

Legal Aid Society

Of Middle Tennessee And The Cumberland



Oak Ridge Office

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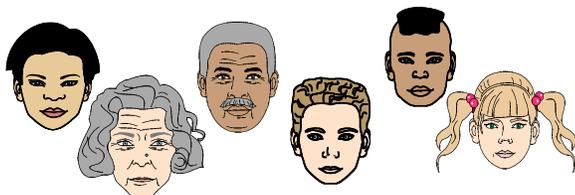
The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm. We have a local board of directors. Our board has lawyers chosen by local bar associations and clients chosen by local community groups.

The Legal Aid Society has eight offices in Middle and East Tennessee. This brochure explains the work of the **Oak Ridge** office.

Who Do We Serve?

Legal Aid serves:

- low-income people
- people with low or moderate incomes who need help with:
 - housing
 - housing discrimination
 - home ownership counseling
 - federal income tax problems



Types of Cases We Handle

Health

- TennCare (Medicaid)
- Medicare
- medical insurance
- problems getting to a doctor



Housing

- evictions
- admission to public housing
- Section 8 problems
- utility cut-offs
- repairs
- discrimination (based on race, family size, handicap or other reasons)



Education

- on behalf of children with disabilities

Federal Income Tax

- Problems with the IRS

Income Maintenance

- Families First
- food stamps
- unemployment
- Social Security (SSI)
- Social Security overpayments
- Federal Income Tax problems

Legal Aid does not have enough staff to take every case. Over 60,000 eligible people live in the Oak Ridge service area. If we cannot help you, we may be able to send you information or refer you to another agency.

We Do Not Handle:

- criminal cases
- cases where a lawyer might get a fee
- divorces and child support issues

Other Things We Do:

- We speak about legal rights to groups like senior citizen centers, job training classes, spouse abuse shelters, and plant closings.
- We prepare and give out pamphlets about legal rights and responsibilities.
- We advise organizations that also work with low-income people.
- We tell low-income families about their legal rights through public meetings, radio, TV, and newspaper press releases.
- We give training about legal rights to staff with other agencies that help low-income people.
- We refer people to private attorneys and other agencies.

How to Get Help

To find out if we can help you, call

1-800-238-1443

Our hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

When you call, we will ask you some questions about your case, your income and your assets. A lawyer or paralegal will then call you back.

Want to Know More about Legal Aid?

Visit our website at www.las.org.

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The Oak Ridge office of the Legal Aid Society serves seven counties:

Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne
Morgan, Roane, Scott, Union

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