

# VOLUNTEER LAWYERS BIRMINGHAM

VIRTUAL CIVIL HELP DESK | Free legal help for low-income clients and their families



## Free Virtual Legal Assistance

Please call 205.250.5198, ext. 3 to connect with an intake specialist. If you qualify for services, you will be assigned an appointment to speak by phone with an attorney.

Out of concern for the safety of our clients and volunteers, Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham has temporarily suspended all in-person meetings with clients. However, **we remain available by phone** to help low-income residents of Jefferson County address their civil and domestic legal needs.

### WHAT:

Free legal help for low-income clients and their families. Cases may include:

- Housing: eviction, habitability
- Finances: credit, bankruptcy, garnishments, collecting judgments
- Family issues: divorce, adoption, probate. *No wills at this time.*
- Driver's license issues due to failure to pay fines
- Other civil legal issues
- No criminal or fee-generating cases

### WHAT CLIENTS SHOULD EXPECT:

1. We serve low-income clients. Please be prepared to provide proof of income (paystub, W2, tax returns, disability award letter, etc).
2. Attorney volunteers will explain what you need to do for your case, including preparing for the court process, and help you complete forms and pleadings.
3. Your virtual Help Desk visit is a one-time engagement with an attorney who is donating their time. If you require another consultation, you may be connected with a different attorney. Some clients may receive extended representation, which is determined on a case-by-case basis by VLB staff.

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