

UW Neighborhood Law Clinic

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The University of Wisconsin Neighborhood Law Clinic (NLC) provides free legal information and in some cases, full legal representation. NLC primarily assists with legal problems involving rental housing and employment law. NLC is part of the University of Wisconsin Law School's Economic Justice Institute. NLC clients receive legal services from law students, who are supervised by attorneys.

NLC may be able to help you if:

- Your employer hasn't paid you for hours that you worked
- Your employer owes you overtime pay or didn't pay you the minimum wage
- Your property manager or lessor is trying to evict you
- Your property manager or lessor illegally kept your security deposit
- Your apartment has maintenance or repair issues that have not been resolved
- Your Section 8 voucher is being terminated
- You have been discriminated against in employment or housing

Legal Topics Covered

Housing

- Renting
- Eviction
- Alternative Housing Options
- Manufactured Homes
- Utilities
- Other Housing Issues

Renting

- Public & Subsidized Housing

Work & Employment Law

- Applying & Interviewing for a Job
- Questions about Hours, Pay or Conditions
- Workers' Rights

Counties Served

Statewide

Language(s) Spoken

English
Spanish

Types of Service

Legal Advice (Free)
Legal Information (Free)
Legal Representation (Free)
Referrals (Free)

Accessibility

Wheelchair Accessible
Interpreter Services Available

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General Contact Information

Office Location:

UW South Madison Partnership Space at the Villager Mall
2238 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53713
United States

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Phone:

[\(608\) 265-2441](tel:(608)265-2441)

Other Hours

Hours change every semester - call for schedule. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome. Please call to schedule a remote or in-person meeting.

Se habla español, llame para horario.

How to Get Service

1. A person seeking help calls NLC to schedule an intake appointment at NLC's office (online meetings can also be scheduled).
2. That person brings all relevant documents to their appointment (or, for online meetings, emails copies before their appointment). For example:
 - Their lease if they have a housing issue,
 - Eviction notices if they're being evicted,
 - Timesheets or pay stubs if they weren't paid properly for their labor.

3. NLC students ask the person to explain the situation for which they're seeking help. The students listen carefully, take notes, and ask questions to get a better understanding of the issue(s).
4. At the end of the intake interview the NLC students research the law, and provide information and referrals. In limited circumstances NLC might offer full legal representation, which would usually begin about 1 - 2 weeks after the intake interview.
5. If NLC is able to offer representation, law students will be assigned to the case and represent the client, often this involves negotiation and litigation. Students will stay in contact with their client to keep them updated and to discuss options when decisions need to be made.

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