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**Clerk of the Adams Circuit and Superior  
Courts**

Adams County Courthouse ♦ 112 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street A ♦  
Decatur, IN ♦ 46733



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**INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES – FORT WAYNE OFFICE**

(260) 424-9155; (888) 442-8600;

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

TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

*Free legal assistance is available to persons who qualify through the application process. Eligibility is based on factors related to the applicant's income, family size, and legal issue. A majority of cases handled by this service include family law issues with domestic violence, health care, housing, government benefits and consumer law. Criminal matters are not handled by this agency.*

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**INDIANA SUPREME COURT – SELF SERVICE LEGAL CENTER**

[www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice)

*This website provides information and legal forms to unrepresented persons for a variety of legal issues.*

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**NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN LEGAL CLINIC**

(260) 456-8972; [www.nclegalclinic.org](http://www.nclegalclinic.org)

Monday 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Each Month  
from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

*Legal service is provided for anyone at or below 125% of the federal poverty level. Divorces and criminal matters are not handled.*

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**VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM OF NORTHEAST INDIANA**

(260) 407-0917; (877) 407-0917; [www.vlpnei.org](http://www.vlpnei.org)

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

*Low income residents may qualify for free assistance for a variety of legal matters. This program does not assist with criminal matters, traffic tickets, or personal injury cases.*



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## **INFORMATION FOR UNREPRESENTED LITIGANTS**

The employees of the Clerk's office and the Courts are **NOT** allowed to give legal advice to any person. Litigants and parties to a lawsuit are **NOT** permitted to speak to Judges or court staff about legal matters. Unrepresented persons are strongly encouraged to seek guidance from an attorney on any legal issue, including filing lawsuits and case handling. Unrepresented persons are held to the same legal standard as attorneys and can easily risk jeopardizing their case. The following websites and agencies can be useful resources for unrepresented litigants.

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### **ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LEGAL LINE**

(260) 423-2358

TUESDAY FROM 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

*Volunteer attorneys answer questions about a variety of legal issues including: family law, criminal law, employment law, property disputes, and wills. This service is free of charge.*

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### **ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE**

(260) 423-2358

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FROM 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

*A person may pay a \$40 non-refundable fee to speak with an attorney for up to 30 minutes. The attorney's regular hourly rate will apply for any time spent beyond this consultation. Social Security, Worker's Compensation, and Negligence cases are not charged the \$40 fee. The lawyer referral service cannot answer legal questions or offer legal advice.*