go to the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

Need custody of a minor who is not your biological child?  
Need legal authority to care for an adult who is incapable of caring for him/herself?  
→ Please go to the Guardianship Volunteer Project.

ALL SERVICES AT NO CHARGE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## FAMILY LAW INFORMATION CENTER

The Family Law Information Center provides general family law information, referrals and assistance to self-represented parties. Parties are provided legal forms and procedural guidance in the areas of dissolution of marriage (divorces), legal separation, paternity cases and responses to domestic violence actions by a paralegal, under the supervision of an attorney. Within these areas assistance can be sought regarding child custody and visitation, child and spousal support and limited property issues. The staff may assist both sides of the same case.

Room 227, Second Floor  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
8 a.m. - 12 noon/1 - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday 8 a.m. - 12 noon only

## FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR

The Family Law Facilitator assists parties with child support, spousal support and health insurance issues. The staff consists of attorneys and paralegals who will meet with parties individually to attempt to resolve their support issues. The staff does not give legal advice nor does it represent a particular party in an action.

The office serves parties referred by the courts and walk-in parties. There are offices located in each district court, including the Central Civil West Courthouse. Each district office services the public either by appointment or on a walk-in basis. Specific information as to each of the district offices is available upon request.

Room 830, Eighth Floor  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
8 a.m. - 12 noon/1 - 4 p.m.  
Thursday 8 a.m. - 12 noon only

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

Volunteer attorneys and law students provide legal assistance to abused victims and their children by preparing the legal documents required to obtain temporary, and ultimately permanent, restraining orders which can include orders for custody, restricted visitation and child support. The Project also provides legal assistance to elderly individuals and to minor children seeking protection against sexual abuse by family members.

Department 8, Room 245, Second Floor  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m./1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Nominal fee unless waived  
Operated by L.A. County Bar Assoc., joint project  
with the Superior Court

## FAMILY COURT SERVICES

Family Court Services, a project of the Superior Court, offers numerous services to the public with child custody and visitation issues. The Family Court Services Mediation Office provides an opportunity for parents to write their own custody and visitation plans. (Financial matters are not discussed in this setting.) If parents cannot agree on a custody plan for their children, the Family Court Services Child Custody Evaluations Office may be ordered to provide the court and parents with information and recommendations. A fee may be charged for an evaluation.

Additionally, the Family Court Services staff of mental health professionals offers child-focused programs for parents who are divorcing, separating or have children together. Parents and Children Together (PACT) is an educational program that assists parents in helping their children adjust to changes in their family and is mandatory for parents who have a custody and/or visitation dispute. Parenting Without Conflict is a six week parent education program for high conflict families. Parents attend this program by court order. These programs are free.

Room 241, Second Floor  
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 12 noon/1 - 4:30 p.m.  
(213) 974-5524  
PACT Information: (888) 889-9900

## INFO LINE OF LOS ANGELES

Info Line of Los Angeles provides information about and referrals for more than 4,500 services in Los Angeles County. An advisor assists in identifying appropriate programs and community resources for individuals, children, and families involved in the court system. All services are confidential, and may include referrals to legal support services, public benefits, substance abuse programs, counseling, job training programs, and many other needed services.

Located in the Family Law Information Center  
Room 227, Second Floor  
Monday & Wednesday  
8 a.m. - 12 noon/1 - 4:30 p.m.

## LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES (TOLL CENTER)

The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (Toll Center) provides legal advice on all areas of family law to low income persons.

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