

If You're HIV-Positive and Have a Legal Problem, We're Here to Help.



WHO WE ARE

With a pedigree dating back to 1982, HALSA is one of the nation's leading HIV legal service providers supporting low-income persons living with HIV and AIDS. Through legal representation, advocacy and community education, HALSA protects rights, ensures dignity and improves health.

In 1997, HALSA was formed from the existing HIV law projects of five organizations to coordinate legal services and better serve Southern Californians living with HIV.

WHAT WE DO

We are the principal legal advocates for the estimated 100,000 people living with HIV and AIDS in Southern California.

Our team of staff attorneys, staff advocates, *pro bono* and referral attorneys helps individuals and families with the most common types of civil legal problems including:

- ⓧ HIV Discrimination
- ⓧ **Confidentiality and Privacy**
- ⓧ Housing
- ⓧ **Debt and Credit**
- ⓧ **Taxes**
- ⓧ **Public Benefits Appeals**
- ⓧ **Private Insurance**
- ⓧ **Future Planning**
- ⓧ Immigration
- ⓧ **Personal Injury**

We do not provide help with criminal matters, malpractice, real estate transactions or bankruptcy. For more information about the types of cases we accept, visit our website at halsalegal.org.

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

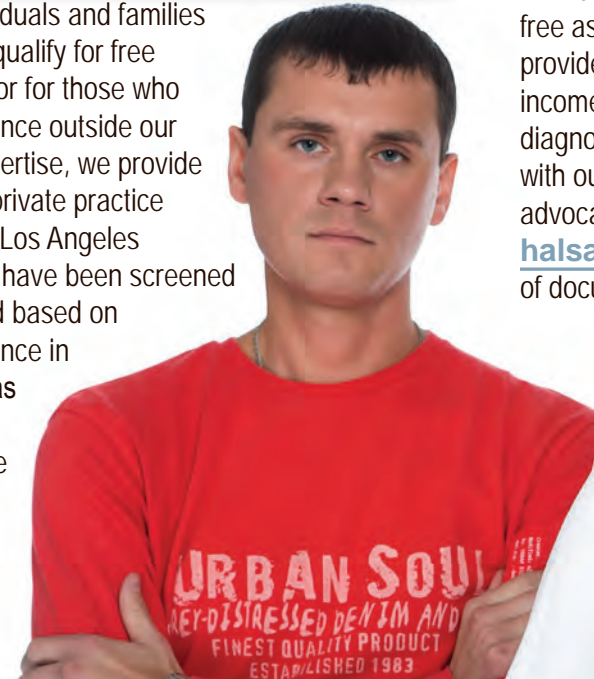
We offer free or deferred-fee assistance to low-income individuals and families who cannot afford an attorney. Income guidelines for free assistance vary by practice area but most individuals earning less than \$30,000 annually will qualify. We may waive income guidelines for some discrimination cases. Also, in some practice areas such as housing or public benefits, we only assist L.A. County residents.

While we strive to provide free legal advice to everyone who qualifies, full legal representation is not always available due to our finite resources. Our decision to offer full representation is based on current caseloads, strength of case, and impact potential to the Southern California HIV community.

Court and administrative filing fees and some costs associated with litigation are the responsibility of the client.

LAWYER REFERRAL

For individuals and families who do not qualify for free assistance, or for those who seek assistance outside our areas of expertise, we provide referrals to private practice attorneys in Los Angeles County who have been screened and selected based on their experience in specific areas of the law. Referrals are free.



CLIENT SERVICES LINE
213.637.1690

If you are a HIV+ Southern Californian with a legal problem, give us a call. We offer assistance in both English and Spanish. Due to the high volume of calls and the individual attention we provide in the intake process, a Client Specialist will not usually be able to take your call. Leave your name, phone number and the best time to ensure a quiet and private interview, on our voicemail system. We will return your call within 24 hours to get information about your legal issue and complete the telephone intake process with you by asking some confidential questions.

You may also visit our office from 9am to 4 pm at:

**3550 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 750
Los Angeles, CA 90010**

Individuals requesting free assistance must provide evidence of low income, address, and HIV diagnosis *before* meeting with our attorneys or advocates. See our website halsalegal.org for a list of documents we accept.

