

# **FREE Legal Representation and Education for SURVIVORS OF FLOOD**

FEMA and other government claims / Insurance claims / Landlord-tenant  
Wills and legal documents / Unemployment / SNAP benefits / Education  
Mortgage-foreclosure / Home repair / Consumer issues / More...

## **Legal Advice and Representation**

**1-888-346-5592 (Toll Free)**

**1-803-744-9430 (Columbia)**

## **Information and Referrals**

**[www.sclegal.org](http://www.sclegal.org)**

**[www.lawhelp.org/sc](http://www.lawhelp.org/sc)**

## **Legal Clinics and Outreach**

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**South Carolina  
Legal Services**

Balancing the Scales of Justice

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### Brochure Request Form

**Agency Requesting Brochures:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you find out about SCLS' legal brochures:**

Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ SCLS Presentation \_\_\_\_\_ SCLS Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Email Notification \_\_\_\_\_

Request completed by, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Brochures	Quantity
Adoption Creating a Family	
Wills, Living Wills & Powers of Attorney	
Anti-Bullying & Harassment*	
Available Immigration Relief*	
Car Repossessions	
Custody, Visitation & Support	
Child Support Questions and Answers*	
Did Social Security Stop Your Benefits Because you had an Arrest Warrant?	
Domestic Violence Safety Plans: Are you in an abusive relationship? Plan ahead so you can leave safely*	
Expulsion from School*	
Evictions	
Foreclosure: A Roadmap	
Getting Your Landlord to Make Repairs	
Guardianships: Caring For and Protecting Your Incapacity Loved Ones	
Has Medicare Refused to Pay your Doctor or Ambulance Bill?	
Have You Been Denied Unemployment Benefits	
Has Social Security Notified You That Your Benefits May Stop?	
How to File Tax Return Without a SSN*	
Income Tax Problems? Free Legal Help	
In the Workplace: Your Right to Wages*	
Just Moved to SC & You Want Custody?	

Mediation	
Medicaid Estate Recovery	
Medicare v. Medicaid	
Notary Public in SC	
Overcoming a Criminal Record	
Overpayment of Social Security	
Private Attorney Involvement Program	
Protection from Scams	
Public Benefits & Appeals	
Public Housing & Evictions*	
Public School Fees & Charges K-12	
Requesting Copies of Military Records	
Rights of Low-Income Immigrants*	
School Enrollment	
School Suspension*	
SCLS General Brochure*	
South Carolina Divorce Laws*	
Special Education*	
Special Education & Discipline*	
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Your Rights*	
The Role of the Guardian Ad Litem	
Types of Domestic Violence Protection: Orders of Protection vs. Restraining Orders*	
Understanding the VA Claims Process	
Unemployment Benefits for Domestic Violence Victims	
U-Visa How to Obtain Nonimmigrant Status*	
Veterans' Benefits Appeals Process	
Wage Garnishment in SC	
You've Been Served! A guideline of what to do when you've been served with legal papers	
10 Things to Know Before You Rent	

\*Also translated in Spanish



## How do I find out more about South Carolina Legal Services?

SCLS has three websites: [www.sclegal.org](http://www.sclegal.org), [www.lawhelp.org/sc](http://www.lawhelp.org/sc), and [www.probono.net/sc](http://www.probono.net/sc).

### Lawhelp.org/sc is South Carolina's guide to hundreds of free legal resources such as:

- Information about your rights and legal responsibilities
- Legal forms and court documents
- Pro bono programs that will provide free and low-cost legal help
- Contact information for social service agencies, and community organizations
- Court information
- Online interactive forms to file for divorce & child support modification

### sclegal.org is a statewide website that contains:

- Information for the public in all civil law areas
- Legal library
- PowerPoints on substantive issues
- Video discussion on legal topics
- Resources for the deaf/blind
- News section for upcoming self-help clinic/community education events
- Limited English Proficiency informational links

[probono.net/sc](http://probono.net/sc) contains substantive resources for advocates. It is a password protected website.



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## SCLS Divisions

<b>Migrant</b>	(888) 720-2320
<b>Low Income Taxpayer Clinic</b>	(800) 763-4825 (ext. 3256)
<b>SC HELP Intake</b>	(888) 257-1988

## SCLS Offices

<b>Administration</b>	(888) 799-9668 (ext 4180)
<b>Charleston</b>	(843) 720-7044 or (888) 720-2320
<b>Columbia</b>	(803) 799-9668 or (888) 799-9668
<b>Conway</b>	(843) 381-8182 or (866) 597-0100
<b>Greenville</b>	(864) 679-3232 or (800) 763-4825
<b>Greenwood</b>	(864) 223-4879 or (800) 922-3114
<b>Intake</b>	(803) 744-9430 or (888) 346-5592
<b>Orangeburg</b>	(803) 533-0116 or (800) 522-9354
<b>Pee Dee</b>	(843) 413-9500 or (877) 238-3418
<b>Rock Hill</b>	(803) 327-9001 or (800) 922-3853
<b>Spartanburg</b>	(864) 582-0369 or (800) 922-8176

## Invest in Us

*You can help put justice in everyone's reach by contributing to South Carolina Legal Services, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit law firm. We receive federal funding as well as various other grants. However, more than 800,000 South Carolinians live below the poverty level, and many legal needs go unmet. You can donate via our [sclegal.org](http://sclegal.org) or [lawhelp.org/sc](http://lawhelp.org/sc) websites. You can also mail your monetary donations payable to South Carolina Legal Services, PO Box 1445, Columbia, SC 29202. Donations to SCLS are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*



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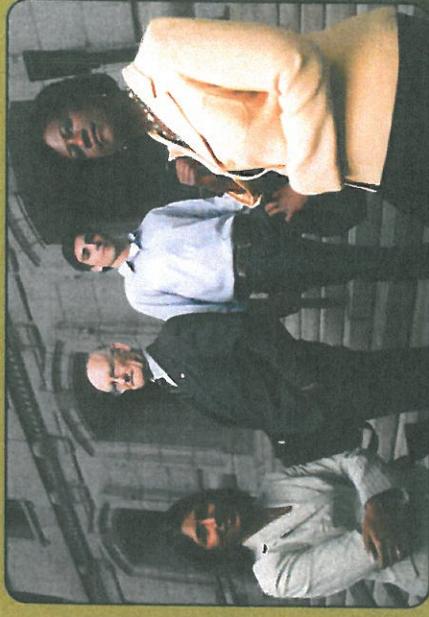


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## Mission

South Carolina Legal Services is a statewide law firm that provides civil legal services to protect the rights and represent the interests of low-income South Carolinians.



## Vision

All low-income South Carolinians will have full and fair access to justice.

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## How does SCLS help people?

- Provides representation in judicial and administrative forums
- Gives legal counsel and advice
- Conducts legal education and outreach about rights and responsibilities (“preventative” law)
- Distributes legal self-help materials, forms
- Conducts Self-Represented Litigant Clinics

## What legal problems can SCLS handle?

- Education**
  - School Discipline • School Enrollment and Fees IEP and Special Education Services
- Employment**
  - Wage Claims • Working Conditions
  - Unemployment Compensation
  - Wrongful Termination
- Housing**
  - Foreclosures • Public Housing and Evictions
  - Homeownership • Federally Subsidized Housing
- Family**
  - Orders of Protection • Divorce for Physical Cruelty
  - Custody/Visitation/Adoption
  - Amended/Delayed Birth Certificate
- Consumer**
  - Loans and Installment Purchases • Bankruptcy
  - Claim and Delivery • Credit Disputes
  - Predatory Lending
- Public Benefits**
  - Social Security • SSI • SNAP
  - Family Independence (TANF)
  - Medicaid • Veterans Benefits
- Probate**
  - Wills, Living Wills/Powers of Attorney
  - Conservatorship • Guardianship

## How do I contact SCLS?

Call our toll-free intake office at (888) 346-5592, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. You may also contact us by email at [contactus@scleg.org](mailto:contactus@scleg.org). We use language interpreter services to provide interpreters in over 170 languages. We also provide free interpreters for applicants and clients who do not speak English or who have a hearing impairment.

## Am I eligible for help from SCLS?

SCLS receives funding from several different sources. Some grants limit services to persons meeting financial guidelines. Other grants may have no financial guidelines but limit the type of legal assistance that can be provided.

You will be required to provide information about your household size, income, assets and case type. Legal case types are limited by SCLS's Board of Directors based on funding and resources.

With a few exceptions, a person must be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident.

Completing the intake DOES NOT create an attorney-client privilege or guarantee representation; however, the information we collect is confidential.



### Migrant Farmworkers

Wage Claims • Employment Conditions  
Worker Safety • Labor Camp Conditions  
Discrimination • Rights of H2 Workers

### Federal Tax Problems

Innocent Spouse Relief • Injured Spouse Claims  
Filing Status • Earned Income Credit Appeals  
Liens & Levies

### Community Economic Development

By-laws  
Incorporation  
Non-profit Status

### *This is not a complete listing.*

The types of legal problems SCLS can handle may change depending on our resources.



## What SCLS cannot handle:

- Criminal cases
- Fee-generating cases that private attorneys are willing to accept on a contingency fee basis
- Class actions, rulemaking, lobbying, litigation on behalf of prisoners.

## LOST DOCUMENTS

- Do you need help replacing driver's license, Social Security card, or EBT card?
- Do you need help replacing immigration documents?



## Resources

### Other Free Legal Services in a FEMA-disaster county:

SC Bar at 1.877.797.2227 ext. 120 (Toll Free) or 1.803.576.3815 (Local) or Email at [DisasterInfo@SCBar.org](mailto:DisasterInfo@SCBar.org)

### Food

- Harvest Hope Food Bank - 803.254.4432
- Lowcountry Food Bank - 843.747.8146

**United Way/2-1-1 Information and Referral** - 866.892.9211

### National Resources for

**the American Red Cross** - 866.438.4636

**FEMA** - 800.621.3362 or [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)

**Additional information may be found at:**

**LawHelp.org/SC**

or

**[www.sclegal.org](http://www.sclegal.org)**

## Civil Cases Handled

- Consumer
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Federal and State Income Tax
- Military and Veterans
- Probate
- Public Benefits



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# Legal Problems Faced by Disaster Survivors



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## How can SCLS help low-income disaster survivors?

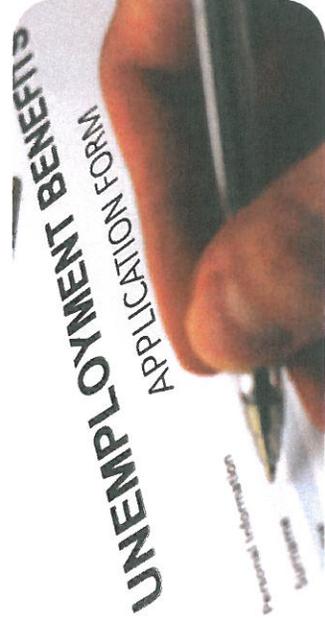
- Provide counsel and advice
- Provide legal representation and advocacy
- Conduct legal education clinics
- Share information on our websites
- Provide legal brochures

### CONSUMER

- Do you need to hire a contractor to make repairs on your home?
- Is there a written contract for the work, the cost of repairs and supplies, and completion date?
- Is the contractor licensed and insured?
- Has the contractor performed the work or is there difficulty getting the work started or completed?
- Has the contractor pulled the proper permits for the work?
- Have the repairs passed city inspection?

### EMPLOYMENT

- Did you lose your job due to the disaster?
- Do you have questions about unemployment benefits?
- Have you applied and been denied benefits?
- Do you need help with an appeal?



### EDUCATION

- Did you lose your housing due to the disaster, but would like your children to remain in their old school?
- Are you having difficulties registering your children at their old school or at the new school?
- Are you having difficulties with transportation to school?

### GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

- Have you applied for benefits?
- Have they been denied? Do you disagree with the amount of the award?
- Would you like to file an appeal?
- Have you received a notice of overpayment?

### HOUSING (OWNERS)

- Do you need to hire a contractor?
- Are you having problems with your homeowners' insurance company?
- Do you have a mortgage? Are you having difficulties paying it? Do you need help working with your mortgage company?
- Are you buying the house pursuant to a real estate contract? Are you having difficulty obtaining disaster assistance? Do you want to continue with this contract?

### HOUSING (RENTERS)

- Does your rental unit need repairs?
- Is your landlord making the repairs in a timely manner?
- Is your rental unit uninhabitable?
- Do you need help with your rights to terminate the lease or rental agreement?
- Do you need help with working with the landlord?
- Do you need help getting your deposit back?
- Are you having problems with your renters' insurance company?

### INSURANCE

- Do you have homeowners or renters insurance?
- Has anyone offered to help you work with your insurance company in order to receive your money faster for a fee?
- Have you submitted a claim with your insurance company?
- Were you denied this coverage? Do you disagree with the settlement offer?
- Do you need help with an appeal?

