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Are you traveling to Hawaii or the U.S. Mainland? Please know that you may be eligible for free legal services there.

HOW DO I FIND FREE LEGAL SERVICES?

- There is a free legal aid organization that serves you, wherever you are in the U.S., including Hawaii, and every place on the U.S. mainland. Go to <http://www.lawhelp.org/find-help> to find the organization (or organizations) for that region.

WILL FREE LEGAL AID HELP ME? WHAT KINDS OF CASES DO THEY TAKE?

- You have to ask. You can ask by calling or going in person to the office --or sometimes by sending an e-mail. (Get contact information from the website above.)

DOES LEGAL AID HAVE TO TAKE MY CASE?

- No, although all legal aid organizations try to help as many as they can, none has enough staff to help everyone. Each organization has its own priorities for accepting cases.

ARE MICRONESIANS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE LEGAL SERVICES IN THE U.S.?

- Probably. But if you are told you are not eligible, please show this to the legal aid staff:

“All citizens of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands residing in the United States are eligible to receive legal assistance provided that they are otherwise eligible under the [Legal Services Corporation] Act.” 45 CFR [§1626.10 Special eligibility questions.](#)

If you have questions about this, please contact Micronesian Legal Services from our website: <https://micronesianlegal.org/>

WHAT ABOUT CRIMINAL CASES?

- The above is about non-criminal cases. If you have a criminal case, ask for a (free) Public Defender. But please know that if you agree to return to Micronesia to avoid criminal prosecution, you may never be able to return to the U.S., including Guam—and even transiting through Guam. Ask your Public Defender about this.

