

## **FREE LEGAL SERVICES**

Under IDEA and its regulations, specifically 34 CFR 300.507(b), an LEA must inform a parent of any free or low-cost legal or other relevant services available in the area, upon request or upon the parent's filing a due process complaint. The following is a list of organizations, compiled by the Chief Hearing Officer of the Student Hearing Office, which make available free legal services to parents of students with disabilities. Whether legal services will be provided to any particular parent will, of course, be dependent upon each agency's policies and procedures and its review of each individual case.

The organizations providing free legal services to parents of students with disabilities are as follows:

### **Advocates for Justice in Education**

2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20020  
(202) 678-8060

4201 Georgia Avenue  
Washington, DC 20011  
(202) 265-9102

Those in need of legal assistance can call either number. They will be routed to an intake person who will talk with them about their legal needs.

### **Children's Law Center**

616 H Street, NW  
Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 467-4900 / Option 4

Those in need of legal assistance can call the main number and press "4" to speak with the helpline attorney. The helpline attorney will conduct an intake with them.

### **Disability Right Clinic**

American University Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
(202) 274-4147

Those in need of legal assistance can call the main number and ask for assistance with a special education matter. They will be transferred to the Disability Rights Clinic and an intake will be conducted.

### **Juvenile Justice and Special Education Law Clinic**

UDC David A. Clarke School of Law  
4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
(202) 274-5073

Those seeking legal assistance in a special education matter can contact a clinical paralegal who will conduct an intake with them.

**University Legal Services**

220 "I" Street, NE

Suite 130

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 547-0198

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