

2021 - 2022

# CLIENT RESOURCE MANUAL

## COURT ADVOCACY

- General and Local Domestic Violence Law Information
  - Legal Advocates
  - Legal Representation
  - Legal Advocacy + Information
  - Victim's Compensation

### **COURT ADVOCACY**

#### GENERAL AND LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW INFORMATION

#### 1. LEGAL ADVOCATES

My Sister's House

Bridget Hall, Court Advocate

Phone: 843-225-6136

bridget@mysistershouse.com

Victim Service Provider Listings: Law Enforcement Agencies

Website: http://www.scvan.org/victim-advocate-lists

#### 2. LEGAL REPRESENTATION

**SC Legal Services** 

<u>Services:</u> income based eligibility, family law, housing law, immigration, public benefits law

<u>Phone:</u> 1-888-346-5592 then 2 to get directly to intake specialist. Bilingual Intake line: 803-744-9430 (Directs call through Columbia, SC)

Emergency OOPS only: Bridget Hall (VOCA Paralegal) - (843) 266-2169

Website: https://sclegal.org/

#### **Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services**

Services: Low Income/No income clients, Family Law, Life Planning, Housing Law,

Consumer Issues, Public Benefits,

Website: https://charlestonprobono.org/

Phone: (843) 853-6456

Address: 111 Church Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Email: info@charlestonprobono.org

South Carolina Victims Assistance Network (SCVAN)- provides resource, referral

and advocacy services to crime victims and victim service providers

Website: http://www.scvan.org/

Phone: (803) 750-1200

**SCVAN Legal** - free legal services to victims of violent crime throughout the entire state, including direct legal representation, free legal consultations, advocacy in and outside of court proceedings, and safety planning. Not great for emergency legal needs. Review cases on Wednesday and make decisions if even taking the case then. Website: www.SCVANLegal.org

Intake Process: call (803) 509-6552 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It will take 15-20 minutes to obtain necessary information or complete the online intake form: https://www.scvanlegal.org/lsp-intake-form/

**Charleston Legal Access** – sliding scale legal representation, 1-2 hour case consult

sessions are available for flat fee of \$50-\$100

Address: 3775 Spruill Ave., Suite B, North Charleston, SC 29405

Phone: (843) 640-5980

Email: info@charlestonlegalaccess.org

Website: https://www.charlestonlegalaccess.org/

**SC Bar Lawyer Referral Service** – If not eligible for free legal aid, help find an attorney in the area that practices the specific type of case law requested per the situation.

Phone: 803-799-7100 or 1800-868-2284

# 3. LEGAL ADVOCACY + INFORMATION (NOT LEGAL REPRESENTATION)

#### SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center

Services: Legal Advocacy and Information – NOT Legal representation, site

available in Spanish

Address: 1518 WASHINGTON ST., COLUMBIA, SC 29201

<u>Phone:</u> 803-779-1113 <u>Email</u>: info@scjustice.org

#### **SCCADVASA Funded Law Help:** Information and legal resources

Website: https://www.lawhelp.org/sc

#### Legal Momentum -

Phone: 1-212-925-6635

Website: www.legalmomentum.org

#### **Legal Network for Gender Equity**

Website: www.nwlc.org/join-the-legal-network

#### Battered Women's Justice Project

<u>Phone:</u> 1-800-903-0111 Website: www.bwjp.org

#### Women's Law:

<u>Services:</u> State-specific laws information, doesn't replace an attorney

<u>Website</u>: https://www.womenslaw.org/SouthCarolina Email Hotline: https://hotline.womenslaw.org/public

#### 4. VICTIM'S COMPENSATION

#### Department of Crime Victim Compensation (DCVC formerly known as SOVA)

<u>Services:</u> Payor of last resort for medical bills/therapy bills for victims of crime. Must have bills to submit for services already received, need police report or letter from referring agency case manager

<u>Main Address:</u> 1205 Pendleton Street, Room 401 Columbia, South Carolina 29201 <u>Application:http://sova.sc.gov/documents/DCVC%20App%20Rev%20Aug%2020</u> 18%20Fillable.pdf