

Free legal advice & solicitors

Organisations that offer free legal advice

Below is a list of solicitors and other agencies that are known to provide free legal advice.

Solicitors

Anthony Gold		
The Counting House, 53 Tooley Street London SE1 2QN	T: 020 7940 4000	F: 020 7940 4060
	W: anthonygold.co.uk	
Free <u>initial</u> consultation for property disputes and contentious probate matters		

Atti & Co		
15 New Cross Road, Lewisham, SE14 6TA	T: 020 7639 3636	F: 020 7639 3773
	E: No general email	
Free clinic covering most areas of law on Wednesdays & Fridays 6pm – 8pm (Yoruba speaking) Booked appointments only (phone or call in to book)		

Ewings & Co		
148 High Street, Penge, London SE20 7EU	T: 020 8778 1126	F: 020 8676 9662
	E: reception@ewings.uk.com	
Free Legal Surgery on Crime & Family (except divorce) on Wednesdays 2.30pm to 4.00pm		

Mandy Peter Solicitors		
345 Lee High Road, London SE12 8RU	T: 020 8297 4000	F: 020 8297 4090
	E: mandypetersolicitors@aol.com	
Free legal advice surgery Wednesdays 10am - 12noon drop – in		

Mountain Partnership		
143 New Cross Road London SE14 5DJ	T: 0800 027 6030	F: 0207 732 6999
	E: advice@mountainpartnership.co.uk	
Free legal surgery Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons by appointment		

Waterloo Legal Advice Service		
Waterloo Action Centre 14 Baylis Road, London, SE1 7AA	T: 0207 261 1404	F:
	W: www.waterlooactioncentre.co.uk	
Thursday evening from 6.30pm – 8pm, doors open at 6pm Solicitors give free legal advice on wide range of topics including consumer, family, immigration		

Other Agencies Offering Free Legal Advice

Age UK		
Freepost (SWB 30375), Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7ZZ	T: 0800 169 6565	W: www.ageuk.org.uk
Older adults advice service		

BPP Legal Advice Centre		
68 – 70 Red Lion Street, London WC1R 4NY	T: 020 7430 5668 Emp : 0207 633 4534	E: blac@bppls.com
Call or email for appointments in Housing, Employment and Family.		

Children's Legal Centre		
38 Great Portland St, London, W1W 8QY	T: 0845 345 4345 T : 0808 802 0008 (Child Law)	E: clclondon@essex.ack.uk
For advice on Family or Child Law.		

Community Legal Advice		
Helpline :	0845 345 4345	W: www.justice.gov.uk
Free telephone legal advice for problems with Debt, Education, Employment, Housing, Tax Credits & Welfare Benefits		

Citizens Advice Consumer Service		
Help-line for consumer problems	T: 08454 04 05 06	W: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

Legal Advice Centre – School of Law, University of London		
Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS	T: 020 7882 3931	Email: lac@qmul.ac.uk www.lac.qmul.ac.uk
Assistance with all legal matters including family (cohabitation, separation, divorce & child contact); landlord & tenant, freehold and leasehold disputes, employment issues, immigration, CRB checks and offences, crime (processes and procedures). Assistance for businesses with a turnover of less than £100,000.		

Lewisham Council private housing rights		
1a Eros House, Brownhill Road, Catford SE6 4EG	T: 020 8314 7144	W: www.lewisham.gov.uk/Housing/PrivateHousing
Free Private Housing advice. Drop-in session (no appointment needed) Mon – Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm & Wed 12.30pm – 3.30pm		

Motor Accident Solicitor Society (MASS)		
St. Bartholomew Court, 18 Christmas Street, Bristol	T: 0117 925 9604	W: www.mass.org.uk
		E: office@mass.org.uk
Society of lawyers specialising in road traffic accidents		

National Debtline

Tricorn House, 51-53 Hagley Road, Edgbaston,
Birmingham B16 8TP

T: 0808 808 4000

W: nationaldebtline.co.uk

Free confidential & independent advice on how to deal with debt problems
Call Freephone Mondays to Fridays 9am to 9pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 1pm.

Business Debtline

Tricorn House, 51-53 Hagley Road, Edgbaston,
Birmingham B16 8TP

T: 0800 197 6026

W: www.bdl.org.uk

Free confidential debt advice for self employed/small businesses

Payplan

Kempton House, Dysart Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire
NG31 7LE

T: 0800 280 2816

W: www.payplan.com

Payplan help people set up and keep to a manageable repayment plan.
M-F 8am- 9pm, Sat 9am – 3pm

Joint Council for Welfare of Immigrants

115 Old Street London EC1V 9RT

T : 0207 251 8708

Helpline: 020 7553 7470
10am-1pm Mon, Tues, Thurs

Advice Surgery on Thursday mornings - appointments only.

W : www.jcwi.org.uk

Initial upfront £60 fee which will be reimbursed for those entitled to legal aid.

Rights of Women Legal Advice Line

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52 – 54 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8Rt

T: 020 7251 6577

F: 020 7490 5377

W: www.rightsofwomen.org.uk

Family advice line : 0207 251 6577 Mon 11-1, Tues–Thurs 2–4 PM and 7-9 PM, Fri 12–2 PM
Crime & sexual violence advice line: 020 7251 8887 Tuesday 11-1pm and Thursday 2-4pm
Immigration advice line : 0207 490 7689 Mondays 2-4pm Wednesdays 11-1pm

Step Change Debt Charity (previously known as CCCS)

Wade House, Merrion Centre, Leeds, LS2 8NG

T: 0800 138 1111

W:

www.stepchange.org.uk

Providing free, independent and realistic support for people with Debt problems.
Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm.

South Bank University Legal Advice Clinic

Caxton House, 13-16 Borough Road, SE1 OAA

T: 020 7815 5450

E:

legaladvice@lsbu.ac.uk

Women's Aid National Help Line

FREEPHONE 24 HR HELPLINE

PO Box 391 Bristol BS99 7WS

T: 0808 2000 247

F: 0117 924 1703

W: www.womensaid.org.uk

E: helpline@womensaid.org.uk

For women and children experiencing physical, sexual or emotional abuse in their home.

Afro-Asian Advisory Service

53 Addington Square, London, SE5 7LB

T: Monday - Friday between 2pm-5pm on
their advice line on 0845 618 5385

Free, independent advice and representation on matters relating to nationally, immigration and asylum law direct to members of the public. They see clients daily between 9:00am & 1:00pm, **strictly by appointment only.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE – SOLICITORS COST / FEES

You may qualify for **free** legal help if you are on a low income from work or you get certain Social Security benefits like Income Support. You must not have too much in savings. The solicitor you see can check the figures for you. You should take proof of **all** income and savings to your appointment.

Even if you cannot get completely free help you may only have to pay a part of the solicitor's fees, or you may have a "charge" put on any money you receive from your case, or on the value of your home, if you own it.

You should speak to the solicitor about free help, or whether you will have to pay fees, **before** you ask him/her to advise or act for you. You should also ask what costs, if any, might be awarded against you if you lose your case.

If you have an initial free consultation, always check if the solicitor will make a charge for sending you written confirmation of his advice or for any other action you agree they should take on your behalf.

The solicitor will consider taking on your case if he/she thinks it has a good chance of succeeding and if you can pay any fees that may be due. You will need to inform him/her of any change of circumstances or new information.

PREPARATION

Take to your appointment any documents or letters concerning your query – it is helpful to put them in date order.

Before you go to an appointment, write down the main points or questions you want help with. This will save time for you and the solicitor at the appointment.

Please let us know whether you were satisfied or not with the service of the solicitor's firm, especially concerning their commitment to Equal Opportunities.

The website of the Law Society (www.lawsociety.org.uk) gives comprehensive listings of solicitors sorted by postcode and areas of law.