

# Legal Action of Wisconsin

Legal Action of Wisconsin (LAW) provides free legal services to low-income Iowa County residents on civil matters such as housing, public benefits, education problems, migrant issues and family law. LAW also maintains an informational website, <http://www.BadgerLaw.net>

## ELIGIBILITY

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**Am I Eligible?** You are eligible for representation if your income is at or below 110% of the Federal poverty level and your assets are few. Because LAW's resources are limited, however, it must set limits on the number of cases it accepts. Generally, LAW gives priority to cases that may make an impact in developing areas of the law. So, if you are eligible and your case warrants a high priority, LAW may represent you.

## BENEFITS

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### **What Are The Benefits Of LAW's Services?**

Attempting to represent yourself in a legal dispute, perhaps with a landlord or a spouse, can be overwhelming, even if you believe all the facts are on your side. A LAW attorney knows your rights and knows how past cases similar to yours have been decided in the courts. Consequently, the attorney can advise you about the strength of your case and suggest ways to resolve the dispute short of a complex in-court proceeding.

Should it be necessary to take the matter to court, the LAW attorney knows court rules and procedures and can present your case effectively. Also, depending on the issues, the court could ask both sides to submit "briefs," formal legal essays that explain the case from each party's point of view and argue for a favorable ruling by the court. A LAW attorney knows how to write a strong brief on your behalf.

Finally, if you win your case, you may have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to establish a "precedent" that will smooth the way for others who have similar disputes in the future. Given the great benefits of free legal representation, it is definitely worth making an appointment with a LAW attorney to find out if LAW can take your case.

Whether or not you qualify for representation by LAW, [BadgerLaw.net](http://www.BadgerLaw.net) provides information and access to resources that may help you with your problem.

## APPLICATION

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For more information about eligibility and to request representation, contact LAW at 800-362-3904 or 608-256-3304, or at their office, 31 S Mills St, Madison, WI 53715. Visit [www.BadgerLaw.net/Home/PublicWeb/LAW](http://www.BadgerLaw.net/Home/PublicWeb/LAW)