

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 and 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 Mon.-Fri. (9-5:00) **508-752-3718** or tollfree **855-252-5342**,

**TTY/TTD 508-755-3260** 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, tel. number, and your town. Calls are returned within 2 business days. Mon-Fri 9-12:00. The Helpline offers free legal information, advice, and referral service for MA residents 60 years and older in most areas of civil law i.e. 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 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 a 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 are 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. VLP offers the "1-on-1" program, aka "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**

Free half-hour legal consultation is offered monthly. Call the Senior Center (ext. 48011) for further information and to make an appt.

**Lawyer for the day:** Worcester District Court walk-in assistance – 8:30-1:00, Last sign-in 12:00. 2:00-4:30 last sign-in 3:30, Friday 8:30-1:00 (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 the 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: Mon-Thurs 8:30-1 and 2:00-4:30. Fri 8:30-1. Remote help offered: Mon-Fri. 9-2. Worcester Trial Court Complex – 225 Main St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Centers are open when courts are open. Available to all court users with or without attorney. Help with navigating the court system i.e. how the court works, different options, help filling out forms, etc.

**Seven Hills - Family Services of Central Massachusetts – Housing Mediation – 508-796-1971**

799 West Boylston St, Suite 130, Worcester MA 01606; [housing@fscm.org](mailto:housing@fscm.org). The Housing Mediation Program offers all of Worcester County FREE mediation services to landlords and tenants for the prevention of homelessness and housing stability. FSCM mediators assist the parties to clarify issues, to consider their options, and to reach workable solutions. FSCM also offers mediation for divorce, small claims, and conflict coaching.

**Pension Action Center through UMass Boston 1-888-425-6067. [Request Assistance - UMass Boston \(umb.edu\)](http://Request Assistance - UMass Boston (umb.edu))**

Free legal help offered for residents of 6 states including MA for those struggling to access pension or retirement benefits.

**Disability Law Center 1-800-872-9992.** The Disability Law Center is the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy Agency for Massachusetts, investigating abuse and neglect, providing legal representation and advocacy services for people with disabilities.

**Elder Law Attorneys**

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Specialties: Family law, guardianships, conservatorships, litigation, real estate and land use, trusts, estate planning, probate

**Brenda Rivard Attorneys PC**

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Website: [www.rivardlegal.com](http://www.rivardlegal.com)

Specialties: Elder Law, Special Needs Planning, Estate Administration, Guardianship, Conservatorship, MassHealth Applications and Planning for community and nursing home care, Wills, Trust, Health Care Proxies, Durable Power of Attorney.

**Elizabeth A Schwartz, Attorney at Law**

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Specialties: Estate Planning, Probate, Residential Real Estate, Business

**Starr Traiger**

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Specialties: Elder & Disability Law, Estate Planning, Guardianships, Conservatorships, Probate, Special Needs

**Vickstrom Law, PC**

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Specialties: Estate Planning, Special Needs Planning, Elder Law, Guardianship & Conservatorship, Wills and Trusts, MassHealth/Medicaid Planning, Applications and Appeals, Estate Administration

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