

## South Carolina Bar

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**Mission:** The South Carolina Bar is committed to serving and educating the public through a series of programs and initiatives designed to create an atmosphere of communication and trust.

**Geographic area covered:** Statewide from centralized State Office

### Services Provided:

Information on common legal topics

- Children's Law Topics
  - Adoption Updated 3/2016
  - Autism Updated 12/2017
  - Bullying Resources Updated 12/2017
  - Child Abuse and Neglect Updated 2/2016
  - Child Immigration Law Updated 2/2018
  - Children with Disabilities Updated 2/2018
  - Daniel's Law: Information for Safe Havens Updated 3/2018
  - Drivers Licenses Updated 12/2017
  - Early Childhood Care Updated 2/2016
  - Guardian ad Litem Updated 2/2016
  - Homeless Students Updated 2/2016
  - K-12 Education Updated 3/2018
  - Kinship Care in South Carolina Updated 2/2018
  - Name Changes for Children Updated 3/2016
  - Social Media Updated 2/2016
  - Truancy Updated 2/2018
  - What is Foster Care? Updated 2/2018
  - Who is a "Child?" Updated 12/2017
- Family Law
  - Divorce Updated 9/2014
  - Legal Separation Updated 9/2014
  - Property rights in divorce Updated 9/2014
  - Child Custody Updated 2/2016
  - Child Support Updated 2/2018
  - Visitation after divorce or separation
  - Domestic violence
  - Grandparent Rights Updated 12/2014 (Video)
  - LGBT Children or Parents Updated 12/2017

Free forms and publications

- Pocket Legal Counselor
- Your Guide to Magistrate's Court
- Resources for Seniors
- Types of Advance Directives Available
- Taxes at Death
- Why You Need a Will
- S.C. Senior Citizens Handbook
- Advance Care Planning: Talking About Your Health Care Choices
- Advance Directive Forms

- Living Will
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- Health Care Power of Attorney in Spanish (Oder Legal Para Atencion Medica)
- Children's Issues
  - Kids' Law (provided by the USC School of Law Children's Law Center)
  - Transitions: Legal Issues for Parents and Caregivers of Special Needs Children Transitioning to Adulthood
- Self-Represented Divorce

#### Talk to a Lawyer for Free

- Volunteer lawyers participate in a number of public programs designed to help South Carolinians with legal issues they face.

#### Find a Lawyer

- Use our Lawyer Referral Service or mediator database to locate the right professional for your case. Or, find out whether you qualify for pro bono assistance.

#### Problems with your Lawyer

- Client Assistance Program
- Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection
- Resolution of Fee Disputes
- Unauthorized Practice of Law

#### Free Legal Clinics

- The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state. Most involve a 30-45 minute lecture followed by either a question and answer or five minute one-on-one session with an attorney.

#### Law School for Non-Lawyers

- The Bar periodically offers a seven-week Law School for Non-Lawyers course covering a variety of general legal subjects, which includes a helpful textbook on South Carolina law.

#### Legal Assistance for Military Personnel

- LAMP seeks to provide free or reduced fee legal services to active military personnel who are stationed in South Carolina or whose case is related to South Carolina in some way.