

## VI. LEGAL RESOURCE GROUPS

### Alaska

#### Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

325 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801  
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**Contact/Title:** Eric Jorgensen, Managing Attorney

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** The Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit environmental law firm which seeks to improve the management and treatment of the natural resources of the U.S. and the world through vigorous enforcement of environmental laws. The Legal Defense Fund provides legal advice and representation to groups interested in and effected by the degradation of the environment.

**Issues:** Water pollution, Forest, Land use, Oil & gas, Endangered species, Habitat pollution

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 0

**Number of Volunteers:** 8

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Grassroots

**Membership Base:** Reservation, Rural, Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1971

#### Sovereignty Network Alaska Rights Consultants Tribal Organization

HC 04, P.O. Box 9880  
Palmer, AK 99645  
(907) 745-0505

**Contact/Title:** David Harrison, Coordinator

**Position:** Volunteer

**Mission:** To provide legal information to traditional Alaskan native villages, and to aid in informed decision making to better the community.

**Issues:** Toxics, Energy, Air pollution, Water pollution, Waste disposal, Wildlife, Environmental justice, Community organizing, Sovereignty rights, Subsistence rights, Protection of traditional native lands, Reassertion of traditional governments

**Activities:** Lobbying, Research, Organizing, Education, Direct action

**Organization Incorporated:** No

**Number of Paid Staff:** 0

**Number of Volunteers:** 20

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Native American/  
Indian/Alaskan

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1988

### Arizona

#### Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest

202 E. McDowell Rd. Suite 153  
Phoenix, AZ 85021  
(602) 258-8850  
Fax: (602) 258-8757

**Contact/Title:** Jennifer Anderson, Staff Attorney

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The center is a private, non-profit public interest law firm that engages in litigation and advocacy with respect to a wide variety of issues that affect the citizens of Arizona.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Energy, Urban sprawl, U.S./Mexico border, Water pollution

**Activities:** Legal, Advocacy

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 5

**Number of Volunteers:** 1

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Schools

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1974

#### Southern Arizona People's Law Center

611 North 4th Ave  
Tucson, AZ 85705  
(520) 623-7306  
Fax: (520) 670-9122

**Contact/Title:** Paul Gattone, Staff Attorney

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Non-profit community based law office. Our work is meant to address the legal cases of poverty and inequality. Legal and advocacy work is done in areas of low income housing, economic and civil rights.

**Issues:** Community organizing, Environmental racism, Housing, Police abuse

**Activities:** Organizing, Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 2

**Number of Volunteers:** 5-10

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Latino American/  
Hispanic

**Geographic Focus:** Countywide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1990

### California

#### Center for Community Advocacy

9 West Gobilan Street, Suite 12  
Salinas, CA 93901  
(831) 753-2324  
Fax: (831) 753-0141  
E-mail: centerc@jps.net

**Contact/Title:** Juan Uranga, Executive Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Center for Community Advocacy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving housing conditions and opportunities for farmworker and other low income families in Monterey & Santa Cruz. CCA conducts educational programs at labor camps to inform farm workers of their basic rights and responsibilities.

**Issues:** Community organizing, Housing,

**Activities:** Organizing

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 5

**Number of Volunteers:** 18

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Constituency Served:** Latino American/  
Hispanic

**Geographic Focus:** Countywide

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:**

**Year Founded:** 1989

#### Communities for a Better Environment

500 Howard Street, Suite 506  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 243-8373  
Fax: (415) 243-8980  
E-mail: cbelegal@igc.org

**Contact/Title:** Richard Toshiyuk Drury, Legal Director

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Urban environmental health and justice throughout California

**Issues:** Air pollution, Children health, Community organizing, Environmental racism, facility siting/permit review, Toxics, Water pollution, Worker safety

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Report preparation, Proposal/grant writing, Health surveys, Pollution monitoring, Media/press campaign, Fund raising, Organizing, Legal, Research, Exposure assessment, Advocacy, Mapping/GIS

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 30

**Number of Volunteers:** 100

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, People of color, Grassroots, Schools, Youth

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1978

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## Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

180 Montgomery Street, Suite 1400  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
(415) 627-6700  
Fax: (415) 627-6720  
E-mail: eajus@earthjustice.org

**Contact/Title:** Bill Curtiss, Vice President  
**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Provides free legal representation to environmental and other organizations in litigation to protect the environment.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Parks & recreation, Pesticides, Transportation, Water pollution, Wildlife, Public lands

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 110

**Number of Volunteers:** 110

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1972

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## Environmental Defense Center (EDC)

906 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 963-1622  
Fax: (805) 962-3152  
E-mail: edc@rain.org

**Contact/Title:** Jennifer Oetken,  
Administrative Assistant

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The EDC has four main goals:

1. to operate a non-profit law firm specializing in environmental, natural resources and land use issues in the public interest.
2. To further the protection of human and natural environments and the preservation of unique or significant environmental features.
3. To enforce and advance the state of environmental law.
4. To

represent those who otherwise would have no access to the judicial system in matters affecting the environment.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Children health, Community organizing, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting, Lead, Pesticides, Transportation, Toxics, Urban Sprawl, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Wildlife

**Activities:** Report preparation, Proposal/grant writing, Health surveys, Media/press campaign, Fund raising, Workshops, Organizing, legal, Research

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 13

**Number of Volunteers:** 25

**Charge Membership Dues:**

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1977

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## Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

536 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 442-6647  
Fax: (415) 896-2450  
E-mail: envirolaw@ggu.edu

**Contact/Title:** Alan Ramo

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Golden gate University Law School's Environmental Justice Clinic provides free legal services and education on environmental issues to San Francisco Bay Area residents, community groups and public interest organizations. Since 1994, ELJC's attorneys, graduate legal fellows, and 100 law students have provided more than 30,000 hours of free legal services to several multicultural communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Community organizing, Energy, Environmental racism, Lead, Toxics, Water pollution, Worker safety

**Activities:** Legal, Research, Advocacy, Public education

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 3

**Number of Volunteers:** varies

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Countywide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, People of color, Grassroots

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1974

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## National Committee Against Repressive Legislation

1313 West 8th St. #313  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
(213) 484-6661  
Fax: (213) 484-0266  
E-mail: NCARL@aol.com

**Contact/Title:** Frank Wilkinson, Director  
**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Founded in 1960 as the National Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. As a national civil liberties organization we relate to violations of environmental conditions as a civil liberties issue.

**Issues:** Environmental Racism

**Activities:** Organizing, Lobbying

**Organization Incorporated:** No

**Number of Paid Staff:** 3

**Number of Volunteers:** varies

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** White/Caucasian

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Middle income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1960

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## National Health Law Program

2639 S. La Crenega Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
(310) 204-6010  
Fax: (310) 204-0891  
E-mail: nhelp@healthlaw.org

**Contact/Title:** Laurence Lavin, Director  
**Position:** Full-time

**Issues:** Children health, Lead,

**Activities:** Legal, Advocacy, Public education

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 18

**Number of Volunteers:** 3

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1969

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## Natural Resources Defense Council

6310 San Vicente Blvd. Suite 250  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
(323) 934-6900  
Fax: (323) 934-1210  
E-mail: jreynolds@nrdc.org

**Contact/Title:** Joel Reynolds, Senior Attorney

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Defend the Earth

**Issues:** Air pollution, Children health, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Lead, Parks & recreation, Pesticides, Recycling, Transportation,

**Activities:** Litigation, Legislative advocacy, Regulatory advocacy

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 10

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1972

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## Public Interest Law Firm

111 W. St. John Street Suite 315  
San Jose, CA 95113  
(408) 293-4790  
Fax: (408) 293-0106  
E-mail: rebeccab@lawfoundation.org

**Contact/Title:** Rebecca Baird

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** The mission of the Public Interest Law Firm is to secure justice and protect human rights by providing legal advocacy, counseling and access to the legal system for those who otherwise would be unrepresented.

**Issues:** Housing, Transportation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 3

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Countywide

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1974

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## San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.

13327 Van Nuys Boulevard  
Pacoima, CA 91331-3099  
(818) 834-7531  
Fax: (818) 896-6647  
E-mail: ymariajimenez@nls-la.org

**Contact/Title:** Yvonne Maria Jimenez,  
Deputy Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** NLS represents community based grass roots organizations seeking to improve the quality of life in their community by ensuring that they have a safe environment.

**Issues:** Children health, Environmental racism, Housing, Toxics, Health care, Domestic violence, Economic development, Immigration/naturalization

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Proposal/grant writing, Legal, Advocacy, Public education, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 50

**Number of Volunteers:** 100

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Citywide, Countywide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, Rural, Church-based, People of color, Grassroots, Schools, Youth, Coalitions/Networks, Workers

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1965

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## Yeuni

1066 Larwood Rd  
San Diego, CA 92114  
(619) 461-5011  
Fax: (619) 461-5011  
E-mail: tonali@pacbell.net

**Contact/Title:** José T. Bravo, Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** We are a bi-national organization that is doing work with communities in the Mexico/US border. We offer free legal help on environmental and labor presentation. We link the environmental or labor strategies with the ongoing community organizing strategy.

**Issues:** Children health, Community organizing, Environmental racism, Facility siting, Lead, Pesticides, Toxics, U.S./Mexico border, Water pollution, Worker safety, RTK

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Health surveys, Organizing, Legal, Cross border issues

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 3

**Number of Volunteers:** 1

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Latino American/  
Chicano

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban,  
Rural

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1998

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# Colorado

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## Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

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Denver, CO 80202-4303  
(303) 623-9466  
Fax: (303) 623-8083

**Contact/Title:** Robert Wiygul, Managing  
Attorney

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit environmental law firm which seeks to improve the management and treatment of the natural resources of the United States and the world through vigorous enforcement of environmental laws. The Legal Defense Fund provides legal advice and representation to groups interested in unaffected by the degradation of the environment.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Lead, Water pollution, Wildlife, Endangered Species, Oil & Gas issues, Public Lands

**Activities:** Workshops/conferences, Legal, Advocacy

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 107

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Countywide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income Urban, Rural, Reservation-based, People of color, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1971

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## Earthlaw

1714 Poplar street  
Denver, CO 80223  
(303) 871-6996  
Fax: (303) 871-6991  
E-mail: earthlaw@earthlaw.org

**Contact/Title:** Joy Tutchton, Staff Attorney

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Earthlaw's mission is to protect and preserve the West's biodiversity air, land and water by providing free legal services to grassroots environmental groups.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Urban sprawl, Water pollution, Wildlife

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 6

**Number of Volunteers:** 17

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1993

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## Indian Law Clinic

Campus Box 404, University of Colorado  
Boulder, CO 80309-0404  
(303) 492-0966  
Fax: (303) 492-9587

**Contact/Title:** Sarah Krakoff, Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The ILC provides legal representation to American Indian individuals and tribes on a variety of issues, including federal Indian laws, tribal law, civil rights, and environmental issues.

**Issues:** Tribal environmental regulation, Preservation of national & cultural resources

**Activities:** Legal, Research, Public education, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 2

**Number of Volunteers:** 6

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Tribal

**Membership Base:** Low income, Reservation-based

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1992

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## Land and Water Fund of the Rockies

2260 Baseline Rd, Suite 200  
Boulder, CO 80302  
(303) 444-1188  
Fax: (303) 786-8054

**Contact/Title:** Jean Belille, Director Western  
Communities

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** We are a nonprofit organization who provide legal aid, advocacy and policy solutions to environmental groups in the Rocky Mountains and desert Southwest regions.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting, Toxics, Urban sprawl, Wildlife, Western water use

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Report preparation, Fundraising, Proposal/ grant writing, Organizing, Legal, Research

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 17

**Number of Volunteers:** 2

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Reservation, Church-based, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1989

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## Connecticut

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### **Yale Environmental Protection Clinic (Yale Law School)**

Box 208215  
New Haven, CT 06520  
(203) 432-6065  
Fax: (203) 432-3817

**Contact/Title:** Clinic Coordinator

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** We undertake law and policy projects on behalf of community and environmental groups on a wide variety of topics, including environmental justice issues.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields redevelopment, Community organizing, Environmental racism, Facility siting/ permit review, Toxics, Urban sprawl, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Wildlife

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Report preparation, Legal, Research, Brownfields, Impact assessment, Mapping/GIS

**Organization Incorporated:** No

**Number of Paid Staff:** 1

**Number of Volunteers:** 12

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Citywide, Statewide, National, International

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Reservation-based, Church-based, People of color, Grassroots, Academia, Researchers, Schools, Youth, Coalitions/Networks, Workers

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1994

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## District of Columbia

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### **Indian Law Resource Center**

601 E St. SE.  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 547-2800  
Fax: (202)547-2803

**Contact/Title:** Curtis Berkey, Director of Washington Office

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** To work with those in the environmental movement to develop greater understanding and cooperation among all who share the great concerns of human rights and the preservation of the earth.

**Issues:** Toxics, Wildlife, Environmental justice, Indigenous resources protection

**Activities:** Legal assistance

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 5

**Number of Volunteers:** 2

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Native American/ Indian

**Geographic Focus:** International

**Membership Base:** Reservation

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1978

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### **International Human Rights Law Group**

1200 18th Street, NW Suite 602  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 822-4600  
Fax: (202) 822-4606  
E-mail: susammas@hrlawgroup.org

**Contact/Title:** Susamma Samuel, Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Law Group's mission is to support and help empower advocates to expand the scope of human rights protection and to promote broad participation in strengthening human rights standards and procedures at all levels (Federal, State, and Local).

**Issues:** Environmental racism

**Activities:** Legal, International human rights

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** n/a

**Number of Volunteers:** n/a

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic, Multi-racial

**Geographic Focus:** Neighborhood, Citywide, Countywide, Regional, Statewide, National, International, Tribal

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Reservation, Church-based, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1976

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### **Migrant Legal Action Program**

P.O. Box 53308  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 462-7744  
Fax: (202) 462-7914

**Contact/Title:** Roger C. Rosenthal, Executive Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** MLAP is a national support and advocacy center which provides legal representation to migrant and seasonal farm workers nationwide. We work on a wide variety of issues regarding farmworker's living and working conditions including pesticides and occupational safety and health.

**Issues:** Children health, Environmental racism, Pesticides, Worker safety

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Legal, Research

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 4

**Number of Volunteers:** 2

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Latino American/ Hispanic

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1970

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### **National Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law**

1450 G St. NW., Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 662-8333

**Contact/Title:** David Daily, Environmental Program Director

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee is to secure, through rule of law, equal justice under law. Our major objectives are to obtain true equality by providing legal resources for the needs of people of color and the poor, ensuring fair and equitable political participation, and eliminating all barriers to equal protection.

**Issues:** Toxics, Energy, Air pollution, Water pollution, Facility siting, Pesticides, Lead, Worker safety, Housing, Environmental justice, Employment discrimination, Voting rights

**Activities:** Lobbying, Research, Education, Litigation and regulatory work

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 32

**Number of Volunteers:** 2

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1963

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## National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA): ABC Project

1625 K Street NW #800  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 452-0620  
Fax: (202) 872-1031  
E-mail: g.lescault@nlada.org

**Contact/Title:** Guy Lescault, Civil Counsel  
**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association and the national Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) are pleased to sponsor "A Business Commitment" (ABC), a nationwide field service project designed to match business lawyers with legal service programs, community development corporations, charitable organizations, low income housing groups and other similar organizations that cannot afford to hire lawyers.

**Issues:** Community organizing, Environmental racism, Housing, Transportation

**Activities:** Legal, Advocacy  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 1

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1993

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## Delaware

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### Eastern Environmental Law Center

c/o Widener University School of Law  
4601 Concord Pike  
Wilmington, DE 19803-0474  
(302) 477-2060  
Fax: (302) 477-2032

**Contact/Title:** James K. May, Director  
**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** The Eastern Environmental Law Center is advocating for our right to breathe clean air, use clean water, enjoy our remaining open spaces, and live in a healthy environment. The Eastern Environmental Law Center believes that all people should be able to enjoy a clean environment, whether they live in cities, suburbs or rural areas.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Wildlife

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 3

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** African American/Black

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Urban

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1998

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## Florida

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### Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation (LEAF)

1114 Thomasville Rd, Suite E  
Tallahassee, FL 32303-6290  
(850) 681-2591  
Fax: (850) 224-1275  
E-mail: leaf@lewisweb.net

**Contact/Title:** Cynthia Valencio

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** LEAF's mission is to protect human health and life sustaining natural resources from pollution and to achieve accountability for the consequences of such pollution

**Issues:** Brownfields redevelopment, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Pesticides, Toxics, Waste disposal, Water pollution

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Workshops/conferences, Legal, Advocacy, Brownfields, Public education, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 10

**Number of Volunteers:** 12

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, Rural, People of color, Grassroots

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1979

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## Hawaii

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### Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation

1164 Bishop St. #1205  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808)521-2302  
Fax: (808)537-4268

**Contact/Title:** Alan T. Murakami, Litigation Director

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** To protect, assert, and defend native Hawaiian legal claims to land, natural resources, and related entitlements, and to provide legal services and advocacy to those promoting native Hawaiian rights.

**Issues:** Cultural impacts, Water pollution, Facility siting, Wildlife, Environmental justice, Community organizing

**Activities:** Research, Education, Direct action, Litigation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 20

**Number of Volunteers:** 20

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Asian/Pacific Islander

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1977

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## Illinois

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### Business & Professional People for the Public Interest

17 E. Monroe #212  
Chicago, IL 60603  
(312) 641-5570  
Fax: (312) 641-5454  
E-mail: mail@bpichicago.org

**Contact/Title:** Julie Elena Brown, Staff Counsel

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** BPI's mission is to strive for a healthy quality of life in the Chicago metropolitan area and to foster the democratic process by enlisting that groups which might otherwise go unrepresented have a voice in the decision-making process that affect their lives. To this end, BPI uses a variety of approaches, including community organizing, litigation, policy advocacy and collaborations with civic, business, community and environmental organizations.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields redevelopment, Children health, Community organizing, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Housing, Parks & recreation, Pesticides, Recycling, Transportation, Toxics, Urban sprawl, Waste disposal, Water pollution

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Legal, Advocacy, Public education

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 20

**Number of Volunteers:** varies

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, People of color, Grassroots, Schools, Youth, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1969

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## Kentucky

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### Kentucky Resources Council, Inc.

P. O. Box 1070  
Frankfort, KY 40602  
(502) 875-2428  
Fax: (502) 875-2845  
E-mail: fitzkrc@aol.com

**Contact/Title:** Tom Fitzgenad, Director  
**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** The council is an environmental advocacy organization providing free legal and technical assistance to low income individuals and groups on environmental issues in Kentucky, and on coal issues, across the nation.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields redevelopment, Energy, Facility siting/permit review, Parks & recreation, Pesticides, Recycling, Transportation, Toxics, Urban sprawl, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Coal

**Activities:** Legal, Advocacy, Brownfields

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 2

**Number of Volunteers:** varies

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, Rural, People of color, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1984

## Louisiana

### Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund New Orleans

400 Magazine Street, Suite 401

New Orleans, LA 70130

(504) 522-1394

Fax: (504) 566-7242

E-mail: eajus@earthjustice.org

**Contact/Title:** Monique Harden, Attorney-Community Liaison Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund is the non-profit law firm for for the environment. Earthjustice represents-without charge- hundreds of public interest clients, large and small. When reason and persuasion fail to protect the environment, the Legal Defense Fund works to reduce air and water pollution; to achieve environmental justice; to safeguard public lands, national forests, parks and wilderness areas to prevent toxic contamination; and to preserve endangered species and wildlife habitat.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Lead, Toxics, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Wildlife

**Activities:** Legal, Advocacy, Impact assessment, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 7

**Number of Volunteers:** 3-5

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, People of color, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1990

### Tulane Environmental Law Clinic

6329 Preret Street

New Orleans, LA 70118

(504) 865-8789

Fax: (504) 862-8721

E-mail: alyttle@law.tulane.edu

**Contact/Title:** Alicia Little, Community Outreach Coordinator

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Tulane Environmental Law Clinic provides free legal assistance, through its student attorneys, to community organizations in Louisiana seeking to protect and restore public health and the environment for the benefit of the public.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields redevelopment, Community organizing, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Parks & recreation, Pesticides, Recycling, Transportation, Toxics, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Wildlife

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Media/press campaign, Workshops/conferences, Organizing, Legal, Advocacy, Brownfields, Public education, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 6

**Number of Volunteers:** 2-4

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Church-based, People of color, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1989

## Maryland

### Community Development Clinic

University of Baltimore

40 W. Chase Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

(416) 837-5713

Fax: (410) 333-3053

E-mail: jschukoske@ubmail.ubalt.edu

**Contact/Title:** Jane Schukoske

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** The clinic educates law students while serving non-profit organizations operating in blighted urban neighborhoods to improve conditions there.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Lead, Parks & recreation, Toxics, Drug misuse, Abatement

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Workshops/conferences, Legal, Research, Advocacy, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 4

**Number of Volunteers:** 8

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Citywide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, People of color, Grassroots

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1996

## Massachusetts

### Asian Outreach Program, Greater Boston Legal Services

197 Friend Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 371-1234

Fax: (617) 371-1222

**Contact/Title:** Zenobia Lai, Senior Attorney

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** To provide civil legal services to low income individuals in the Greater Boston area.

**Issues:** Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Housing, Transportation, Worker safety

**Activities:** Legal, Research, Advocacy

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 120

**Number of Volunteers:** varies

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Asian/ Pacific Islander

**Geographic Focus:** Citywide

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1975

## Michigan

### Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project, Inc. & Michigan Poverty Law Program-West

Brass Works Bldg., 648 Monroe, NW, Suite 318

Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2933

(616) 454-5055

Fax: (616) 454-7022

**Contact/Title:** Gary N. Gershon, Executive Director

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project is a law firm that provides litigation, education and other advocacy service that will serve to improve farmworkers lives. We serve migrant, seasonal, and settled-out farmworkers and their dependents, who because of their extremely low income, language barriers isolation and transiency, lack access to the institutions which could otherwise ensure their legal rights.

**Issues:** Children health, Environmental racism, Housing, Lead, Pesticides, Toxics, Water pollution, Worker safety, Agriculture, Migrant Issues

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Media/press campaign, Legal, Research, Advocacy, Public education, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 9

**Number of Volunteers:** 1

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Latino/ Hispanic

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural, People of color, Workers

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1973

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## National Law Guild/Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice

645 Griswold , Suite 1800

Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 962-6540

Fax: (313) 962-4492

E-mail: jhurwitz@sugarlaw.org

**Contact/Title:** Julie Hurwitz, Executive Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** National LawGuild/ Sugar Law Center is a national, nonprofit interest law center founded upon the principle that economic and civil rights are inseparable; that one group of rights cannot truly exist in the absence of the other. Our work focuses on three major areas Cities Reinvestment, Plant closing and Environmental justice.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields, Community organizing, Environmental racism, Housing, Urban sprawl, Economic rights

**Activities:** Workshops, Legal, Research,

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 6

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** African American/ Black

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1991

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## Montana

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### Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

11 East Main Street, Suite C

Bozeman, MT 59715

(406) 586-9699

Fax: (406) 586-9695

**Contact/Title:** Sandy Reibel

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** To protect people and natural resources by enforcing and strengthening environmental laws; to educate and involve the public in sustaining citizen-enforced law as a bulwark of conservation; to provide individuals and organizations with the best legal representation

and related advocacy; and to foster international recognition of a fundamental right to a healthy environment.

**Issues:** Parks & recreation, Water pollution, Wildlife, Endangered species

**Activities:** Media/press campaign, Legal, Research

**Organization Incorporated:** No

**Number of Paid Staff:** 5

**Number of Volunteers:** 2

**Charge Membership Dues:**

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Regional, Statewide, National

**Membership Base:** Grassroots, Coalitions/ Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1971

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## Indian Law Resource Center

602 North Ewing Street

Helena, MT 59601

(406) 449-2006

Fax: (406) 449-2031

E-mail: mt@indianlaw.org

**Contact/Title:** Robert T. Coulter, Executive Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** A non-profit Law and advocacy organization providing legal assistance to Indian/Alaska Native nations working to protect their land, resources, human rights, environment, cultural heritage.

**Issues:** Environmental racism, Water pollution

**Activities:** Media/press campaign, Organizing, Legal, Research, Advocacy, Public education, Mapping/GIS

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 13

**Number of Volunteers:** 1

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Native American/ Indian

**Geographic Focus:** International, Tribal

**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural, Reservation-based, People of color, Grassroots

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1978

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## Nebraska

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### State Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project

635 South 14th Street, P.O. Box 81809

Lincoln, NE 68501-1809

(404) 475-7091

Fax: (404) 475-7098

E-mail: kbellman@nebar.com

**Contact/Title:** Kathryn Bellman, Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Volunteer Lawyers project is a statewide volunteer legal assistance project and referral network founded in

order to provide legal assistance to low income persons who cannot hire lawyers and who cannot receive assistance through federally funded legal services or other programs operating in the state.

**Issues:** N/A

**Activities:** Legal assistance

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 4

**Number of Volunteers:** 1100

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, urban, Rural

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1983

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## New Mexico

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### New Mexico Environmental Law Center

1405 Luisa Street, Suite 5

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 989-9022

Fax: (505) 989-3769

E-mail: nmelc.org

**Contact/Title:** Douglass Meiklejohn, Executive Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The mission of the New Mexico Environmental Law Center is to preserve, protect, and improve the quality of New Mexico natural and community environments. The Board & Staff of the Law center are committed to using the resources of New Mexico wisely and working closely with New Mexico communities.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Mining issues

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Legal, Public education

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 7

**Number of Volunteers:** Varies

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Reservation-based, People of color, Grassroots

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1987

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## New York

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### Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation

80 Jamaica Ave

Brooklyn, NY 11207

(718) 487-1300

Fax: (718) 342-1780

**Contact/Title:** Hillary Exte

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Civil legal service program represents committees in North and East Brooklyn, New York (Bushwick, Canarsie, Cypress Hills, East New York, Greenpoint, Oceanhill, Williamsburgh).

**Issues:** Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Housing, Lead, Waste disposal

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 50

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Neighborhood

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, People of color, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1968

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## Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10012  
(212) 614-6464

Fax: (212) 614-6499

E-mail: ccr@igc.apc.org

**Contact/Title:** Barbara Olshansky, Assistant Legal Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Center for Constitutional Rights is a non-profit legal and educational organization dedicated to advancing and protecting the right guaranteed by the United States constitution and the universal declaration of human rights.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Community organizing, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Housing, Parks & recreation, Pesticides, Toxics, Urban sprawl, U.S./Mexico border, Worker safety, Civil & constitutional rights

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Media/press campaign, Workshops/conferences, Organizing, Legal, Research, Advocacy, Public education, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 20

**Number of Volunteers:** 10

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, Rural, Reservation based, Church-based, People of color, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks, Workers

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1966

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## Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.

215 East Church Street, Suite 301  
Elmira, NY 14901  
(607) 734-1647

Fax: (607) 734-1018

E-mail: ccnls@stny.lrun.com

**Contact/Title:** Thomas Dubel, Executive Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** We provide free legal services for poor people in civil cases.

**Issues:** Energy, Housing **Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 13

**Number of Volunteers:** 3

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1967

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## Farmworker Legal Services NY

80 Saint Paul Street  
Rochester, NY 14604  
(716) 325-3050

Fax: (716) 325-7614

E-mail: flsnyroc@frontiernet.net

**Contact/Title:** James F. Schmidt, Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Provide legal services to migrant & seasonal farmworkers.

**Issues:** Community organizing, Environmental racism, Housing, Pesticides, Worker Safety, Employment

**Activities:** Organizing, Legal, Advocacy

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 7

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1981

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## National Conference of Black Lawyers (NCBL)

c/o 2 W. 125th St.  
New York, NY 10027  
(212) 864-4000

**Contact/Title:** Adjoa Aiyetoro, Director or Wendy Brown, Social, Economic, and Political Justice Section Chair

**Position:** Volunteer

**Mission:** Founded to serve as the legal arm in the struggle for racial justice and human rights. We provide legal assistance and support to individuals, organizations, and communities of color across the country.

**Issues:** Lead, Housing, Environmental justice, Community organizing, Affirmative action, International legal issues

**Activities:** Research, Organizing, Education, Direct action, Legal representation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 2

**Number of Volunteers:** 50

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Constituency Served:** African American/Black

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1968

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## National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights

577 Columbus Ave  
New York, NY 10024  
(202) 724-7702

**Contact/Title:** Richie Perez

**Position:** Volunteer

**Mission:** To defend the civil and human rights of the Puerto Rican community in the United States.

**Issues:** Toxics, Air pollution, Waste disposal, Facility siting, Lead, Asbestos, Parks & recreation, Worker safety, Housing, Community organizing, Police abuse, Language rights

**Activities:** Lobbying, Organizing, Education, Direct action, Litigation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 0

**Number of Volunteers:** 100

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Constituency Served:** Latino American/Hispanic

**Geographic Focus:** National

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:**

**Year Founded:** 1981

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## New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI)

151 W. 30th Street, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10001-4007  
(212) 244-4664

Fax: (212) 244-4570

E-mail: info@nylpi.org

**Contact/Title:** Gail Suchman, Senior Environmental Counsel

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** NYLPI's Environmental Justice project seeks to combat environmental inequities through an innovative strategy that offers legal assistance and community organizing resources for low income communities and communities of color.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields redevelopment, Childrens health, Community organizing, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Housing, Lead, Parks & recreation, Recycling, Transportation, Urban sprawl, Waste disposal, Water pollution

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Report preparation, Proposal/grant writing, Media/press campaign, Fund raising, Workshops/conferences, Organizing, Legal, Research, Advocacy, Brownfields, Public education, Impact assessment, Model legislation

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 20

**Number of Volunteers:** 10-15

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Neighborhood, Citywide, Statewide

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban,

People of color, Grassroots, Youth, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1976

# North Carolina

## Environmental Poverty Law Project

North State Legal Services, P.O. Box 670  
Hillsborough, NC 27278  
(919) 732-8137  
Fax: (919) 644-0694  
E-mail: melanyb@lsnc.org

**Contact/Title:** Melany Earnhardt Breen  
**Position:** Full time  
**Mission:** To provide legal assistance to low income communities and families in North Carolina on environmental racism.  
**Issues:** Children health, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Housing, Lead  
**Activities:** Legal, Advocacy  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 2  
**Number of Volunteers:** 5  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Geographic Focus:** Statewide  
**Membership Base:** Low income  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1994

## Land Loss Prevention Project

P.O. Box 179  
Durham, NC 27702  
(919) 682-5969

**Contact/Title:** Stephon Bowens, Executive Director  
**Position:** Full time  
**Mission:** To utilize the legal expertise and skills in community education and advocacy to address legal and economic problems associated with the loss of small farmers and rural landowners.  
**Issues:** Air pollution, Water pollution, Waste disposal, Wildlife, Environmental justice, Community organizing  
**Activities:** Lobbying, Research, Organizing, Education, Direct action, Legal action  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 7  
**Number of Volunteers:** 18  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Constituency Served:** African American/Black  
**Geographic Focus:** Statewide  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural, Church-based, Coalition  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1982

## Lumbee River Legal Services

PO Box 939  
Pembroke, NC 28372  
(910) 521-2831  
Fax: (910) 521-9824

**Contact/Title:** Dale Deese, Program Director  
**Position:** Fulltime  
**Mission:** Lumbee River Legal Services (LRLS) which formed in 1978 serves Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland counties in Southeastern, North Carolina. The mission of LRLS is to provide high quality legal assistance and counsel in civil matters to our client community which includes client education and accountability of our judicial system.  
**Issues:** Brownfields, Environmental racism, Housing  
**Activities:** Legal  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 14  
**Number of Volunteers:** 1  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Constituency Served:** Native American/Indian  
**Geographic Focus:** Regional  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural, Urban  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1978

## Southern Environmental Law Center

137 E. Franklin Street, Suite 404  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919) 969-6744  
Fax: (919) 929-9421  
E-mail: selcnc@selcnc.org

**Contact/Title:** Donnell Van Noppen  
**Position:** Full time  
**Mission:** Through direct legal action, policy reform, public education, and partnerships with other groups, SELC is playing a major role in setting the agenda for the environmental future of the South. Its principal areas of activity include forestry, water and air pollution, coastal and wetlands resources, energy conservation, and land use/transportation.  
**Issues:** Air pollution, Energy, Facility siting/permit review, Transportation, Urban sprawl, Water pollution, Wildlife, Animal waste issues  
**Activities:** Technical assistance, Advocacy, Public education, Impact assessment  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 30  
**Number of Volunteers:** 0  
**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes  
**Geographic Focus:** Regional  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks  
**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes  
**Year Founded:** 1986

# North Dakota

## Tribal Environmental Law Project

University of North Dakota P.O. Box 9003  
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9003  
(701) 977-2227  
Fax: (701) 777-2217  
E-mail: james.grijalva@thor.law.nodak.edu

**Contact/Title:** James Grijalva, Director  
**Position:** Full-time  
**Mission:** The mission of the Tribal Environmental Law Project is to confront "environmental injustice" in Indian Country. Environmental injustice describes the reality that residents of Indian reservations often bear a disproportionately high risk of environmental pollution.  
**Issues:** Air pollution, Pesticides, Toxics, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Natural resource restoration  
**Activities:** Legal, Advocacy, Public education, Model legislation  
**Organization Incorporated:** No  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 0  
**Number of Volunteers:** 4  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Geographic Focus:** Tribal  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural, Reservation-based  
**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes  
**Year Founded:** 1996

# Ohio

## Housing Advocates, Inc.

3655 Prospect Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44115-2703  
(216) 391-5444  
Fax: (216) 391-5404

**Contact/Title:** Edward G. Kramer, Executive Director  
**Position:** Full-time  
**Mission:** The mission of The Housing Advocates, Inc. is to provide high quality legal services and programs to eliminate housing injustice especially for low income individuals and groups to achieve equal housing opportunity, equality, and self reliance in our community through a variety of programs such as the Lead paint Poisoning Law project, Fair Housing Legal Support Center, and Fair Housing Law Clinic, a joint venture with Cleveland University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Hispanic Housing Law Project, Federal Funds Monitoring Project, and other projects of HAL.  
**Issues:** Housing, Lead  
**Activities:** Technical assistance, Advocacy  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 7  
**Number of Volunteers:** 15  
**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes  
**Geographic Focus:** Regional  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, People of color, Youth, Coalitions/Networks  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1975

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## Legal Aid Society of Dayton

333 W. 1st Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
(937) 228-8088  
Fax: (937) 449-8131  
E-mail: ejacobs@donet.com

**Contact/Title:** Ellis Jacobs  
**Position:** Full time  
**Mission:** Legal representation of low income groups in environmental matters.  
**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields, Children health, Energy, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Housing, Lead, Pesticides, Transportation, Toxics, Urban sprawl, Waste disposal, Water pollution  
**Activities:** Legal  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 20  
**Number of Volunteers:** 0  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Geographic Focus:** Countywide  
**Membership Base:** Low income, People of color, Grassroots  
**Started as Environmental Group:**  
**Year Founded:** 1974

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## Oklahoma

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### Eco-Law Institute

110 W. Delaware  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-3235

**Contact/Title:** Jackie Warledo, Board Member  
**Position:** Volunteer  
**Mission:** To provide legal support to grassroots environmental groups in eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas.  
**Issues:** Toxics, Energy, Air pollution, Water pollution, Waste disposal, Wildlife, Pesticides, Recycling, Parks & recreation  
**Activities:** Organizing, Education, Legal  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 1  
**Number of Volunteers:** 7  
**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes  
**Constituency Served:** Native American/Indian  
**Geographic Focus:** Statewide  
**Membership Base:** Multi-ethnic, Low income, Urban  
**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes  
**Year Founded:** 1990

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## Oregon

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### Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-LAW)

1877 Garden Ave  
Eugene, OR 97403  
(514) 687-8454  
Fax: (541) 687-0535  
E-mail: elawus@elaw.org

**Contact/Title:** Bern Johnson, Executive Director  
**Position:** Full-time  
**Mission:** The Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide is a network that facilitates the development and practice of public interest environmental law throughout the world. The network of E-LAW partners exchanges legal, scientific and technical information; and ideas, precedents, and strategies across national boundaries in support of grassroots, public interest environmental law.  
**Issues:** Air pollution, Children health, Community organizing, Facility siting/permit review, Lead, Parks & recreation, Pesticides, Recycling, Transportation, Toxics, U.S./Mexico border, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Wildlife  
**Activities:** Technical assistance, Computer training, Internet training, Workshops/conferences, Legal, Research, Impact assessment, Model legislation  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 9  
**Number of Volunteers:** varies  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Geographic Focus:** International  
**Membership Base:** Grassroots  
**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes  
**Year Founded:** 1989

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## Pennsylvania

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### Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia

125 South 9th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 627-7100  
Fax: (215) 627-3183  
E-mail: pubint@aol.com

**Contact/Title:** Lionel A. Dyson, Staff Attorney  
**Position:** Full-time  
**Mission:** The Public Interest Law Center is a non-profit organization. It specializes in 14th amendment protection and environmental law.  
**Issues:** Air pollution, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review, Lead, Toxics, Waste disposal  
**Activities:** Pollution monitoring, Legal, Research, Exposure assessment, Advocacy, Public education  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 20  
**Number of Volunteers:** 6  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Geographic Focus:** Statewide  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, People of color  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1995

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## Puerto Rico

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### Environmental Law Clinic

Inter American University School of Law  
P.O. Box 70351  
San Juan, PR 00936-8351  
(787) 751-1912  
Fax: (787) 751-3991  
E-mail: jrodng@inter.edu

**Contact/Title:** Jessica Rodriguez-Martin, Professor  
**Position:** Full time  
**Issues:** Community organizing, Environmental racism, Facility siting/permit review  
**Activities:** Media/press campaign, Legal, Research  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 2  
**Number of Volunteers:** 0  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Constituency Served:** Latino/Hispanic  
**Geographic Focus:** Countywide  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural, People of color  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1982

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### Puerto Rican Institute for Civil Rights

Calle Julian Blanco #11  
Rio Piedras, PR 00925  
(809) 754-7390  
Fax: (809)753-9829

**Contact/Title:** Lester C. Santiago Torres, Temporary Coordinator  
**Position:** Full time  
**Mission:** A private, non-profit organization which provides free legal assistance and education in order to promote respect, preservation, and defense of human and civil right of Puerto Rican people.  
**Issues:** Air pollution, Water pollution  
**Activities:** Education  
**Organization Incorporated:** Yes  
**Number of Paid Staff:** 8  
**Number of Volunteers:** 3  
**Charge Membership Dues:** No  
**Constituency Served:** Latino/Hispanic  
**Geographic Focus:** Puerto Rico  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Coalition  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1982

# Tennessee

## Knoxville Legal Aid Society

502 S. Gray Street Suite 404  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
(423) 637-0484  
Fax: (423) 525-1162  
E-mail: d.yoder@KLAS.org

**Contact/Title:** David R. Yoder, Executive Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** To ensure equal justice for low income people by providing a broad scope of legal assistance and advocacy. The Knoxville Legal Aid Society works respectfully with individual clients and the client community to identify and meet their needs for legal representation and empowerment.

**Issues:** Brownfields redevelopment, Children health, Community organizing, Housing, poverty law

**Activities:** Proposal/grant writing, Organizing, Legal, Advocacy

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 22

**Number of Volunteers:** 500+

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Urban, Rural

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1965

# Texas

## Advocacy, Inc

225 S. Cage  
Pharr, TX 78577  
(512) 783-8400

**Contact/Title:** Rosa E. Torres, Attorney/Manager

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Advocate the legal rights of people with disabilities.

**Issues:** Pesticides, Housing, Environmental justice, Community organizing, Disability

**Activities:** Lobbying, Research, Education, Direct action, Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 46

**Number of Volunteers:** 1

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Multi-ethnic

**Geographic Focus:** Statewide

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1983

## Environmental Justice Clinic, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL)

3100 Cleburne Ave  
Houston, TX 77004  
(713) 313-7372  
Fax: (713) 313-1087  
E-mail: ghankins@tsulaw.edu

**Contact/Title:** Grover G. Hankins, Project Director

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** The Environmental Justice Clinic is committed to the idea that quality clinical education and dedicated community services to the underrepresented in our society must work together, whenever feasible, to advance the concept of equal justice under the law. The Clinic endeavors to assist minority community groups in identifying and addressing severe environmental problems within their local municipal areas.

**Issues:** Air pollution, Brownfields, Children health, Community organizing Environmental racism, Facility siting, Housing, Lead, Pesticides, Transportation, Toxics, Urban sprawl, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Worker safety

**Activities:** Technical assistance, Report preparation, Internet training, Health surveys, Workshops, Organizing, Legal, Research

**Organization Incorporated:** No

**Number of Paid Staff:** 4

**Number of Volunteers:** 1

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** African American/Black, Latino American/Hispanic

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1994

## Farm Worker Health & Safety Project/TRLA

259 S. Texas  
Weslaco, TX 78596  
(512) 968-9574

**Contact/Title:** Evonne Charboneau, Attorney

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Provides legal services to low income persons, primarily Hispanic migrant farm workers

**Issues:** Toxics, Air pollution, Water pollution, Waste disposal, Pesticides, Worker safety

**Activities:** Educational, Direct action, Legal services

**Organization Incorporated:** No

**Number of Paid Staff:** 3

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Hispanic/Latino

**Geographic Focus:** National  
**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural  
**Started as Environmental Group:** No  
**Year Founded:** 1982

## Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)

140 E. Houston St., Suite 300  
San Antonio, TX 78201  
(210) 224-5476  
Fax: (210) 224-5382

**Contact/Title:** Luis Wilmot, Regional Counsel

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** To promote and protect the civil rights of Hispanics living in the United States.

**Issues:** Housing

**Activities:** Lobbying, Research, Education, Direct action

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 10

**Number of Volunteers:** 5

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Latino American/Hispanic

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, Reservation, Church-based, Coalition

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1969

## Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc.

405 N. Saint Mary's St., Suite 400  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
(210) 222-2478  
Fax: (210) 222-9408

**Contact/Title:** Enrique Valdivia

**Position:** Full time

**Mission:** Educate farm workers on the danger of pesticides, and litigate their cases if possible.

**Issues:** Toxics, Water pollution, Pesticides, Worker safety, Community organizing

**Activities:** Education, Direct action

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 10

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Constituency Served:** Hispanic/Latino

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1978

# Virginia

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## Southern Environmental Law Center

201 West Main Street, Suite 14  
Charlottesville, VA 22902-5065  
(804) 977-4090  
Fax: (804) 977-1483  
E-mail: seleva@seleva.org

**Contact/Title:** Richard Parrish, Senior Attorney

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Southern Environmental Law Center is a non-profit organization that works with state and local groups to protect public health and the environment in a six-state portion of the Southeast (Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Virginia). Our services include legal representation in court and before agencies; public education; policy reform; and other forms of advocacy.

**Issues:** Energy, Transportation, Urban sprawl, Water pollution

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 30-35

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Middle income, Urban, Rural, People of color, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1986

# Washington

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## Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

705 Second Ave. #203  
Seattle, WA 98104  
(206) 343-7340  
Fax: (206) 343-1526

**Contact/Title:** Patti Goldman, Managing Attorney

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** The Northwest office of the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund was founded with the purpose of taking a more active role the preservation of the unique natural resources of the Pacific Northwest. The primary focus of the organization is to represent environmental and citizens' groups in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho and seeks to utilize international agreements to protect natural resources there and abroad.

**Issues:** Pesticides, Water pollution, Wildlife, Toxics

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 8

**Number of Volunteers:** 3

**Charge Membership Dues:** Yes

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Reservation-based, Grassroots

**Started as Environmental Group:** Yes

**Year Founded:** 1971

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## Skagit County Voluntary Lawyer Program

330 Pacific Place P.O. Box 1507  
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273  
(360) 416-7585  
Fax: (360) 416-7599

**Contact/Title:** Larry Hargis, Program Coordinator

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** Providing Civil Legal Services for the low income people of Skagit County and balancing the scales of justice.

**Issues:** Housing, Family law

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 2

**Number of Volunteers:** 0

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Countywide

**Membership Base:** Low income

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1986

# West Virginia

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## Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, Inc.

922 Quarrier Street, Suite 500  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304) 344-9687  
Fax: (304) 344-9689  
E-mail: ardf@citynet.net

**Contact/Title:** Robert S. Baker, Director

**Position:** Full-time

**Mission:** We are a LSC founded legal services program providing free legal assistance to low income people.

**Issues:** Children health, Energy, Housing, Lead, Waste disposal, Water pollution, Worker safety, Civil rights

**Activities:** Legal

**Organization Incorporated:** Yes

**Number of Paid Staff:** 24

**Number of Volunteers:** 2

**Charge Membership Dues:** No

**Geographic Focus:** Regional

**Membership Base:** Low income, Rural, Grassroots, Coalitions/Networks

**Started as Environmental Group:** No

**Year Founded:** 1969