

LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

(877) 694-2663

The MCL has partnered with Union Legal Services, LLC to provide our union members with free legal advice, free legal services and a number of negotiated flat-fee services.* This unique legal program guarantees that a retired judge or a well-experienced lawyer will always be available to answer your legal questions. Have an emergency after business hours? A 24-hour emergency hotline is available for union members dealing with criminal matters.

CRIMINAL MATTERS

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Expungements	FREE!
Minor Traffic Representation	\$200 (Flat Fee)
Driving Suspended License/Aggravated Speeding	\$400 (Flat Fee)
First Time DUI Plea	\$1,500 (Flat Fee)
First Time DUI Trial	\$3,500 (Flat Fee)
Probation Felonies Negotiation	\$3,000 (Flat Fee)
Probation Felonies Trial/Motions	\$6,000 (Flat Fee)

FINANCIAL MATTERS

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Credit Report Clean Up	FREE!
Bankruptcy Chapter 7	\$2,250 (Flat Fee)
Credit Card Settlements (Up to 5)	\$1,000 (Flat Fee)

BUSINESS LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Incorporation, Partnerships, Non-Profit, etc.	\$750 (Flat Fee)

PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

Illinois Union Members Only:

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Residential Property Tax Appeal	FREE!

ESTATE MATTERS

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Estate Plan including Revocable Trust, Deeds, Pour-Over Will, Guardianship Papers, 2 POA, and 2 HCPOA	\$1,800 (Flat Fee)
Other Estate Matters	\$200 per hour

FAMILY LAW MATTERS

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
All Matters:	\$200 per hour

Kankakee and Grundy County in Illinois:

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Uncontested Divorce	\$800 (Flat Fee)
Contested Divorce	\$200 per hour
Uncontested Adoption	\$525 (Flat Fee)
Contested Adoption	\$1,000 (Flat Fee)

**Court costs and filing fees may apply. Charges may differ based on the county and state.*

IMMIGRATION MATTERS

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
DS-260 Immigrant Visa Application	\$3,000
I-130 Application for Alien Relative	\$1,500
I-129F Petition for Alien Finance(é)	\$1,500
I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	\$2,500
I-751 Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence (jointly with spouse) (not jointly)	\$2,500 \$3,500
I-601A Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility	\$4,000

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS

Illinois Union Members Only:

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Full Legal Representation to Purchase Existing Construction	\$395 (Flat Fee)
Full Legal Representation to Purchase New Construction	\$495 (Flat Fee)
Full Legal Representation for Seller	\$350 (Flat Fee)

SOCIAL SECURITY & DISABILITY

LEGAL SERVICE	FEE
Various Services	Please Call

Have a legal matter you don't see listed here? Call anyway! Our list of legal services is always growing!

CALL TODAY FOR FREE LEGAL ADVICE!

IT'S LIKE HAVING A LAWYER IN THE FAMILY! The goal of Union Legal Services is to provide union members and their families with general legal advice to resolve any legal problems and answer any legal questions without having to spend monies on an attorney! Union Legal Services' attorneys always have our members' best interests in mind, so all advice is given with zero obligations.

HOW DOES THE HOTLINE WORK? If you or your family member has a legal question, just dial the hotline to speak to an attorney. You'll identify yourself by your name, home address, telephone number, and union affiliation. Once this information is confirmed, you can speak to an attorney about your legal problem and get answers to your questions. The attorney will then suggest the best path to resolving your legal problem.

All communication with Union Legal Services attorneys is privileged, confidential and protected from discovery unless you request the information be disclosed.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR QUESTIONS LIKE...

- What steps do I take after being involved in an automobile accident?
- What's the legal procedure to sue someone in small claims court?
- My employer refuses to send my W2, how do I file my taxes?
- What's the difference between a short-sale v. a foreclosure?
- What's the legal procedure to evict a tenant from my rental property?
- What are my legal rights as a tenant under a residential lease agreement?
- How do I modify my child support payment during financial hardship?
- Can I remove my neighbor's tree that's encroaching onto my property?
- How do I legally change my name?



NICHOLAS CORTESI

Nicholas has practiced law for nearly 20 years, representing clients in a wide range of legal matters. Members of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters have relied on his expertise for over 10 years with nothing but praise.

Nicholas received his J.D. from John Marshall Law School in 1999. Prior to attending law school, he earned a degree in accountancy in 1992 from Northern Illinois University, during which time he worked as a law clerk in the DeKalb County States Attorney's Office.

Nicholas currently serves on the Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee and as President and Secretary of the Village of Arlington Heights Board of Local Improvements.



HON. JAMES P. MCCARTHY, RET.

Judge James P. McCarthy was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1996. From 2003 to his retirement in 2019, Judge McCarthy sat in the Law Division. During his tenure on the bench, he developed a reputation as an effective pre-trial judge.

Prior to beginning his judicial career, Judge McCarthy served in the Corporation Counsel's Office for the City of Chicago's Litigation Division for 14 years. In this capacity, he defended the City and its employees in civil litigation. He litigated in both State and Federal courts, and supervised approximately half of the case load for about twenty attorneys.

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