

# DIRECTORY OF LEGAL RESOURCES FOR LIFE, HEALTH, AND ESTATE PLANNING IN MARYLAND



*Do you have someone who can manage your financial affairs  
if you cannot because you are ill or incapable?*

*Do you have a Will that specifies who will receive what property,  
including your home, if you die?*

*Do you have a clear direction as to what measures you want taken  
should you end up in a hospital or medical facility?*

These issues can be handled through advance planning documents and are important to have in place no matter how old you are, or how limited your assets may be. They are also important should you or someone on your behalf want to apply for public benefits.

For Financial Powers of Attorney, Simple Wills, and Advance Medical Directives, these organizations can assist you either directly or by offering lawyer referral services to help you find an attorney to prepare these documents.

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## **LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND LOCAL/SPECIALTY BAR ASSOCIATIONS THAT PROVIDE **FREE** ESTATE PLANNING SERVICES**

### **Allegany Law Foundation (ALF)**

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

301-722-3390

Volunteer attorneys provide free legal services to low-income clients, veterans and seniors in Allegany County. Issues for elderly clients include advance directives and powers of attorney. Please call for current services.

### **Bar Association of Baltimore City Senior Legal Services**

[www.baltimoresejiorlegalservices.org](http://www.baltimoresejiorlegalservices.org)

410-396-1322

Program staff and volunteer attorneys provide legal advice and consultation, direct representation, and education/outreach services for clients 60 years old or older and living in Baltimore City on a pro bono (free) basis. Volunteers speak to senior groups about legal topics affecting Baltimore City seniors. Current remote services include: civil (non-criminal) legal services delivered via telephone with a focus on, but not limited to: housing preservation, advance planning (including Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Directives), deed changes (outdoor document execution available), and issues of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

### **Community Legal Services of Prince George's County (CLS)**

[www.clspgc.org](http://www.clspgc.org)

240-391-6532

Provides legal education, advice, and free or reduced fee legal representation to low-income persons in Prince George's County, including offering estate planning legal services from volunteer attorneys. Current remote services include Advance Medical Directives and Financial Powers of Attorney; may offer assistance with Simple Wills in the near future.

### **Free State Justice**

[www.freestate-justice.org](http://www.freestate-justice.org)

410-625-5428

Provides legal services to low-income lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in Maryland with issues related to their sexual orientation, including small estate planning, on a pro bono and reduced-fee basis.

### **Harford County Bar Foundation (HCBF)**

[www.harfordcountybarfoundation.org](http://www.harfordcountybarfoundation.org)

410-836-0123

Volunteer attorneys provide pro bono and reduced fee civil legal services to low-income clients in Harford and Cecil counties through Elder Law clinics held at the local senior centers. Those clinics are currently on hold. Current remote services include Advance Medical Directives and Financial Powers of Attorney.

**Legal Aid Bureau**

[www.mdlab.org](http://www.mdlab.org)

410-951-7777

Places eligible low-income individuals with volunteer attorneys for completion of Wills, Advance Directives and life planning documents. Remote and in person services are available; schedule by phone or visit the website.

**Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC)**

[www.probonomd.org](http://www.probonomd.org)

443-703-3053

Holds Advance Planning Clinics for and consultations with low-income seniors, where volunteer attorneys work with clients to prepare estate planning documents, such as Wills, Financial Powers of Attorney, and Advance Medical Directives. Current remote services include Advance Medical Directives and Financial Powers of Attorney.

**Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS)**

[www.mvlslaw.org](http://www.mvlslaw.org)

800-510-0050

Matches low income clients with volunteer attorneys who provide estate planning legal services and probate representation on a pro bono basis based on the client's income. Staff also conduct outreach presentations on estate planning primarily in Baltimore City. MVLS assist individuals in all jurisdictions of the state EXCEPT Allegany County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Queen Anne's County, Dorchester County, Caroline County, Talbot County, and Kent County.

**Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc. (MSPB)**

[www.midshoreprobono.org](http://www.midshoreprobono.org)

410-690-8128

Volunteer attorneys provide pro bono and reduced fee civil legal services to low-income clients in Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Wicomico, and Dorchester counties. Holds remote clinic appointments and provides remote preparation of financial powers of attorney, advance medical directives, and wills. MSPB also provides civil legal services, including life planning documents, for Spanish speaking clients.

**Montgomery County Bar Foundation (MCBF) Pro Bono Program**

[www.montbar.org](http://www.montbar.org)

301-424-7651

Volunteer attorneys provide free legal services to low-income Montgomery County residents, including Wills and Powers of Attorney.

**Disability Rights Maryland (DRM)**

[www.Disabilityrightsmd.org](http://www.Disabilityrightsmd.org)

410-727-6352

Provides information and referral and advice for ABLE accounts. ABLE accounts provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to save money to pay for qualified expenses, without being taxed on the earnings and, in most cases, without losing eligibility for certain means-tested benefit programs. DRM also provides information and referral, brief service and advice on alternatives to guardianship and termination of guardianships.

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## ESTATE PLANNING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

### Wills for Heroes

Young Lawyers Section, MSBA

David Scull - [davidscull@estatesllc.com](mailto:davidscull@estatesllc.com)

Bill Kiniry - [William.KiniryIII@dlapiper.com](mailto:William.KiniryIII@dlapiper.com)

Victoria Lucido - [vlucido@bagleyrhody.com](mailto:vlucido@bagleyrhody.com)

Provides basic estate planning services, including Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Directives to first responders who qualify by engaging volunteer attorneys at events around the state. Interested organizations should contact the above individuals for more information on scheduling and organizing an event.

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## LEGAL SERVICES OFFERED FOR A REDUCED RATE

### Civil Justice, Inc.

[www.civiljusticenetwork.org](http://www.civiljusticenetwork.org)

410-706-0174

A network of attorneys who provide Estate Planning Services on a reduced-fee basis to clients of low- and moderate-income.

### Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc. (MSPB)

[www.midshoreprobono.org](http://www.midshoreprobono.org)

410-690-8128

Provides access to reduced fee legal services for middle income clients that don't qualify for free pro bono services but have a household income less than 70% of Maryland median income. Clients pay attorneys directly, but are matched with a qualified attorney through MSPB

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### Anne Arundel Bar Association

410-222-6859

[www.aabar.org/lris](http://www.aabar.org/lris)

### Baltimore County Bar Association

410-337-9100

<https://www.bcba.org/community-resources/lawyer-referral-program/>

### Bar Association of Baltimore City

410-539-3112

[www.baltimorebar.org/for-the-public/lawyer-referral/](http://www.baltimorebar.org/for-the-public/lawyer-referral/)

### Bar Association of Frederick County

410-337-9100 – Baltimore County Lawyer Referral

[www.frederickbar.org/find-an-attorney.html](http://www.frederickbar.org/find-an-attorney.html)

### Bar Association of Montgomery County

301-279-9100

[www.barmont.org/page/24](http://www.barmont.org/page/24)

### Howard County Bar Association

410-313-3853

[www.howardcountybar.org](http://www.howardcountybar.org)

### Prince George's County Bar Association

301-952-1440

[www.pgcbac.com/lawyer-referral-service/find-a-lawyer/](http://www.pgcbac.com/lawyer-referral-service/find-a-lawyer/)

### Maryland Hispanic Bar Association

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

### National Association of Elder Law Attorneys

<https://www.naela.org/findlawyer?>