



## Legal Services, Information, and Help

### Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10012

*Publishes "The Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook" and "Women's Appendix", self-help guides for filing Section 1983 claims in federal court against prison conditions and/or abuse by guards. FREE on request.*

### Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

3075 Adeline Street, Suite 210  
Berkeley, CA 94703

*Provides assistance to state prison inmates concerning medical access. Offers referrals throughout nation. Write for list of publications and disability civil rights and newsletter subscriptions.*

### Disability Rights Texas

2222 W. Braker Lane  
Austin, TX 78758

*Provides a variety of services for disabled; advocates for accessibility to almost all areas of life for Texans.*

### A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual (JLM) Columbia Human Rights Law Review

Attn: JLM Order  
435 W. 116th Street  
New York, NY 10027

*The JLM 9th Edition main volume is \$30. The Immigration and Consular Access Supplement is \$5. The Manual de Asesoría Legal Para Prisioneros edition is \$15 and is only current through 2005. First class shipping is included in the price, but it may take up to 8 weeks to receive. Topics include habeas corpus, PLRA, civil rights claims (Section 1983), disciplinary proceedings, AIDS, immigration, and parole. Please inquire with your prison law library to see if they will order a copy.*

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### Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

120 Wall Street 19th Floor  
New York, NY 10005

*Provides legal defense for LGBT and HIV/AIDS discrimination claims.*

### Prison Legal Aid Network

1521 Alton Road, Suite 366  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

*Helps prisoners throughout the United States by providing low-cost legal assistance to those in need.*

### Prisoner Self Help Legal Clinic

P.O. Box 798  
Newark, NJ 07101

*Supports prisoners' efforts at self-litigation with educational resources. Provides services in Spanish and English.*

### Southern Center for Human Rights

83 Poplar Street NW Atlanta, GA 30303-2122

*Brings lawsuits related to prison conditions on behalf of inmates.*

### Southwest AIDS Committee Inc. Legal Services Referral Project

1505 Mescalero Drive  
El Paso, TX 79925-2019

*Provides legal services for clients who are HIV-positive or have an AIDS diagnosis.*

### US Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division

Special Litigation Section  
PHB 950 Pennsylvania Avenue  
NW Washington, DC 20530

*Enforces federal civil rights statutes regarding conditions of institutional confinement, law enforcement misconduct, freedom of religion, and others.*

### State Counsel for Offenders

P.O. Box 4005  
Huntsville, TX 77342-4005

*Provides Texas prisoners with attorneys to help with legal problems. This office does not handle civil rights actions against TDCJ and its employees. Most services involve post-conviction, criminal defense of prison cases, civil commitment defense, relief, family law, detainers, and time questions.*

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### Texas Civil Rights Project

1405 Montopolis Drive  
Austin, TX 78741

*Non-profit law firm that represents inmates in cases involving civil rights violations, with representation in select civil lawsuits.*

### Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

6808 Hill Meadow Drive  
Austin, TX 78736

*Provides referrals and limited pro bono assistance to inmates in criminal cases.*

### Texas Defender Service

510 S. Congress Avenue, Suite 304  
Austin, TX 78704

*Provides free legal assistance to inmates with death penalty cases only.*

### Texas Fair Defense Project

510 S. Congress Avenue, Suite 208  
Austin, TX 78704

*Provides legal assistance to a limited number of pre-trial detainees who have been denied access to counsel.*

### Texas Lawyers Care State Bar of Texas

P.O. Box 12487  
Austin, TX 78711-2387

*Provides referrals to free and low-cost legal assistance. Does not provide direct legal representation.*

### Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois

4707 Broadway, Suite 307  
Chicago, IL 60647

*Provides legal services to transgendered and gender non-conforming people targeted by the criminal legal system; will send resources. Also provides trainings to outside agencies.*

## Support and Family Resources

### Convicts for Christ Inc.

3651 NW 2nd Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

*Provides religious/spiritual counseling, as well as emergency residential assistance and referrals, including family unification support. NA, AA, other social services offered. Also offers one-on-one mail counseling.*

### Texas Inmate Families Association

P.O. Box 300220  
Austin, TX 78703-0004

*Helps families assist their incarcerated family members with conditions issues, such as medical care, abuse, and violence. Provides educational materials and other information. Advocates for legislative and criminal justice reform and public awareness.*

## Grievances/Complaints

### American Friends Service Committee

1501 Cherry Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

*National campaign to stop the use of solitary confinement and related forms of torture in US prisons.*

### Client-Attorney Assistance Program

P.O. Box 12487  
Austin, TX 78711-2487

*This statewide service provided by the State Bar of Texas supports dispute resolution and the attorney disciplinary process by accepting grievances for investigation.*

### The National Center on Institutions and Alternatives

7222 Ambassador Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

*Offers parole advocacy services to inmates seeking parole transfer between institutions, or death penalty mitigations.*

### State Commission on Judicial Conduct

P.O. Box 12265  
Austin, TX 78711-2265

*Investigates judicial conduct throughout Texas.*

## Grievances/Complaints (cont.)

### State Bar of Texas Grievance Program

Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office

P.O. Box 13287

Austin, TX 78711

*Formal procedure for clients who have been unable to resolve a problem with their attorney. Write for forms.*

### Texas Board of Criminal Justice

P. O. Box 13084

Austin, TX 78711

*Sets rules and policies across a range of areas guiding TDCJ.*

### Texas Commission on Jail Standards

P.O. Box 12985

Austin, TX 78711

*Accepts complaints involving inmates in county jails or private correctional facilities that house county inmates.*

### Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Offender Grievance Program

P.O. Box 99

Huntsville, TX 77342-0099

*Provides a two-step mechanism to resolve issues arising inside prison, including issues regarding TDCJ policies and procedures, actions of TDCJ employees or other offenders, harassment and/or retaliation, loss or damage of personal property by TDCJ, and problems with basic care controlled by TDCJ.*

### Texas Board of Criminal Justice

PREA Ombudsman Office

P.O. Box 99

Huntsville, TX 77342-0099

*Provides oversight of administrative investigations of offender complaints of sexual assaults and ensures impartial resolution of those complaints.*

### Texas Jail Project

1712 E. Riverside Drive

Austin, TX 78741

*Works to address conditions in Texas jails.*

## Reading and Writing Resources

### Books Between the Bars

2309 Apollo Road

Box 605

Garland, TX 75044

*Provides 1 free book every 60 days to those who request.*

### Books Through Bars-Ithaca

c/o Autumn Leaves Bookstore

115 The Commons, 2nd Floor

Ithaca, NY 14850

*An all-volunteer operated, community-based organization that sends books mainly to the most populated states: NY, TX, FL, CA, PA.*

### Books to Prisoners

c/o Left Bank Books

92 Pike Street, Box A

Seattle, WA 98101

*Provides free books to prisoners nationwide. Request by subject; no religious materials or legal materials.*

### Gainesville Books for Prisoners

P.O. Box 12164

Gainesville, FL 32604

*Provides free books to prisoners nationwide. Accepts requests by topic of interest only.*

### Imailtoiprison.com

*Sells books and ships free*

*TDCJ approved vendor with very quick response and fast delivery to prison.*

### Inside Books Project

c/o 12th St. Books

827 W. 12th Street

Austin, TX 78701

*Sends free books and literature to prisoners in Texas only. Does not accept requests for hardcovers, Bibles, pulp fiction, or pornography. Send one stamp for resource list and newsletter. Accepts artwork donations for yearly prisoners' art show.*

## Reading and Writing Resources (cont.)

### PEN Prison Writing Program

PEN American Center

588 Broadway, Suite 303

New York, NY 10012

*Provides free Handbook for Writers in Prison for those who request a copy. Sponsors annual writing contest for prisoners.*

### Prison Book Project

c/o Food for Thought Books

P.O. Box 396

Amherst, MA 01004-0396

*Serves prisoners in New England and TX only. Request books by subject. No mailing list or catalogue, and no hardback books.*

### Prison Library Project

915- C West Foothill Blvd.

PMB 128

Claremont, CA 91711

*Provides free reading material to inmates nationwide.*

### Prison Legal News

P.O. Box 2420

West Brattleboro, VT 05303

*Articles of interest on prison issues, reviews of important legal cases, and books dealing with legal issues and prison history.*

### Prisoners Literature Project

c/o Bound Together Books

1369 Haight Street

San Francisco, CA 94117



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JUSTICE COALITION

## Texas Prisoner Resource Directory

The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) advances solutions that transform the adult and youth justice systems to strengthen families and foster safer communities. TCJC works with peers, policy-makers, practitioners, and community members to identify and promote smart justice policies that safely reduce Texas' costly over-reliance on incarceration – creating stronger families, less taxpayer waste, and safer communities.

TCJC cannot provide legal advice or representation, but we can offer inmates and their families' information about legislation impacting Texas inmates, relevant policy changes, and guidance about specific resources that may provide direct assistance to inmates.

Information is available to families and friends on our website at:

**[www.texascjc.org/tools-system-involved-adults](http://www.texascjc.org/tools-system-involved-adults)**

**1714 Fortview Road, Suite 104**

**Austin, Texas 78704**

**Phone: (512) 441-8123**

**Website: [www.TexasCJC.org](http://www.TexasCJC.org)**

**Email: [info@www.TexasCJC.org](mailto:info@www.TexasCJC.org)**