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## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

The agencies listed will help persons with disabilities with legal issues for persons with disabilities. Prior to contacting the following legal resources, please do a little research and formulate what your problem is, and what you hope will be the outcome. If you prefer mediation to resolve your legal issues, there are affordable mediation services available in all four counties.

### **The Hawaii Disability Rights Center of Hawaii (HDRC)**

Phone: 808.949.2922 (Voice/TTY)

Website: [www.hawaiidisabilityrights.org](http://www.hawaiidisabilityrights.org)

The Hawaii Disabilities Rights Center of Hawaii (HDRC) promotes and advocates for human, civil, and legal rights of persons with disabilities. Individual case advocates and attorneys are assigned as needed. HDRC may assist with paperwork for guardianship resources, represent clients at Social Security appeals, and help parents with their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP). (*Non-Profit Organization*)

### **Hawaii State Bar Association – HSBA Legal Line**

Phone: 808.537.1868

Website: <http://hsba.org>

The Hawaii State Bar Association hosts a free telephone hotline every Wednesday evening from the hours of 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Volunteer attorneys provide free legal information to the public. This one-hour weekly program assists members of the public who may not have access to an attorney and need general advice or who just want to be pointed in the right direction to get legal information. (*Non-Profit Organization*)

## **Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii**

Phone: 808.528.7046

Website: [www.vlsh.org](http://www.vlsh.org)

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii matches pro bono lawyers with individuals and families in need of legal assistance. The organization's pool of volunteer attorneys handle non-criminal matters such as family law, guardianship, wills and probate, employment, immigration, and bankruptcy. Services include legal advice, telephone consultations, document drafting, self-help workshops and full representation. (*Non-Profit Organization*)

## **University of Hawaii Elder Law Program (UHELP)**

Phone: 808.956.6544

Website: [www.hawaii.edu/uhelp](http://www.hawaii.edu/uhelp)

The University of Hawaii Elder Law Program (UHELP) is located at the William S. Richardson School of Law and provides limited civil legal services and counseling on the island of Oahu to socially and economically needy persons who are 60 years of age or older. It also provides counseling and legal information to caregivers of older persons on Oahu. (*Government Agency*)

## **Legal Aid Society of Hawaii**

Phone: 808.536.4302

Website: [www.legalaidhawaii.org](http://www.legalaidhawaii.org)

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii primarily assists in the areas of family, housing, immigration, consumer, and public benefits. The Hawaii Fair Housing Enforcement Program is a program administered by the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. (*Non-Profit Organization*)

## **Hawaii Civil Rights Commission**

Oahu: 808.586.8636

Kauai: 808.274.3141 ext.68636

Hawaii: 808.974.2400 ext.68636

Maui: 808.984.2400 ext.68636

Lanai and Molokai: 1.800.468.4644 ext. 68636

Website: <http://labor.hawaii.gov/hcrc/>

HCRC enforces state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment (H.R.S. Chapter 378, Part I), housing (H.R.S. Chapter 515); public accommodations (H.R.S. Chapter 489), and access to state and state-funded services (H.R.S. §368-1.5). The HCRC receives, investigates, conciliates, and adjudicates complaints of discrimination. (*Government Agency*)

## **Spain, Spain & Varnet P.C.**

[www.ssvlegal.com](http://www.ssvlegal.com)

This website has information on all facets of estate planning for families with members who are disabled. Ms. Theresa Varnet, is often a guest speaker at conferences held in Hawaii. (*For-Profit Organization*)

## **Department of Human Services – Adult Protective Services**

Oahu: 808.832-5115

Hawaii (Big Island): 808.933.8820 • 808.327.6280

Maui/Molokai/Lanai: 808.243.5151

Kauai: 808.241.3337

Website: <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/ssd/home/adult-services/>

Adult Protective Services (APS) provides crisis intervention, without regard to income, including investigation and emergency services for vulnerable adults who are reported to be abused, neglected or financially exploited by others or seriously endangered due to self-neglect.

## Community Mediation Centers

There are five Community mediation centers under contract to the State of Hawaii to provide volunteer mediators and affordable mediation services to the public. (*Non-Profit Organization*)

### **Oahu**

Mediation Center of the Pacific

Phone: 808.521.6767

Website: <http://www.mediatehawaii.org>

### **Kauai**

Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc.

Mediation Program

Phone: 808.245.4077

Website: <http://keoinc.org/index.php/mediation>

### **Maui**

Maui Mediation Services

Phone: 808.244.5744

Website: <http://www.mauimmediation.org>

### **Hawaii**

Kuikahi Mediation Center

Phone: 808.935.7844

Website: <http://www.hawaiiimmediation.org>

West Hawaii Mediation Center

Phone: 808.885.5525

Website: <http://www.whmediation.org>