

# Legal Service

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## Breaking down legal barriers

Sometimes you need legal help. But it's hard finding an affordable lawyer who understands the needs of working people. That's why your union offers Union Privilege<sup>®</sup> Legal Services: to help you find high quality, affordable legal services.

- The largest legal services program in the nation
- Over 850 participating law offices
- No annual fee or enrollment charge
- Your spouse and dependents are also eligible

## You get free and low-cost legal help

If you need legal advice, have to sign a complicated document or if you've ever bought something that turned out to be a "lemon," this service can help with free and discounted legal help provided by specially selected lawyers ready to serve you. Over 75 percent of the matters brought to lawyers through this program are handled for free.

- Free initial consultation - Call or meet with a participating lawyer on almost any legal matter for up to 30 minutes. Consult as many times as you need, provided it is a separate matter each time.
- Free document review - Avoid costly mistakes by understanding what you sign. Have important papers, leases, insurance policies or other contracts reviewed and explained. (Written evaluations are not part of this service nor are documents written by you or for use in a business capacity.)
- Free follow-up services - If your lawyer thinks a phone call or letter will solve your problem, then it will be done—for free.
- 30% discount on additional services - If you are faced with a more complex legal matter, you pay only 70% of the lawyer's normal fee. Smaller discounts apply to contingent fee cases. Discount does not apply to your ownership or operation of a business.

## Excluded matters

Because this is a union program, matters involving union related organizations or officials are not included. Lawyers are not obligated to take a case and may decline if they so choose.

## Quality control and fee protection

As a union member, you are protected with unique union-only quality control and fee agreements.

- Written fee agreement with your lawyer
- You evaluate your lawyer's performance
- Grievance procedure if a dispute should arise

## Getting legal help is easy

Names of participating lawyers may be obtained from your local leader, international union or by calling the Union Privilege legal Service at 1-202-336-5460.



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