

## IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

### Supreme Court Law Library

(716) 845-9400

### Erie Supreme & County Court

(716) 845-9301

### Erie County Clerk's Office

(716) 858-8785

### Erie County Family Court

(716) 845-7400

### Erie County Surrogates Court

(716) 845-2560

### Buffalo City Court

(716) 845-2600



### Neighborhood Legal Services

(716) 847-0650

[www.nls.org](http://www.nls.org)

### Lawyer Referral & Information Services Bar Association of Erie County

(716) 852-3100

[www.eriebar.org/pr\\_finding\\_lawyer.asp](http://www.eriebar.org/pr_finding_lawyer.asp)

### Legal Services for the Elderly & Disabled

(716) 853-3087

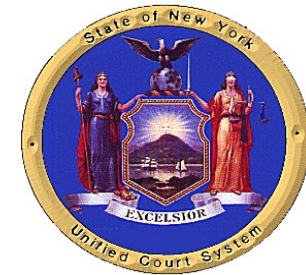
[www.lsed.org](http://www.lsed.org)

## Court Help Center On Site Services:



- ★ Staff trained to help litigants navigate their way through the courts
- ★ Simplified sample legal forms
- ★ Uncontested divorce packets
- ★ Information about available legal resources
- ★ Procedures explained
- ★ Guidance for attorneys
- ★ Public access computers and computer assisted legal research.

## EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT HELP CENTER



### Erie County Hall

77 West Eagle Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
Phone: (716) 845-1816

Honorable Paula L. Feroletto  
Administrative Judge  
Eighth Judicial District

**Hours of Operation**  
The Court Help Center is open  
Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M.  
until 4:30 P.M. to assist litigants.

## What is the Court Help Center?

The Eighth Judicial District Court Help Center employs staff to provide free procedural information to the public. They are neutral parties who **cannot give legal advice** or tell you the best way to handle your case.

Help Center Staff CAN provide information:

- on how to commence cases
- on how to answer cases
- on how to collect judgments
- on filling out forms
- on court procedure
- on small claims cases
- on referrals to appropriate agencies
- on public access computer use
- on how to find your destination court

Help Center Staff CAN NOT:

- give legal advice
- provide information that should be entered on your form
- interpret statutes, cases, or opinions
- provide opinions about a judge, court employee or private attorney

## Help Center Clerk

Michelle M. Zurek

## Who is the Court Help Center for?

The Help Center is available to anyone who needs assistance:

- to navigate the complex court system
- in obtaining legal information or legal forms
- and use of a word processor for preparing documents
- in finding out the status of a case

## What materials are available at the Help Center ?

The Help Center will have a variety of written material and sample forms available on topics involving Civil , Supreme and County Courts including:

- Uncontested Divorces
- Name Changes
- Courts of New York
- Child Support Determining the Amount
- Small Claims

## Does the Help Center have computers?

The Help Center provides free limited access to the internet for litigants to research law and community legal resources. Visitors may use the computer for up to 30 minutes to visit a number of web sites. A few of those helpful web sites are listed below:

- NYS Unified Court System, [www.nycourts.gov](http://www.nycourts.gov)
- LawHelp, [www.lawhelp.org/ny](http://www.lawhelp.org/ny)
- NYS Supreme Court Library at Buffalo, [www.nycourts.gov/library/buffalo/index.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/library/buffalo/index.shtml)
- Full text state statutes and legislation, [www.prairienet.org/~scruffy/f.htm](http://www.prairienet.org/~scruffy/f.htm)
- Eighth Judicial District website, [www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/index.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/index.shtml)
- Eighth Judicial District Court Help Ctr, [www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/helpctr.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/helpctr.shtml)

Computer assisted legal research is available at the Supreme Court Law Library located at 77 West Eagle St. Buffalo, NY.



A one stop venue for litigants, attorneys and the public to obtain guidance and information about the courts