

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT DIVORCE APPLICATION

If you are a low-income resident of Erie County and are interested in filing for divorce, Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. (VLP) may be able to assist you. Please fill out the following application completely and fax, mail, email, or drop it off at our office:

Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.
438 Main Street, 7th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202
Fax: 716-847-0307
Email: amitchell@ecbavlp.com

By completing this application, you are only applying to see if you qualify for help. You are not guaranteed representation. If we are unable to accept your case, the application and all attached documentation will be destroyed according to VLP's record-keeping policy. Completing this form does not make you a client of VLP and does not create an attorney-client relationship; however, all information will remain confidential. *****Please note, it could take seven (7) business days before you receive a response. Thank you for your patience.***

I. INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

DOB: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Any other names that you have ever used: _____

Address : _____

Housing type: BMHA Subsidized Section 8

Own Value of the home \$ _____ Mortgage \$ _____

Rent Monthly rent cost \$ _____

How long have you lived in New York State? _____

Home number: _____ Cell number: _____ Work number: _____

Can we leave a voice mail? Yes No E-mail: _____

Gender: Male Female Transgender/Male Transgender/Female

Do you have a court date already? Yes No

If yes, when: _____ Name of Court: _____

Do you currently have an attorney for this legal issue? Yes No

If yes who: _____

Have you ever had an attorney on this legal issue? Yes No

If yes, who: _____

List any children born during the marriage whether you claim they are marital children or not:

Child's name

Gender

DOB

Child's name	Gender	DOB

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE OTHER PARTY*1

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

DOB: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Any other names that they have used: _____

Address: _____

If other party is resident of NYS, how long have they lived in New York? _____

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Please take the time to accurately and fully answer this section as it will allow us to pre-screen your eligibility for our services.

1. Where did the marriage take place: _____
2. Did you and your spouse live together in New York while married? Yes No
3. Your current county of your residence: _____
4. County of **dispute/court**: _____

**Please note, we will not be contacting the other party. We need this information to run a conflict check.*

5. Citizenship: US Citizen Lawful Permanent Resident Other

6. Household: Please tell us how many people of each age category live in your home including yourself

0-17years old: _____ 18-59 years old: _____ 60+years old _____

IV. INCOME INFORMATION

Please write in the amount of gross monthly income that everyone in your household receives in all applicable categories below. Gross monthly income means your income *before* taxes and other deductions are taken out.

	Self	Others		Self	Others
Employment:	\$ _____	\$ _____	SSI:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Self Employed:	\$ _____	\$ _____	Food Stamps:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment:	\$ _____	\$ _____	Alimony:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Worker's Comp:	\$ _____	\$ _____	Child Support:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability:	\$ _____	\$ _____	Retirement:	\$ _____	\$ _____
SSD:	\$ _____	\$ _____	Other:	\$ _____	\$ _____

V. ASSET INFORMATION

Please write in the value of any assets you have. Please note, if your case is accepted, you will be asked to submit proof of these assets, so it is important to list everything accurately:

Cash and bank accounts: _____

Vehicle (year & make): _____

Real Property (home): _____

Other real property: _____

Please attach copies of all sources of income listed above.

****If you do not complete the ENTIRE application and send in proof of your income, VLP will not review your application.**