
DLA Piper Legal Clinic

FAQs

What are the fees for services?

The DLA Piper Legal Clinic was established to serve the students, families, and staff members of the BFA community. There are no fees for our services, and no qualifying income requirement.

However, some other legal services providers to whom we often refer clients have financial eligibility guidelines. We will therefore ask you for financial information to determine which services will be most useful to you.

How can the Clinic help?

Lots of ways, including immediate advice, mediation, representation, and/or referral. See the inside of this pamphlet for specific information regarding ways we can help, and problems that the Clinic can address.

Although we will work very hard to find legal representation for you if it is appropriate, we can not guarantee that we will be able to do so.

What if I can't come during Clinic hours?

We'll set an appoint time to meet with you. Just call the clinic phone and leave a message with your contact information. (410-580-3929)

**DLA Piper LLP (US)
Legal Clinic**
in the
**Family Support Center
Baltimore Freedom Academy**

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Phone: 410.580.3929

Hours:
Wednesdays 4:00—7:00 pm
or by appointment
(call 410-580-3929)

**MISSION: To provide quality
legal assistance to families of
BFA students**

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at the
**Baltimore Freedom
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Empowering Students and Families

by
providing free legal services
for members of the BFA community

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How it works

- You can come to the Clinic during Walk-In Hours (Wednesdays 4:00 – 8:00 pm) or at an established appointment time.

Call 410.580.3929 to leave a message.

- A Clinic volunteer will ask you questions and fill out an intake form for you.
- A DLA Piper attorney will review your intake form and tell you if and how we can help you.

Am I eligible for services?

Every member of a BFA student's household, including the student, and every BFA employee is eligible for services at the DLA Piper Legal Clinic.

There is no income requirement.

Four different ways we may be able to help you:

1. A DLA Piper attorney may provide you with **immediate legal**

information and/or advice while you are at the Clinic.

2. If you and the other party agree, a Clinic attorney may arrange for **mediation** between you and the party with whom you are having difficulties. Community Mediation is our partner for mediation cases. Mediation is a system by which a neutral third party helps people resolve their disagreement without going to court.
3. A DLA Piper attorney may agree to **represent you**. Once you have received a separate formal document, known as an "engagement letter", your representation will begin.
4. We may contact another **legal services provider**, explain your situation, and then put you in touch with that provider if the provider can help your case.

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Areas where we can help

DLA Piper attorneys will usually be able to provide assistance in cases involving the following:

- Consumer Protection
- Estate Planning
- Expungement
- Housing
- Tax Disputes
- Public Assistance/Benefits
- Uncontested Family Law
- Landlord/Tenant
- Criminal Injuries Compensation
- Minor Criminal Matters

Generally, we will put you in touch with **another legal services provider** if your case involves:

- Contested Family Law Matters
- Bankruptcy
- Employment Matters
- Foreclosure
- Social Security Disability
- Special Education
- Veterans Benefits
- any matter involving an Insurance Company

If your legal problem does not involve any of the issues listed above, we will still try to help you at the Clinic or find another legal services provider who can help you.

Some of the other legal services providers we might put you in touch with are:

- Homeless Persons' Representation Project
- House of Ruth
- Legal Aid Bureau
- Maryland Disability Law Clinic
- Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service
- Univ. of Baltimore Legal Clinics
- Univ. of Maryland Legal Clinic