

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COVID-19

Access to Justice Continues! Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic requires organisations to take measures to reduce social contact, public interest law organisations are still available to provide legal advice and support on a range of issues. See below for more information on contact details and each organisation's areas of expertise. Details may change in response to ongoing developments. Last Updated: 18 March 2020

| | Organisation | In-person client consultation: | Contact information: Tel / Email | Times: | Advice on following issues: |
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|  | CENTRE FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES | Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended. | 073 325 5311 matimba.hlungwani@wits.ac.za | Mon – Fri: 9h00 – 17h00 | Various issues including, but not limited to, evictions, access to water, electricity, sanitation, corporate accountability broadly, sexual violence, issues affecting mine affected communities, protests, prison conditions and access to information. |
|  | CENTRE FOR CHILD LAW | Consultation by appointment only | 012 420 4502 centreforchildlaw@up.ac.za | Mon – Fri: 8:00 – 16:30 | Legal issues related to children's rights and wellbeing |
|  | CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS | No walk-in client consultations. | 021 447 1647 info@cer.org.za | Mon – Fri: 8h30 – 16h30 | The right to a healthy environment, including pollution, degradation and climate change caused by coal mines and coal power; supporting mining-affected communities, activists and defenders. |
|  | EQUAL EDUCATION LAW CENTRE | Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended. | 0800 110 752 (Toll-free) info@eelawcentre.org.za | Mon – Fri: 8h00 – 16h00 | Advice on the right to basic education and education related matters. |
|  | LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS | Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended. | Jhb: +27 66 076 8845 Pta: +27 72 155 6384 Dbn: +27 78 315 1269 Musina: +27 72 369 8780 Upington: +27 54 331 2200 <i>* "Please call me" messages will be returned</i> Sharone@lhr.org.za | Mon – Fri: 8:30 – 17:00 | Legal advice and representation to people and communities across six strategic programmes, including Refugee and Migrant Rights, Land and Housing Rights, Environmental Justice, Gender Equality, Penal Reform, and Strategic Litigation. |
|  | LEGAL RESOURCES CENTRE | Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended. | 011 038 9709 Jhb: Lucien@lrc.org.za CT: Sherylle@lrc.org.za Dbn: Sharita@lrc.org.za (Makhanda): Cameron@lrc.org.za | Mon – Fri: 9:00 – 16:00 | General human rights and public interest matters. |
|  | NDIFUNA UKWAZI LAW CENTRE | Consultation by appointment only. | 081 832 9363 disha@nu.org.za | Tues: 9h00 – 17h00 (remainder of the week calls answered depending on attorney availability). No after office hours availability. | Urban housing issues, particularly evictions, tenant-landlord disputes & displacement |
|  | SECTION27 | Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended. | 060 754 0751 komane@section27.org.za mahlathi@section27.org.za | Mon – Fri: 8:00 – 17:00 | Access to health and basic education and HIV discrimination related issues. Providing advice on human rights violations in health institutions against vulnerable groups such as, women, children, the elderly, refugees and migrants. |
|  | SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA | Receiving walk-in clients at 6th Floor Aspern House, 54 De Korte Street, Braamfontein | 011 356 5860 sanele@seri-sa.org | Mon – Fri: 11:00 – 15:00 | Housing including evictions, sales in execution of residential property and access to basic services. Rights of informal and precarious workers. Freedom of expression and protest. |
|  | WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE | Walk-in client consultations suspended with immediate effect until 20 April 2020 (4 weeks). Working on remote access for clients via WhatsApp, telephone, email and social media. | 021 424 5660 (additional cellphone numbers will become available) info@wlce.co.za | Mon – Fri: 9:00 – 17:00 | Legal issues relating to women's rights (i.e Violence against Women, Women's Rights to Housing, Land and tenure, Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights, Relationship Rights, Women and the workplace) |