

## 2021 CONNECTICUT IMMIGRATION LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS REFERRAL LIST

This list does not imply IRIS' endorsement of any individual attorney, law firm, association, organization, or business. Organizations that represent clients in immigration court or hearings are marked with an asterisk ( \* ).

### **Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (Bridgeport, Stamford, Hartford) \***

670 Clinton Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605  
T: (203) 336-0141 (paralegal extension: 1010)  
E: immigration@cirict.org  
<http://www.cirict.org>

Services: Accepts all immigration matters, including family-based immigration petitions; adjustment of status applications; consular processing; representation of survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other serious crimes; applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) ; permanent residency applications for refugees and asylees, applications for naturalization and certificates of citizenship; document renewals and replacements; applications for asylum and related relief; and removal (deportation) defense.

Fees: \$60 initial consultation fee. Fees are based on income and household size for representation by CIRI staff attorneys. CIRI additionally runs a referral program to independent low cost and free attorneys, whose fees will vary.

Se habla español.

Contact Information for regional offices:

Bridgeport (203) 336-0141 Monday - Friday 9 AM – 5 PM  
Stamford (203) 965-7190 Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 5 PM  
Hartford (860) 692-3085 Monday – Friday 9 AM – 5 PM

### **New Haven Legal Assistance Association (New Haven) \***

205 Orange Street, New Haven, CT 06510  
T: (203) 946-4811  
E: legalaid@nhlegal.org  
[www.nhlegal.org](http://www.nhlegal.org)

Services: New Haven Legal Assistance takes case referrals from Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut. To see if you qualify for free legal services, call Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut at 1-800-453-3320. The staff will ask you questions and talk to you about your legal case. If you qualify for legal aid, they will give you some legal advice on the phone or refer your case to New Haven Legal Assistance or another attorney or legal services organization. If you are undocumented and need legal assistance, call the office directly at (203) 946-4811.

*Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut hours are Monday to Friday from 9AM-12PM and 1PM-2PM.*

Fee: Free of charge for those who are eligible.

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM

**Apostle Immigrant Services (New Haven)**

81 Saltonstall Ave., New Haven, CT 06513

T: (203) 752-9068

E: ais.fairhaven@gmail.com

<https://www.apostleimmigrantservices.org/services>

Services: Limited client base. Assists with applications for permanent residence (green cards), petitions for family members, naturalization, U-Visas and VAWA cases for victims of domestic violence, renewals for green cards, employment authorization, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewals, and Temporary Protected Status. Only represents clients in immigration court or hearings in certain situations. **Does not** assist with asylum cases, employment-based applications, student visas, visitor visas, removal defense cases.

Fees: \$40 consultation fee with additional fees for application support. Fees can be waived or reduced if necessary.

Hours: For consultations, call the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, starting at 9am. Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

**JUNTA for Progressive Action (New Haven)**

169 Grand Avenue, New Haven, CT 06513

T: (203) 787-0191 ext. 106 for immigration paralegal

E: adria.agramonte@juntainc.com

<https://www.juntainc.org/en/junta360/>

Services: JUNTA has an Immigration Paralegal who completes questionnaires with clients and refers them to attorneys at New Haven Legal Assistance Association or private attorneys for representation. The Immigration Paralegal can help clients and their attorneys with translation and interpretation. No court representation.

Fees: Free of charge. To get in contact with the Immigration Paralegal, call the number above.

Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**University of Connecticut Asylum & Human Rights Clinic (Hartford) \***

55 Elizabeth St., Hartford, CT 06105

T: (860) 570-5165

E: [carmen.arroyo@uconn.edu](mailto:carmen.arroyo@uconn.edu)

[www.law.uconn.edu](http://www.law.uconn.edu)

Services: Provides representation for those seeking asylum due to political, religious, or other persecution. Cases are accepted on a semester basis because law students work on the cases. Generally accepting cases in September and January. Acceptance of case is at lawyer's discretion.

Fees: Free of charge for those who are eligible. Call for a free screening, during which you will be asked questions about your case. The supervisors will determine whether or not they can take your case and proceed from there.

Hours: Monday through Friday from 8 AM – 4 PM

**Building One Community (Stamford)\***

75 Selleck St., Stamford, CT 06902

T: (203) 674-8585

<https://building1community.org/empower/>

Services: General consultations, naturalization, family petitions (Adjustment of Status applications or consular processing), green card and employment authorization card renewals, Temporary Protected Status visas (new and renewal), VAWA, U-visas, T-visas, unaccompanied minors (SIJS) immigration component processing, limited court representation as part of application for some form of relief, provisional waivers.

Fees: Consultation fee is \$40, payable by cash or money order. Consultations are Tuesday and Thursday from 10AM to 2PM. Call (203) 674-8585 to make an appointment for consultation. Different fees may apply after the consultation depending on the services needed, and will be discussed in advance.

Hours: Monday – Saturday 7:30AM - 8:00PM  
Sundays 8:00AM – 6:00PM

**Quinnipiac University School of Law Civil Justice Clinic (Hamden)\***

275 Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

T: (203) 582-3238

Services: Limited capacity to take immigration cases because law students work on them on a semester basis. The clinic does take some immigration-related cases.

Cost: No charge for those who are eligible. Individuals interested in representation services should call the number above and inquire for availability. Staff will take down information and pass it on to professors at clinic, who determine whether they can take on a case.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30AM – 5PM  
Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM

**Catholic Charities of Fairfield County (Fairfield)**

238 Jewett Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06606 (main office) and 174 Richmond Hill Avenue, Stamford, CT 05902 (by appointment)

T: (203) 416-1311 (new appointments & English speaking only) and (203) 416-1306 (current clients and Spanish speaking only)

<https://www.ccfairfield.org/programs/immigration-services/>

Services: No representation in court. Services include lawful permanent residence (green card) applications, family visas (including petitions and adjustment of status), adjustment of status for family members of U.S. Citizens or Legal Permanent Residents, case status inquiries, conditional residence removal, citizenship applications, TPS (Temporary Protected Status), and travel document applications (including re-entry permits and advanced parole).

Fee: The initial consultation fee is \$40. Fees for subsequent services vary by application and range from \$150 to \$800.

Hours: Monday through Friday from 9AM – 5PM, evening appointments also available.

**Spanish Community of Wallingford (Wallingford)**

284 Washington Street, Wallingford CT 06492

T: (203) 265-5866

<http://www.scowinc.org/charitable-immigration-services/>

Services: No representation in court. SCOW provides low cost immigration services to Latinos and low-income immigrants from all over the world who are residents in Wallingford and its surrounding area. The services that SCOW provide include renewal or replacement of Green Card; Adjustment of Status; Naturalization application; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); Application for Fee Waiver

Fees: Initial consultations are \$35, and additional charges apply to services provided after that. However, fee waivers are available for low-income individuals who are eligible. Call to make an appointment with the certified representative.

Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 9 AM – 6PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 AM – 5 PM

Closed Fridays

**Immigration Advocacy and Support Center (New London)**

8 Washington Street, New London, CT 06320

T: (860) 629-7758

[info@iascct.org](mailto:info@iascct.org)

<https://iascct.org>

Services: No representation in court. Can provide assistance with family-based immigration applications; spousal petitions; fiancé visas; citizenship and naturalization; adjustment of status (green cards); renewal/replacement of permanent residency card; Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS); employment authorization; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, torture, and other crimes; removal of conditions to permanent residency; applications for waivers of inadmissibility; visas. Does not take asylum or deportation cases, but can provide referral.

Fees: Initial consultation is \$20. Services after that are based on a sliding scale and depend on the type of services that will be provided.

Hours: Mondays – Thursdays from 9:30AM – 2:30PM.

Call to make an appointment and the legal assistant will ask you to describe your situation. They will work with you to set up an initial appointment with their attorney.

**The American Place at the Hartford Public Library**

500 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103

T: (860) 695-6337 or (860) 695-6354

E: [immigration@hplct.org](mailto:immigration@hplct.org) or email lead immigration counselor Laurie Housman at

[lhousman@hplct.org](mailto:lhousman@hplct.org)

<https://www.hplct.org/library-services/immigration-citizenship>

Services: Limited to permanent residents. The American Place's Naturalization Services is solely dedicated to providing free legal representation to help permanent residents become US Citizens through the N-400 - Application for Naturalization. The accredited representatives and immigration attorneys are also able to provide technical support for renewal or replacing the 10-year

permanent resident card (I-90), the replacement of the Certificate of Citizenship/Naturalization (N-565) as well as the application for a certificate of citizenship (N-600) for a nominal fee.

Fees: Naturalization services are free for CT state residents who are eligible for citizenship. Assistance with renewal or replacing the 10-year permanent resident card (I-90), the replacement of the Certificate of Citizenship/Naturalization (N-565), and applications for a certificate of citizenship (N-600) have a service fee.

Hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 9:30AM – 4PM as well as Saturdays 9:30AM -12:30PM. To make an appointment, call at any time and leave a detailed message if we are not able to answer the phone.

**Center for Latino Progress (Hartford)**

95-97 Park St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hartford, CT 06106

T: (860) 247-3227

E: [LatinoProgress@ctprf.org](mailto:LatinoProgress@ctprf.org)

<http://www.ctprf.org/>

Services: No representation in court, can only help with certain services. Services include assistance with applications for permanent residence (“green cards”) for asylees, refugees, and family members; petitions for family members; citizenship; U visas and VAWA cases for victims of domestic violence; green card renewals; employment authorization; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Services provided by partially accredited representatives.

Fees: \$30 for initial consultation, followed by case-specific fees for subsequent services.

Hours: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, by appointment only.

**Greater Hartford Legal Aid (Hartford)\***

999 Asylum Avenue, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06105-2465

T: (860) 541-5000

F: (860) 541-5050

E: [ghla@ghla.org](mailto:ghla@ghla.org)

<https://www.ghla.org/>

Services: Greater Hartford Legal Aid takes case referrals from Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut. To see if you qualify for free legal services, call Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut at 1-800-453-3320. The staff will ask you questions and talk to you about your legal case. If you qualify for legal aid, they will give you some legal advice on the phone or refer your case to Greater Hartford Legal Aid or another attorney or legal services organization.

*Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut hours are Monday to Friday from 9AM-12PM and 1PM-2PM.*

Fees: Free for those who qualify. Only accepts individuals who live in Hartford County.

Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30AM – 4:30PM

**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford Migration, Refugee and Immigrant Services**

35 Groton St, Hartford, CT 06103

T: (860) 297-7800 ext. 418 (Jayna Velez-Molina) or ext. 417 (Lisa Rosario)

E: mzayas@ccaoh.org

<http://www.ccaoh.org>

Services: Application assistance with USCIS immigration forms, adjustment of status/Green Card applications, T & U Visas, passport and travel documents, replacement and renewal of documents such as I-94 arrival/departure records, family petitions/reunification, support services to victims of Human Trafficking and Citizenship/Naturalization application process.

For assistance, call (860) 297-7800 and use the extension numbers or ask to be transferred to the legal department.

**CT Worker Center (Bridgeport)**

1067 Park Ave. Suite 3A, Bridgeport, CT 06604

T: (203) 612 – 4367 and (617) 783 – 8001

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

Services: May be able to provide referrals to private attorneys.

Hours: Monday through Friday 10AM -4PM

Speak English, Spanish, Portuguese

**Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)**

24-hour Statewide, Toll Free Domestic Violence Hotline

888-774-2900

<https://ctsafecconnect.org>

Services: For counseling services, support groups, emergency shelter and general support services, please call or text our 24-hour statewide, toll free domestic violence hotline at 888-774-2900 to be connected to the nearest domestic violence agency. An advocate can talk with you about your needs and help you identify shelters, programs and other resources. All services are free and confidential.

En español: La Coalición Contra la Violencia Doméstica de Connecticut (CCADV, por sus siglas en Ingles) es la voz principal del estado a favor de víctimas de violencia doméstica y las agencias que trabajan con ellas.

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