

# Prairie State Legal Services

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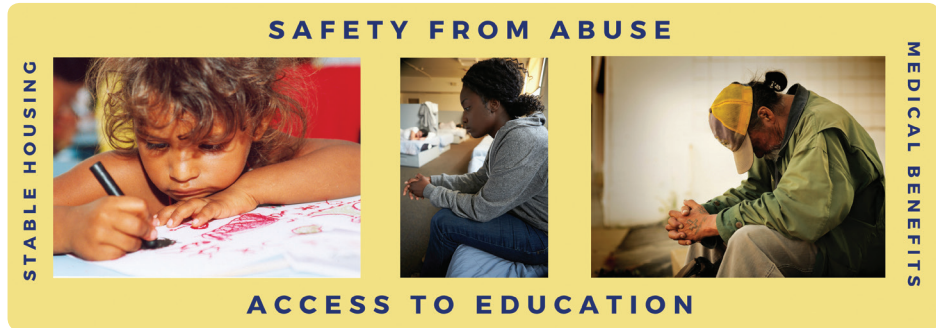
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**Mission**

To ensure equal access to justice and fair treatment under the law by providing legal advice and representation, advocacy, education and outreach that serve to protect basic human needs and enforce or uphold rights.



Prairie State Legal Services (PSLS) is a not-for-profit law firm that provides free legal services to low-income people, people age 60 or over, victims of domestic violence, and veterans who have serious civil legal problems that threaten their basic human needs and require legal assistance to resolve them.

PSLS has 12 office locations serving 36 counties in central and northern Illinois. PSLS helps clients:

- **Obtain orders of protection** for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and financial exploitation;
- **In housing cases** where landlords wrongfully deny housing to tenants, including rent-to-own scams and severe habitability cases;
- **In public benefits cases** where adults with disabilities are denied government benefits or children with disabilities are denied an education in local schools;
- **By providing civil legal assistance to veterans** as a member of the Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (IL-AFLAN);
- **By providing legal counsel to individuals who have legal barriers to employment** preventing them from getting a job and contributing to their community.

**LAWYERS FOR JUSTICE CAMPAIGN**

You can participate in the Lawyers for Justice Campaign by making a gift or pledge at one of the following levels:

**Individuals:** Friend (\$100); Advocate (\$250); Leader (\$500); Hero (\$1,000); Champion (\$2,500); Superhero (\$10,000)

**Corporate/Law Firms:** Friend (\$500); Advocate (\$750); Leader (\$1,000); Hero (\$2,500); Champion (\$5,000); Superhero (\$10,000)

Donors will be recognized in the *Peoria Journal Star* and at the Lawyers for Justice Celebration. Additionally, Leaders, Heroes, Champions and Superheroes will be recognized in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and the *Illinois Bar Journal*.

The public is invited to join PSLS in celebrating our Lawyers for Justice on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 5pm at Kelleher's Irish Pub & Eatery. Tickets are \$20 and available at [pslegal.org/psls-events/Lawyers-for-Justice-Celebrations.asp](http://pslegal.org/psls-events/Lawyers-for-Justice-Celebrations.asp).

If you have questions about the Lawyers for Justice Campaign, contact Jennifer Luczkowiak, Attorney and Director of Development, at (224) 321-5643 or [jluczkowiak@pslegal.org](mailto:jluczkowiak@pslegal.org).

**How to Help**

PSLS welcomes volunteers throughout our 36-county service area. We have opportunities for attorneys and non-attorneys. If you are interested in volunteering with PSLS, contact the Director of Volunteer Services at (815) 900-3286 or [volunteer@pslegal.org](mailto:volunteer@pslegal.org).

PSLS is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Donate online at [pslegal.org](http://pslegal.org) or mail donations to the address above.

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