LEGAL & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Collin County Law Library
located in the lower level of the Collin County Courthouse
2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 02536
McKinney, TX 75071
972-548-4255 or email: lawlib@co.collin.tx.us
Library Hours: Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm

LEGAL ADVICE PHONE HOTLINES

Texas Advocacy Project
www.texasadvocacyproject.org
1-800-374-HOPE (4673) – Family Violence
1-800-777-FAIR (3247) – Family Law
Free legal advice for family law, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking

Legal Line – Dallas Bar Association
214-220-7476
2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month from
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm only

Legal Line – Tarrant County Bar Assoc.
817-335-1239
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm only

Legal Aid of NW Texas Hotline
1-888-529-5277 (toll free)
Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12 noon
Low-income only

Legal Hotline for Texans
1-800-622-2520 (toll free) or www.tlsc.org
Seniors age 60+ & Medicare beneficiaries

Access & Visitation Hotline
www.txaccess.org
(for non-custodial parents)
1-866-292-4636 (toll free)
Monday – Friday 10 am – 6:00 pm

STATE BAR OF TEXAS LAWYER
REFERRAL SERVICE

972-424-6113 or 1-800-252-9690
You will receive a 30 minute consultation with an
attorney for $20. If you and the attorney agree to
continue with the case, the attorney’s standard
rates will apply. Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

Plano Legal Clinic
1-800-906-3045
6:00 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
920 E. 14th Street, Plano
Low income applicants only

Allen Legal Clinic
1-800-906-3045
6:00 pm, 2nd Thursday of the month
First United Methodist Church
601 S. Greenville Ave., Allen
Low income applicants only

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas
www.lanwt.org
1-800-906-3045 or 972-542-9405
901 N. McDonald, Ste. 702, McKinney
Low income applicants only

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Legal & Government Resources & Information

Attorney General of Texas
Child Support Division
www.oag.state.tx.us
469-241-6500 phone or email
childsupport@texasattorneygeneral.gov
2020 G. Ave. Suite #1004
Plano, TX 75074

Bankruptcy Court – Eastern District of TX
www.txeb.uscourts.gov
972-509-1240
660 N. Central Expwy, #300B
Plano, TX (Satellite Office)

U.S. Attorney’s Office – Eastern District
972-509-1201
101 E. Park Blvd., Suite 500
Plano, TX 75074

State Bar of Texas
www.texasbar.com
1-800-932-1900
Attorney grievances

Freedom of Information Foundation
1-800-580-6651 Open records, open meetings information
1-877-673-6839 Attorney General’s open government hotline
www.foift.org

Adoption Resources
www.adoption.com
www.uscis.gov/adoption (Foreign Adoptions)

General Legal & Government websites
www.co.collin.tx.us Collin County
www.texasjudge.com Helpful judicial info in Collin County
www.texas.gov Official Portal of TX
www.findlaw.com Learn more about legal topics
www.law.cornell.edu Search US codes, constitution and federal regulations
www.lawsource.com American law info

Texas Legislature
www.legis.state.tx.us
View Texas statutes, bills & constitution online

Texas Vital Statistics
www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/
Birth, death, marriage, divorce, paternity certificates, adoption

SMU Plano Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services
Southern Methodist University
https://www.smu.edu/Simmons/CommunityEnrichment/MediationClinic
972-473-3486 email: mediation@smu.edu
Offers low cost conflict resolution services to individuals and organizations that are involved in a dispute.

Need to find a Court Record in Collin County?
You can find information on some Criminal or Civil & Family Cases, including divorce. Go to the http://www.co.collin.tx.us
1. Click on “Online Services”
2. Scroll down and click on “Case Search”
3. Put in the name of the party you want to search for and click “Search”
4. Click on the “Case Number” to bring up the outline of the case history.
COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCES

Assistance Center of Collin County
www.assistancecenter.org
972-422-1850
Primary contact point for all Collin County residents who need social services

Collin Cares
www.collincares.org
Online directory of human services in Collin County

Child/Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline
972-547-5477 District Attorney Crime Tip-Line
Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services

Collin County Family Justice Division
972-548-4323
2100 Bloomdale Rd, Suite 2004, McKinney
Juvenile, Protective Orders, Domestic Violence, Child/Adult Protection

Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center
www.caccollincounty.org
972-633-6600 (Plano)
972-632-3910 (McKinney)
Physical, sexual, emotional abuse & neglect

Hope’s Door
www.hopesdoorinc.org
972-422- SAFE (7233) 24-hour hotline
Shelter & counseling for victim’s of domestic violence

Family Place
www.familyplace.org
214-941-1991 – 24-hour hotline
Shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence

Tenants’ Rights Information
www.texastenant.org
214-823-2733
Texas Tenants Union

Samaritan Inn
www.thesamaritaninn.org
972-542-5302
1710 N. McDonald St., McKinney 75071
Homeless shelter/program in Collin County for single adults & families

Texas Guardianship Association
http://texasguardianship.org
1-888-399-9115
Educates professional, family, and volunteer guardians on guardianship basics.

LifePath Systems (Collin County MHMR)
www.lifepathsystems.org
972-562-9647
1515 Heritage Dr., McKinney 75069
Support to North Texas residents with special needs.
Early Childhood Intervention for ages birth to 3 years for disabilities or delays in development.

Disability Rights Texas
www.disabilityrightstx.org
1-800-252-9108 Mon-Fri 9:00am – 4 pm
Disability issues, including access & discrimination

Our Friend’s Place
www.ourfriendsplace.org
214-520-6268
Therapeutic Group Home for at-risk girls ages 10-17
Transitional Living Center for young women ages 18-24

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Emily's Place, Inc.
P.O. Box 860911
Plano, TX 75074
972-424-7775
www.emilysplacex.org

Emily's Place mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence for women and their children through long-term transformational care that seeks to restore faith, hope and health. In addition to community living, the holistic transformational program at Emily's Place includes counseling, vocational assistance, life skills development, transportation and childcare – all within a structured environment with 24/7 staff who are dedicated to offering the support and accountability needed to transition from a difficult past into a bright future. Emily's Place offers up to 24 months to women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.

**COUNSELING SERVICES**

**Green Path Debt Solutions**
www.greenpath.com
1-800-550-1961
Non-profit financial education

**Avenues Counseling Center**
201 W. Louisiana St., McKinney 75069
972-562-9647, ext 210
Substance rehab
www.avenuescounseling.org

**CITY House**
(Collin Intervention to Youth)
www.cityhouse.org
972-424-4626
Teen shelter/Counseling center

**National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline**
www.loveisrespect.org
1-866-331-9474
Real-time one-on-one support

**The Turning Point**
www.theturningpoint.org
1-800-886-7273 – 24-hour hotline
Rape crisis center of Collin County

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**LAW LIBRARIES**

**SMU Underwood Law Library**
214-768-3383
http://library.law.smu.edu
6550 Hillcrest Ave., Dallas 75275
Public access: Mon – Thur 9 am – 7 pm and Fri 9 am – 6 pm ONLY

**Texas State Law Library**
1-844-829-2843 (toll free)
www.sll.texas.gov
The Texas State Law Library is an excellent resource with a new web portal that makes legal research accessible to all Texans. Their collection covers Consumer, Family, Juvenile, Criminal, & Immigration laws along with a multitude of others topics. Materials are available in e-books or online digital collections.
WEBSITES AND HELPLINES

TexasLawHelp.org
www.TexasLawHelp.org is a web site dedicated to providing free, reliable legal information to low-income Texans.

TexasCourtHelp.org
www.texascourthelp.org is an information source to help the self-litigant understand and navigate the Texas court system. It includes step-by-step guides and multilingual video instructions for civil cases.

Family Helpline
CPS Cases Only

(844)888-6565
Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm, CST
All calls are anonymous.

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Guide and File, a new web-based program powered by Tyler Technologies, is now available to Collin County residents. The program allows individuals to create certain legal forms for filing online using pre-formatted, step-by-step templates that will generate a completed form.

You can access the forms through EFileTexas from any computer. Registration is free and once you sign up, you can save your work and resume working on your document at your convenience from any location. The website has a tutorial and guides you through all of the information required for that particular form page-by-page.

Once a final document has been generated, customers will have the option of printing their form for hand-filing or e-filing using a credit card.

The forms currently available are:

- Affidavit of Death for the Transfer on Death Deed
- Cancellation of Transfer on Death Deed
- Civil Answer
- Dismissed for Want of Prosecution (Retain or Reinstatethe Case)
- Final Decree of Divorce Without Children
- Forms to Start a Divorce Without Children
- General Affidavit
- Motion for a Nunc Pro Tunc (Correct Clerical Mistake)
- Motion to Appoint a Language Interpreter
- Name Change of an Adult Petition
• Notice of Nonsuit (Voluntary Dismissal)
• Occupational Driver License Petition
• Order Appointing a Language Interpreter
• Order for a Nunc Pro Tunc (Correct Clerical Mistake)
• Order for Nonsuit (Voluntary Dismissal)
• Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs (Fee Waiver
• Texas Eviction Petition
• Texas Repair and Remedy Petition
• Texas Small Claims Petition
• Transfer on Death Deed
• Unsworn Declaration

Additional forms are being developed and will be added periodically, so users are encouraged to check back if the form they need is not yet listed.

https://selfhelp.efiletexas.gov/srl
Collin County launches one-stop judicial system search

Collin County launched a new, free online application today that gives web-users one search engine to bring back data on the county's top databases: active warrants, current inmates and court cases.

With Judicial Online Search, visitors to the county website can enter one search to pull back information from the three most heavily used databases onto one results pages with easy navigation back-and-forth between results. The online information from all three is updated live, 24 hours a day.

Users can now use this one-stop search engine to:

- Review court cases, past and present, from traffic tickets to felony crimes, divorces to civil torts, by name, case or citation number;
- Look-up inmates, view mug shots, check bond amounts, time served, or link back to the inmates' criminal cases; and,
- Check active warrants and link back to any cases tied to those warrants;
- Best of all, the app is mobile-friendly.

Users can still search the databases separately from their desktop or mobile devices.

Judicial Online Search was designed and built completely in-house, at no added cost to taxpayers, and is part of the county's ongoing efforts to accommodate the ever-growing use of mobile devices. Collin County's website draws about 1.6 million pageviews – or "hits" -- a month. Almost 70 percent of those hits involve tapping one of the three judicial system databases now combined into Judicial Online Search.

https://apps.collincountytx.gov/JudicialRecords