

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

Western New York Law Center

(716) 855-0203 x 101 www.wnylc.com

ECBA Volunteer Lawyers Project

(716) 847-0662 www.ecbavlp.com

Neighborhood Legal Services

(716) 847-0650 www.nls.org

Lawyer Referral & Information Services Bar Association of Erie County

(716) 852-3100
www.eriebar.org/pr_finding_lawyer.asp

Legal Services for the Elderly & Disabled

(716) 853-3087 www.lsed.org

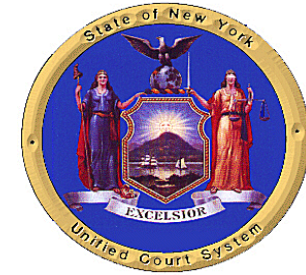
Court Help Center On-site Services:



- ★ 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.

8th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT HELP CENTER

<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/helpctr.shtml>



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

**Honorable Kevin M. Carter
Administrative Judge
Eighth Judicial District**

**The Court Help Center is
open by appointment only.**

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

Help Center Staff CANNOT:

- 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

Who is the Court Help Center for?

The Help Center is available to anyone who needs assistance:

- navigating the complex court system
- obtaining legal information or legal forms
- using a word processing program for preparing documents
- 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
- *LawHelp*, www.lawhelp.org/ny
- *NYS Supreme Court Library at Buffalo* www.nycourts.gov/library/buffalo/index.shtml
- *Eighth Judicial District website* www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/index.shtml
- *8th Judicial District Court Help Center* 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.