



**Quick Guide  
to  
Legal Services  
for the  
Eighth Judicial Circuit**

Alachua, Baker, Bradford,  
Gilchrist, Levy, and Union  
Counties



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**Three Rivers Legal Services:** Three Rivers Legal Services (TRLS) is federally funded to provide free civil legal assistance to persons who are eligible low-income, disabled, or elderly in areas of law such as Domestic Violence, evictions/foreclosures, VA and Social Security benefits, end of life planning, consumer, taxes, and public benefits. Call (866) 256-8091 to apply for services and obtain further information at [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org).

**Ask-a-Lawyer Project:** Ask-A-Lawyer Project is a series of monthly events at which homeless persons may receive free legal advice in civil and criminal law from pro bono attorneys. Contact TRLS at (866) 256-8091 for dates, times, and locations.

**Southern Legal Counsel:** Southern Legal Counsel (SLC) is a Florida statewide not-for-profit public interest law firm located in Gainesville which seeks systemic solutions in areas such as general and special education, homelessness, fair housing, and disability and other civil rights. Apply for services at [southernlegal.org/index.php/request-assistance/general-request-form](http://southernlegal.org/index.php/request-assistance/general-request-form).

**Florida Institutional Legal Services Project:** Florida Institutional Legal Services Project (FILS) provides legal assistance to juveniles, immigrants, inmates, prisoners and other detainees who are either incarcerated, institutionalized, or otherwise confined in state or federal institutions. Call (352) 375-2494 to apply for services, email [files@floridalegal.org](mailto:files@floridalegal.org) or obtain further information at [floridalegal.org/filesproject.htm](http://floridalegal.org/filesproject.htm).

**Self-Help Center at the Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center (opening September 2016):** A Self-Help Center is available on the fourth floor of the Alachua County Family Civil and Justice Center, located at 201 East University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601-3456. Computers and personal assistance are available to aid persons with filing and responding to civil legal complaints in areas such as housing, small claims, and family law (such as Dissolutions of Marriage, Establishment of Paternity and/or Timesharing, and Modification of Child Support). Hours are 8:00-5:00 (M-F) (appointments optional), and one may contact Annemarie Schuller at (352) 491-4636 to schedule an appointment or to obtain further information.

**Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service:** The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service is designed to connect potential clients with attorneys. Call (800) 342-8011 to apply, and the Lawyer Referral Service staff will provide one with the name, address, and telephone number of an attorney in his or her geographic area who handles that person's type of legal issue. Under the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service, attorneys may then charge the client \$25 for the initial half-hour office consultation. Further information may be obtained at [floridabar.org/lawyerreferral/](http://floridabar.org/lawyerreferral/).

