



WHAT IS NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT?

We are a non-profit corporation providing civil legal services to low-income people throughout the state of Washington. We are part of the Washington State Alliance for Equal Justice.

WHAT IS CLEAR?

It is the starting point if you are low-income and looking for free legal help with civil (non-criminal) legal problems. It is a toll-free phone intake service for low-income people that provides free legal help with civil (non-criminal) problems to eligible persons. If your legal problem is in King County, call 211. If you are 60 or older, no matter where you live in Washington, call CLEAR*sr.

WHAT IS CLEAR DV?

It is a callback system that gives advocates around the state a way to refer their most compelling and difficult DV and/or sexual assault cases directly to a CLEAR DV attorney. The CLEAR DV attorney can provide legal advice and possible referral to a local legal services program.

WHEN SHOULD I USE CLEAR DV?

You should get in touch with when you have a civil legal issue that stems from domestic violence or sexual assault of you or your child.

CLEAR DV works differently from the rest of CLEAR. Regular CLEAR clients call the CLEAR hotline. But you will not directly contact CLEAR DV yourself. Your DV/SA advocate refers your case directly to CLEAR DV by faxing a CLEAR DV referral form and all documents related to the case.

Neither CLEAR nor CLEAR DV attorneys provide extended representation to clients. If you need more assistance

and it is available, we will refer you to a local agency for more legal services.

HOW CAN CLEAR DV HELP ME OR MY CLIENT?

We provide legal advice to low-income clients who have civil legal issues stemming from or related to domestic violence or sexual abuse perpetrated against you or your child.

If legal resources are scarce in your area, we may provide extra legal help on a case-by-case basis.

We can help you even if your English is limited. Our staff speaks Spanish. If you speak a language other than English or Spanish, we can use an interpreter service.

We are also a resource for DV/SA advocates. We can consult about cases, discuss the law, or talk with you about issues you see coming up repeatedly in your work or area. We also provide trainings to advocates.



CAN I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH CLEAR DV?

Once we get the referral form, the Administrative Coordinator will contact the client to schedule a phone appointment with one of our attorneys. The attorney will call the client. We will schedule your appointment sometime during business hours Monday through Friday.

Usually appointments are set at least a day in advance. We can sometimes provide a same-day response to a call about an extreme emergency.

If you are unable to get an appointment for the following the day, or if you have an emergency and cannot wait for a callback, call the regular CLEAR hotline.

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*CLEAR phone lines are open from
9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. M-F.

Free legal information is available at
www.washingtonlawhelp.org

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