

How to Reach Us

Stop in at one of our offices, or call us at the numbers below:

Franklin and Madison Counties

Call us from **9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
Monday through Friday

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Columbus, Ohio 43206

1-614-241-2001

Or toll-free:

1-888-246-4418, 1-888-246-4420

Delaware, Marion, Morrow and Union Counties

Call us from **8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
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1-740-383-2161

Toll-free:

1-888-301-2411

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www.columbuslegalaid.org

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus is a non-profit law firm which provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low income individuals. We do not handle criminal cases. There are eligibility income guidelines, immigration status guidelines, and resource limits for our services. Our experienced intake staff will help you determine eligibility and find the right attorney to help you.

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic



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The Legal Aid Society of Columbus Low Income Tax Payer Clinic Overview

Legal Aid established the Community Economic Development (CED) Unit in order to break down barriers to economic independence by assisting low-income individuals and nonprofits engaged in service of low-income individuals. The Low Income Tax Payer Clinic (LITC) makes up one division of the CED Unit, offering free legal assistance with tax related issues. If you have received one of the following notifications from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Legal Aid Tax Attorneys can help you respond.

- Tax return audit or examination
- Notice of tax deficiency
- Liens on property or wage garnishment for past taxes
- Bills from the IRS from jointly filed returns

LITC may also be able to assist you in reducing tax debt, obtaining any refunds owed to you, defining your federal income tax filing status, or receiving or obtaining the following:

- **Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN):** Tax payers who do not qualify for a Social Security Number can obtain an ITIN, usually only when filing a tax return.
- **Dependent Exemptions:** You may receive a tax exemption for any person, other than you or your spouse, that you support.
- **Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit:** If you paid someone to care for a child under the age of 13 or a qualified dependent so that you could work, or look for work, you may be able to reduce your taxes.
- **Child Tax Credit:** This benefit for low or moderate income people can reduce your taxes, or you may qualify for a cash refund.
- **Earned Income Tax Credit:** This tax benefit comes in the form of a cash refund for working people who earn low or moderate incomes.
- **Innocent Spouse Relief:** Innocent spouse relief is relief from a joint tax debt.

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- **Injured Spouse Claim:** This claim can help you to get back part of the tax refund that was withheld to pay your spouse's debt.
- **Qualifying Child:** For you to claim a child as your qualifying child, four tests must be met: (1) relationship, (2) age, (3) residency, and (4) support.
- **Qualifying Relative:** For you to claim a person as your qualifying relative, four tests must be met: (1) relationship, (2) income, (3) support, and (4) "not-a-qualifying-child" of another tax payer.

Please note, interpreting services can be made available to those for whom English is not spoken as a first language.

Additional Resources

- **www.IRS.gov**
This is the website for the Internal Revenue Service. See especially Publication 910 "IRS Guide to Free Tax Services."
- **www.oslsa.org**
This is the website for Ohio State Legal Services Association, a state support center for legal aid and legal service programs in Ohio. At this website, under "Pro Bono Opportunities," you can find information on "Low Income Taxpayer Clinics" throughout Ohio.
- **The Taxpayer Advocate Service**
550 Main St., Room 3530
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 263-3260
Contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service if you are unable to resolve an ongoing tax problem through normal IRS channels.
- **Franklin County Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition**
For information on free tax preparation services, please contact the coalition at the following number: **2-1-1**, and ask about free tax prep services.

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