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The following attorneys/organizations specialize in elder law and have offices located in the Elder Services of Worcester, Inc service area. *Please note that this listing is not an endorsement or statement of qualification by Elder Services of Worcester or The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. It is recommended that consumers interview individual attorneys to determine their qualifications.*

*General Information regarding Elder Law can be found on the Massachusetts Chapter of Elder Law Attorneys website:*

[www.massnaela.com](http://www.massnaela.com).

*Consult the National Academy's website for information on what to ask when choosing an Elder Law Attorney*

[www.naela.com](http://www.naela.com)

*Mass Commission for Discrimination: 508-453-9630*

### Legal Resources

#### **Community Legal Aid**

370 Main Street, Suite 200 Worcester, MA 01608

Call **508-752-3718** Mon-Fri 9-5 Or Apply for help online [www.communitylegal.org](http://www.communitylegal.org)

Specialties: CLA is the state-funded civil legal aid program for Central Massachusetts. Community Legal Aid provides free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of Worcester County. CLA specializes in elder law, government benefits, eviction defense, immigration law, housing and employment discrimination, nursing and rest home resident rights, and family law matters affecting domestic violence victims.

**Massachusetts Senior Legal Helpline 1-800-342-5297** If you get voice mail leave your name, phone number, and the town where you live, and your call will be returned within 2 business days. Mon-Fri 9-12

The Helpline provides free legal information, advice, and referral service for Massachusetts residents 60 years of older in most areas of civil law, including: Social Security/SSI, Veterans Benefits, Mass Health, Medicare, Consumer issues, Public Benefits, Unemployment, Foreclosures, Guardianship, Power of Attorney, Bankruptcy, Evictions, Landlord/Tenant, Utilities, Family law and Nursing Home. Interpretation services available. Helpline closed from Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 yearly.

#### **Worcester County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services**

370 Main St Worcester, MA 01608 **508-752-1311** or 800-622-9700 9-4 Mon-Fri. [geninfo@worcestercountybar.org](mailto:geninfo@worcestercountybar.org) or on-line at [www.worcestercountybar.org/lawyer-referral-service](http://www.worcestercountybar.org/lawyer-referral-service) Lawyer Referral service: Individuals looking to hire private attorney. Program refers public to attorneys in Worcester county who practice in that area of law. Reduced Fee Program: Provides reduced fee program for income eligible individuals. Clients must fill out application and fall within financial guidelines to be eligible. Not all areas of law handled through this program. Referrals to attorney who practices in area of law needed. No walk-ins.

#### **Volunteer Lawyers Project Landlord Advocacy Program (VLP) 857-320-6452**

**Website:** [Landlord Advocacy - Volunteer Lawyers Project \(vlpnet.org\)](http://LandlordAdvocacy-VolunteerLawyersProject(vlpnet.org))

VLP works with individual landlords and organizations to assist qualifying small landlords who live in and rent out their 2-3 family homes apply for financial assistance to cover mortgage payments, utility bills, or tenant's rent. In addition, VLP offers the "1-on-1" program, commonly known as "Lawyer for the Day," a brief advice clinic for eligible clients; VLP also offers limited legal representation (LAR) to qualifying clients on a case-by-case basis; and free online educational materials and resources to all types of landlords

#### **Worcester Senior Center**

128 Providence Street Worcester, MA 01604 **508-799-1232**

A free half hour legal consultation provided once a month. Call the Senior Center (ext. 48011) for further information and to make an appt.

**Lawyer for the day:** Worcester District Court walk-in assistance – 8:30-1, Last sign-in 12:00.

2-4:30 last sign-in 3:30 Fri 8:30-1 last sign in 12:15 low income only Assists litigant in Worcester Probate, Housing and Family Court. Also debt collection session of Worcester District Court.

**Dial-A-Lawyer 617-338-0610** or toll free 1-877-686-0711 The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm each month  
No limit to number of calls you can make or how many times during the year. Normal telephone charges apply.

**Court Service Centers – 508-757-8350** In person: Tues-Thurs 8:30-1; 2:00-4:30 Remote: Mon, Wed, Fri  
Worcester Trial Court Complex – 225 Main St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Help navigating court system. Centers open when courts are open. Available all court users – with or without attorney  
Staff can answer questions such as how the court works, different options, help filling forms, etc..

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