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### How to refer?

1. Contact us for our referral form
2. Complete and fax it to (213) 891-2888 or email to [hopwa@innercitylaw.org](mailto:hopwa@innercitylaw.org).
3. If you have them, please include: diagnosis form, proof of income, proof of address.
4. Please do not tell clients to come directly to our office. We do not accept walk-in clients without an appointment.



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# HIV/AIDS Law Project

Information for Advocates



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who do you serve?**

We serve people living with HIV/AIDS and their families who are low income and live in LA County.

### **What type of legal issues do you help with?**

Our areas of legal representation include:

- Landlord/Tenant law issues
- Section 8 problems
- Social Security problems
- Food Stamps
- General Relief

### **Do you charge for your services?**

No, they are always free.

### **My client is having problems with his landlord, do you represent tenants in non- eviction cases?**

Yes! We represent clients in a wide variety of landlord-tenant disputes, including cases of unhealthy housing conditions and other housing matters.

### **Do you represent clients in evictions?**

Yes! We represent clients in eviction proceedings. We also represent clients who have received notices from their landlord—including 3-day, 10-day, 60-day and 90-day notices.

### **What kinds of SSI or SSDI cases do you represent clients in?**

We represent clients in appeals when they have been denied SSI or SSDI. We also represent clients in appeals of overpayments, terminations of benefits and in cases involving other SSA benefits, like SSA retirement or survivors' benefits.

### **Do you represent clients who have been denied other types of public benefits?**

Yes! We represent clients who are having problems accessing Unemployment, State Disability Insurance, CalFresh (food stamps), General Relief, CalWORKs, CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants) or Section 8 benefits.

### **But, my client is not a citizen or a permanent resident. How do I know if they might be eligible for public benefits?**

Refer them to us! Some immigrants are eligible for benefits, including many immigrants who are not yet permanent residents or citizens. We will assess your client's eligibility for public benefits.

### **My client has a legal problem that is not about my housing or public benefits, can you help him/her?**

Maybe. Tell us about the legal problem and we will let you know if we are able to assist your client. If we are not able to represent your client, we will share resources and information on how your client may get free representation.



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WE REPRESENT MEDICALLY-VULNERABLE CLIENTS SO THAT THEY CAN  
SECURE OR MAINTAIN SAFE AND HEALTHY HOUSING