

# If You Cannot Afford An Attorney

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Often, people who most need attorneys are the ones who cannot afford them. Fortunately there are some options available to you if you find yourself in this situation.

There are some federally funded programs to provide attorneys, though they will take into account your income level and possibly even yours assets.

Many attorneys work pro-bono, that is, without pay. They represent people who have specific circumstances rendering them unable to work, such as having AIDS or being over 65.

Self-help clinics are offered by many attorneys where they answer legal questions for free in a forum. Look for such clinics in your area.

Courthouse facilitators, employed by the court, may be able to help by telling you what documents you need to file and assist with processing your claims.

All states have Public Defender programs, or court appointed attorneys, to assist people with a demonstrably low income level facing criminal charges. There is generally good incentive to pursue another option, as Public Defenders are not always as skilled as their private counterparts. Colorado is known to have particularly good public defenders.

Low cost legal programs are available for people who make too much money to qualify for pro-bono or public defender programs, but still not enough to be able to afford an attorney. These services can help you find the most economical attorney for you. Remember that attorneys in these programs are often young or overworked, so be patient when dealing with them. Stay on topic when talking to them and be as helpful as you can. [Check Out More Articles:](#)

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