

LEGAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

PUBLIC DEFENDER - <http://publicdefender.delaware.gov/>

Brendan O'Neill, Public Defender
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Wilmington, Delaware 19801
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About the Office of the Public Defender

- His responsibility is to represent every person who cannot afford a lawyer who has been arrested or charged for a crime for which they may be sent to jail.
- The Public Defender employs seventy-one (71) skilled Assistant Public Defenders to represent individuals who are accused of a crime. His assistant public defenders average eighteen (18) years experience at the Bar.
- These Defenders do not work for the judges, the police or the Attorney General. They work exclusively for their indigent clients.
- These Defenders are experienced trial lawyers and members of the Delaware Bar sworn to protect the rights of the defendants that they represent.
- The Public Defender's Office provides access to interpreters, criminal investigators, forensic nurses, psycho-forensic evaluators, psychological and/or medical or psychiatric examinations, and other experts as needed.
- The Public Defender, as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Council's Videophone Committee, has authority over a statewide videophone system with more than 95 locations throughout the state to increase the quality of services available to indigent clients.

Eligibility

You must first be determined eligible before the Office of the Public Defender can represent you. This requires an interview with an intake investigator. Bring a

paystub to the interview. If you are receiving unemployment compensation, social security/disability or other public assistance bring proof to the interview. Eligibility for minors is based on the income of the primary custodial parent(s) along with defendants' income.

Public Defender Fee

There is a \$50.00 fee assessed by the court for the services of the Public Defender's Office. This fee is paid directly to the court, not the Public Defender's office.

LEGAL AID

Community Legal Aid Society - <http://www.declasi.org/>
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
100 West 10th Street, Suite 801
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 575-0660

Delaware Volunteer Legal Services - <http://www.dvls.org/>
Pro Bono – Landlord/Tenant Issues
http://www.dvls.org/attorney_counseling_evenings.htm

LANDLORD/TENANT CODE

The Landlord/Tenant Code can be found at:
<http://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers/protection/brochure/landlordtenantcode.pdf>

University of Delaware College of Education and Public Policy -
<http://www.ipa.udel.edu/crp/adr/TypeIndex.asp?Type=FA&ID=16>

COMPLAINT ROUTES

Consumer Protection Division (Attorney General's Office)
<http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/office/fraud.shtml>

Dept. of Justice – Consumer Protection Unit -
<http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers/index.shtml>

Consumer Protection is part of the Fraud Division of the Attorney General's Office. The objective of the programs and functions of Consumer Protection is the protection of the general public against consumer fraud and violation of consumer protection laws. These objectives are carried out through enforcement of state statutes, consumer education and information, consumer advocacy and coordinated state and federal governmental cooperation.

Attorney General's Office (Wilmington)

<http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/office/accesible/wilmington.htm>

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Email: Attorney.General@State.DE.US

Criminal Division: (302) 577-8500
Civil Division: (302) 577-8400
Fraud & Consumer Protection: (302) 577-8600

Better Business Bureau - <http://delaware.bbb.org/>

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information:
60 Reads Way
New Castle, DE 19720
(302)230-0108
Fax (302)230-0116
info@delaware.bbb.org

Newark Housing Authority - <http://newarkhousingauthority.net/>
313 East Main Street
Newark, DE 19711-7152
(302) 366-0826

Resident information: <http://newarkhousingauthority.net/resident.html>

HOUSING - <http://www.udel.edu/has/grad/main.html> (5 Courtney Street)

Contact: Martha Bailey
(302) 831-3676
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