



Find an Attorney or Other Legal Representation

You should consider hiring an attorney to represent you during the arbitration or mediation process to provide direction and advice. If you cannot afford an attorney, there are many legal aid and pro bono programs in communities that provide legal help for the poor. People with income below the federal poverty guidelines may be eligible for free legal help through these programs. People who are elderly, disabled, enlisted in the military, or in other special circumstances also may be eligible for help even if their income is a little higher.

The AAA® is a neutral administrative organization, and therefore the AAA staff cannot provide specific recommendations for legal representation or referrals. However, we can offer the following general guidance.

If you need help to find a lawyer, you may want to try the following:

- Check the American Bar Association's website https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/flh-home. The American Bar Association is a national bar association that may provide you with referrals in your area.
- Broaden your list of potential lawyers by consulting directories of attorneys. The Martindale-Hubbell® Law Directory can be found at many libraries or at its website <https://www.martindale.com>. It lists lawyers by state and jurisdictions.

This is not a complete list and we cannot endorse or recommend a specific lawyer to you, vouch for the competence of any lawyer recommended to you by a bar association or referral service, nor recommend the services of one bar association over another.

Incubator Programs

California Western School of Law Incubator Law Offices

Access to Law Initiative (ALI)

<https://www.cwsl.edu/clinics-and-programs/access-to-law-initiative>

225 Cedar Street

San Diego, CA 92101

General questions about the program can be directed to Matthew A. Lab, Esq., Director, Access to Law Initiative (ALI) at (619) 515-1511 or m1ab@cwsl.edu.

California Western School of Law (CWSL) alumni in solo and small firm practices or in non-profit entities who wish to establish economically viable practices and also provide legal services to underserved segments of the community.



Law School Clinics

The law schools listed below provide legal representation through clinics. Under the supervision of attorneys, law students will represent qualified parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations. Parties need to determine if they qualify for help from a clinic; some clinics will not handle claims above a set amount, will only handle certain types of claims, or may require that your income not exceed a certain amount. Please check directly with each clinic for information.

California

University of San Francisco School of Law Clinics

Kendrick Hall, 211
2130 Fulton Street
San Francisco, CA 94117-1080
Telephone: (415) 422-6752
Email: lawclinic@usfca.edu

Internet & Intellectual Property Justice Clinic

Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations in matters relating to trademarks and copyright issues. Each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help. Under the supervision of faculty, students take on pro bono clients, handling trademark and copyright cases from intake to resolution. Clients are individuals and startups working toward social and environmental change, as well as small companies in trademark disputes against larger companies.

Idaho

University of Idaho College of Law, Main Street Law Clinic

875 Perimeter Drive MS 2321
Moscow, ID 83844-2321
Telephone: (208) 885-6541
Email: legalaiddclinic@uidaho.edu

The University of Idaho College of Law's Main Street Law Clinic handles certain mediations primarily in family law.

Illinois

Pro Bono Litigation Clinic

UIC John Marshall Law School

300 S. State Street
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: (312) 427-2737 ext. 477



Email: law-probono@uic.edu

Fax: (312) 427-0430

The Institute provides pro-bono mediation advocacy services. There are no stated restrictions, and will take cases limited in scope to representation during mediation, based on available student/staff availability.

New York

Brooklyn Law School, Securities Arbitration Clinic

111 Livingston Street, 20th Floor

Brooklyn, NY 11201

Telephone: (718) 780-7994

Email: clinics@brooklaw.edu

Securities arbitration or mediation matters only - each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

Fordham Law School, Securities Arbitration and Litigation Clinic

150 West 62nd Street

New York, NY 10023

Telephone: (212) 636-6934

Securities arbitration and mediation matters only - each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

New York Law School, Securities Arbitration Clinic

185 West Broadway

New York, New York 10013

Telephone: (212) 431-2338

Fax: (212) 324-7912

Securities arbitration matters only - each request will be considered on an individual basis to see if the law school can help.

Ohio

The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, Civil Clinic

255 E Drinko Hall

55 W. 12th Ave.

Columbus, OH 43210

Telephone: (614) 292-6821

Email: cooke.62@osu.edu



Will provide legal services to self-represented parties in AAA administered arbitrations and/or mediations. Clinic does not have strict eligibility requirements such as income limits, but it does try to take cases in which client otherwise could not afford to hire legal counsel, and looks for cases that offer educational opportunities for our students. Clinic students, under close faculty supervision, represent clients in a wide variety of civil matters in state and federal courts across Ohio. Many cases are resolved through mediation or arbitration. Mortiz College of Law has a well-developed Alternative Dispute Resolution program, and many of its students have taken classes specifically in mediation and negotiation before enrolling in the clinic.

Tennessee

The University of Tennessee College of Law

1505 W. Cumberland Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1810
General Phone: 865-974-2331

Professor Becky Jacobs
Telephone: (865) 974-8598
Email: jacobs@utk.edu

and/or

Professor Brian Krumm
Telephone: (865) 974-4141
Email: bkrumm@utk.edu

Clinics will represent those individuals or organizations that are otherwise unable to afford private counsel.

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin Law School, Neighborhood Law Clinic

Villager Mall
2312 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53704
Telephone: (608) 265-2441

Handles cases involving employment, rental housing, and other miscellaneous small claims. Screens all cases by way of conducting an intake interview.