

How to Find an Attorney

Finding an attorney for disability law—including ADA, Fair Housing, and reasonable accommodations—is best handled through specific national and local networks that specialize in these protections.

1. Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System

The most direct resource for disability rights is the federally mandated **Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agency** in your state. This is the largest provider of legally based advocacy services for people with disabilities in the U.S..

- **How to find them:** Use the [National Disability Rights Network \(NDRN\) Directory](#) to locate the agency for your specific state.

2. Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services

State and County Bar Associations maintain vetted lists of private attorneys.

You can request a lawyer specifically experienced in **Disability Law** or **Fair Housing**.

- **National Search:** Use the [American Bar Association \(ABA\) Referral Tool](#) to find your local bar's referral service.
- **Costs:** These services often provide an initial 30-minute consultation for a low fixed fee (typically \$35–\$50) or sometimes for free.
- **Examples:**
 - [New York State Bar Association](#): Call 1-800-342-3661.
 - [NYC Bar Association](#): Call 212-626-7373.

3. Legal Aid and Non-Profit Organizations

If you meet certain income requirements, these organizations provide free or low-cost legal assistance.

- [LawHelp.org](#): A comprehensive directory that allows you to search by state and legal issue (e.g., "Disability" or "Housing") for local legal aid offices.

- [Legal Services Corporation \(LSC\)](#): Use their search tool to find LSC-funded non-profits in your area that handle civil rights and housing.
- **Specialized Centers:** Organizations like the [New York Lawyers for the Public Interest](#) specifically focus on disability justice.

4. Specialized Legal Referrals & Hotlines

- **ADA Information Line:** While they do not provide direct legal representation, the Department of Justice ADA Line (1-800-514-0301) can provide technical assistance and guidance on filing formal complaints.
- **Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF):** Offers resources and referrals for high-impact disability civil rights cases.
- **Social Security Disability:** If the case involves benefits, the [Social Security Administration](#) provides a list of qualified representatives at 1-844-872-4681