

HOUSING PRESERVATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SJLS

assists low-income residents facing potential loss of affordable housing due to causes such as rent increases, loss of housing subsidies and/or end of rent affordability restrictions, redevelopment, and code enforcement. SJLS also provides limited assistance to low-income community resident groups seeking to maintain and preserve affordable housing with organizational matters.

LANGUAGE ACCESS interpreter and translation services are available for applicants and clients. Our Centralized Intake Unit is also equipped to screen applicants in various languages.

TDD/TTY SERVICES is available for the deaf and hearing impaired by using the Verizon Relay Service, which can be reached by dialing 711, and asking to be connected to the Centralized Intake Unit Office, (800) 496-4570, ext. 6010.

SJLS DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY REPRESENTATION IN:

- Criminal Cases
- Traffic Violation Cases
- Municipal Court Cases
- Personal Injury Cases
- Commercial/Business Cases
- Other Civil Cases where legal representation is otherwise available

SJLS LOCAL PROGRAM OFFICES

Atlantic County Office

(Funding in part by the Office of County Commissioners)

Senior Citizens Advocate Center
1300 Atlantic Avenue, Mezzanine Fl.
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Tel: (609) 348-4200
Fax: (609) 345-6919

Burlington County Office

(Funding in part by the Office of County Commissioners)

Senior Citizens Advocate Center
107 High Street
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
Tel: (609) 261-1088
Fax: (609) 267-7812

Camden County Office

(Funding in part by the Office of County Commissioners)

Senior Citizens Advocate Center
745 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102
Tel: (856) 964-2010
Fax: (856) 338-9227

Cape May County Office

(Funding in part by the Office of County Commissioners)

Senior Citizens Advocate Center
1261 Route 9 South
Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210
Tel: (609) 465-3001
Fax: (609) 465-9018

Cumberland/Salem County Office

(Funding in part by the Office of County Commissioners)

Senior Citizens Advocate Center
415 W. Landis Avenue - 2nd Floor
Vineland, NJ 08360
Tel: (856) 691-0494
Fax: (856) 691-5072

Gloucester County Office

(Funding in part by the Office of County Commissioners)

Senior Citizens Advocate Center
47 Newton Avenue
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Tel: (856) 848-5360
Fax: (856) 853-4259

Monmouth County Office

(Funding in part by the Office of County Commissioners)

Senior Citizens Advocate Center
303 West Main Street – 4th Floor
Freehold, NJ 07728
Tel: (732) 414-6750
Fax: (732) 414-6757/6758

Ocean County Office

215 Main Street
Toms River, NJ 08753
Tel: (732) 608-7794
Fax: (732) 608-9636

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**ALL NEW APPLICANTS FOR
SERVICES MUST FIRST CONTACT
CENTRALIZED INTAKE UNIT
FOR ASSISTANCE**



Centralized Intake Unit

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Toll Free:

1-800-496-4570

SJLS Program Website: <https://SJLSLaw.org/>
SJLS Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthJerseyLegalServices/>
SJLS Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sjlsinsta/>
SJLS Linked In: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/south-jersey-legal-services>



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WHO WE ARE

South Jersey Legal Services, Inc. (SJLS) is a private non-profit law firm whose mission is to provide high quality civil legal services to low-income residents of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem Counties.

WHAT WE DO

SJLS provides free legal services aiding low-income clients in selected civil cases based on established priorities. SJLS most often provides advice, brief services or extended representation in the following legal areas:

- **Supplemental Security Income Benefits**
- **Temporary Aid to Needy Families**
- **General Assistance**
- **Food Stamps**
- **Medicaid**
- **Unemployment Benefits**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Landlord/Tenant Disputes**
- **Public Housing Rights**
- **Section 8 Housing Assistance**
- **Seasonal Agricultural Worker Matters**
- **Rights of the Elderly**
- **Bankruptcy**
- **Foreclosure**
- **Consumer Issues**
- **Family Law**
- **Reentry/Expungement Issues**
- **Education Matters**
- **Civil Rights Issues**

HOW WE SERVE YOU

At the initial review, we will decide if you are financially eligible. An intake staff member will obtain information about your income, family size, assets and the matter for which

you are seeking help. All information you provide SJLS remains confidential. If you are financially eligible, we then decide whether your case is one for which we can provide representation based on our established priorities. If the case is one which we cannot handle, we will attempt to refer you to an organization which will provide assistance. If your case is one that we usually handle, but because of limited resources we are unable to handle at present, we will try to find other legal representation for you.

OTHER SERVICES SJLS PROVIDES

SJLS provides ***COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION*** programs, workshops, and materials throughout the nine county Southern Jersey region to residents, organizations, and community groups on a wide range of legal issues affecting the rights of low income individuals and families. Contact our local county program offices listed on the back of this brochure for further information.

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVOCATE CENTERS (SCAC) are located within our local program offices in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Monmouth, and Salem Counties to provide legal assistance to county residents who are 60 years of age or older and meet established guidelines.

PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT (PAI) PROGRAM of SJLS recruits private attorneys throughout South Jersey who agree to provide *pro bono* representation, for no fee, to eligible clients referred by SJLS. Private attorneys utilized under the PAI Program handle several of the same type of civil legal cases as SJLS. The PAI Program offers community outreach informational webinars and also operates six (6) specialty projects:

- ***The Bankruptcy Project*** assists individuals seeking Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. We refer cases to ***The Honorable Judith H. Wizmur Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project*** at Rutgers Law School in Camden and directly to private, volunteer bankruptcy attorneys.
- ***The Children's SSI Project*** assists children who have been denied Supplemental Security Income benefits.
- ***The Divorce Project*** assists individuals with uncontested, no issue divorces.
- ***The SJLS Guardianship Project for Children*** assists parents seeking guardianship over their disabled children who will soon turn 18 years of age.
- ***Family Assist Project*** provides 30-minute family advice consultations in collaboration with volunteer family law attorneys.
- ***The Expungement Project*** assists individuals with obtaining an expungement of their New Jersey criminal records.
- ***Debt Advice Seminars*** and ***Public Webinars*** are presented often on relevant issues including Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief, credit scores and debt collection.

The ***EDUCATION LAW PROJECT*** assists families, within our service areas, to obtain and assert the legal rights of their students. The Education Law Project works to protect student's rights and to further the quality of the education they receive.