



# **Low Cost Legal Services for Seniors: Resources, Your Day in Court, Legal Representation**

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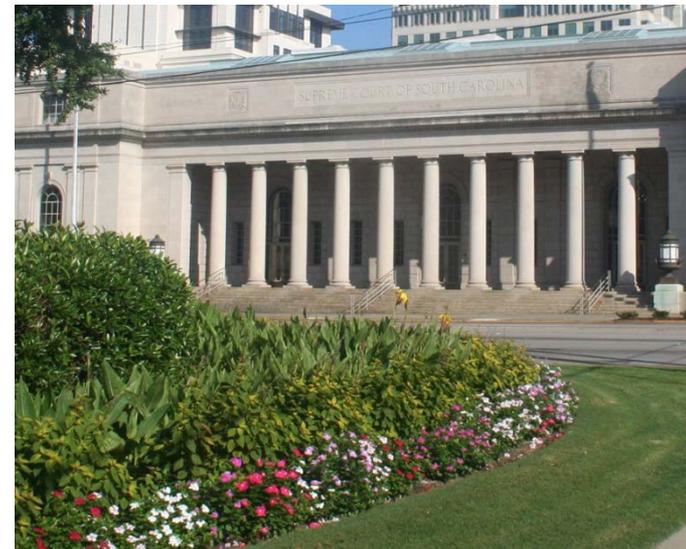
# Objectives



- Overview of the SC Bar
- Overview of the SC Access to Justice Commission
- Brief intro to the state court system
- What free legal resources are available
- Where to find these legal resources

# Overview of the state court system

- SC Supreme Court
- SC Court of Appeals
- Circuit Court
- Family Court
- Master-in-Equity
- Probate Court
- Magistrates Court
- Municipal Court
- Specialty Courts



# Who's Who in the Court

- Justice
- Judge
- Clerk of Court
- Court Reporter
- Bailiff
- Plaintiff
- Defendant
- GAL
- Interpreter



# Statewide Legal Resources



- South Carolina Legal Services
- Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities
- SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center
- SC Bar Pro Bono (\*)

# Regional Resources

- Center for Heirs' Property Preservation
- Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services
- Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
- Crisis Ministries – Homeless Justice Project
- Lowcountry Legal Volunteers
- Sistercare
- SC Center for Fathers and Families

# Representing Yourself

- Online Resources approved by the South Carolina Supreme Court:
  - Court Forms and Packets with Instructions
    - Divorce
    - Child Support Modification
    - Petition for Relief
  - FAQs
  - Videos



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# Other Resources for Self-Representation

- [www.LawHelp.org/sc](http://www.LawHelp.org/sc)
  - Divorce
  - Child Support Modification - <http://www.modifychildsupportsc.com/>



# SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center publications

- <http://scjustice.org/brochures-and-manuals/>
  - Consumer Issues
  - Education
  - Espanol
  - Family Law
  - Focus on Kids
  - Healthcare
  - Housing
  - Immigration
  - Miscellaneous Law
  - Collateral Consequences
  - Public Benefits



# SC Legal Services

- <http://www.lawhelp.org/SC>
  - Consumer
  - Housing
  - Family and Juvenile
  - Military and Veterans' Affairs
  - Limited English Proficiency
  - Domestic Violence
  - Senior Citizens
  - Wills and Life Planning
  - Tax



# SC Bar: Legal Information

- Ask-a-lawyer telephone and web chat,  
<http://www.scbar.org/PublicServices/AskaLawyer.aspx>
- Free Legal Clinics,  
<http://www.scbar.org/PublicServices/FreeLegalClinics.aspx>
- Legal Assistance for Military Personnel,  
<http://www.scbar.org/PublicServices/LegalAssistanceforMilitaryPersonnel.aspx>
- [www.sclawanswers.org](http://www.sclawanswers.org)
- Law school for non-lawyers,  
<http://www.scbar.org/PublicServices/LawSchoolforNonLawyers.aspx>
- SC Bar free online information
  - <http://www.scbar.org/PublicServices/LawLine.aspx>
  - <http://www.scbar.org/PublicServices/FreePublications.aspx>
- Pro bono legal representation

# SC Bar: Additional Services

- Client Assistance Program
- Fee Disputes
- Find a Lawyer
  - Telephone: **1-800-868-2284**, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Online: <http://www.scbar.org/PublicServices/FindaLawyer/LRS.aspx>, 24/7
- Lawyers Fund for Client Protection



# SC Bar: Online Resources for Seniors

- Advance Care Planning: Talking about your health care choices
- Advance Care Planning Q and A
- Advance Directive DORMS
- Why you need a will
- Taxes at death
- S.C. Senior Citizens Handbook



# SC Bar: Other

- Speakers Bureau
- Mediation
- Unauthorized Practice of Law



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