
INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID SOCIETY



**Helping Vulnerable
Hoosiers for 80 Years**



ABOUT INDY LEGAL AID

Since 1941, the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society has relentlessly provided our most vulnerable Hoosiers with direct and immediate access to comprehensive free legal assistance in civil matters. We restore hope as we work with our clients' side-by-side to resolve their legal issues. In doing so, we help to promote economic self-sufficiency, preserve dignity, and strengthen our neighborhoods and communities.

If you're interested in learning more about our services, make sure to check out our website at

www.indylas.org.





Meet Franci Our Housing Client!

Franci's story begins with her health starting to fail and Franci becoming unable to keep up with the demands of both the inside and outside of the home she owns. As a result, a neighbor filed a complaint and France was cited in Court for Health Code violations. Without anyone to help her and living on a fixed income, Franci was not able to resolve these issues on her own. This meant Franci was in danger of being ordered to vacate her home.

Indy Legal Aid was able to help Franci after receiving a referral from the Health Department regarding Franci's case. In less than a year, Franci achieved compliance with the Health Code and is now able to stay in her home and focus on her health. According to Franci, "What started as a nightmare turned into a godsend with the help of Indy Legal Aid."

The Indiana Supreme Court heard about Franci's story and invited her to the 2019 State of the Judiciary where Chief Justice Rush recognized Franci in her remarks regarding the judiciary's commitment to closing the justice gap for people like Franci. "Today, Franci is in her home. Having a lawyer represent her made all the difference," said Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush.

Legal Help for Those in Need

Indy Legal Aid provides services to individuals and families with incomes of less than 125% of the federal poverty level guidelines. Civil legal aid is a combination of services and resources enabling the disadvantaged to effectively navigate the complicated legal system to protect their livelihoods, their health, and their families. Examples include:

PATERNITY

GUARDIANSHIP

VISITATION

CUSTODY

SUPPORT

DIVORCE

ADOPTION

HOUSING

LANDLORD/TENANT

RE-ENTRY ISSUES

DEBT ISSUES

**DRIVERS LICENSE
REINSTATEMENT**

. . . & MANY OTHER CIVIL LEGAL ISSUES



Indy Legal Aid is non-ideological and non-sectarian without reliance on federal funding. We do not accept fee-generating cases or criminal matters.

Indy Legal Aid is funded through foundation, corporate sponsorships, and individual contributions.

How do I know if I need a lawyer?

If you have a problem of legal nature involving your rights or a dispute with another person which cannot be solved to your satisfaction, it is a good idea to ask for the advice of a lawyer.

What does a lawyer do?

A lawyer is a trained professional who helps you understand what the laws are and whether or not your problem has a legal solution. If your problem does have a legal solution, a lawyer advises you as to what your options are in your situation and can represent your interests.

What legal assistance does Indy Legal Aid offer?

Indy Legal Aid lawyers give legal advice or represent individuals in court on any non-criminal, non-fee-generating legal matter.

What is the difference between a criminal offense and a non-criminal problem?

A criminal offense is one which could result in a fine or a jail sentence. This includes burglary, robbery, murder, child molesting, or possession of drugs. Non-criminal problems include divorce, child custody, bankruptcy and landlord/tenant disputes.

How much does Indy Legal Aid charge for its services?

The services of Indy Legal Aid are free to any *qualified* individual who cannot afford a private lawyer.





“Thank you for everything you have done for me. You are a blessing! I will never forget you, and it may be just a small everyday thing for you, but this was a huge deal for me.”

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