

# JUSTICE FOR ALL

## IN ACTION

In 2017, 4,439 cases were filed in the Gallatin County District court. Ordinary Montanans often must navigate complex legal situations on their own.

# 4,439



Fewer than 1 in 10 low or moderate income Montanans who need civil legal help receive it.

This number includes people who are...



## In Gallatin County in 2017:

# 467

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) handled 187 cases, helping 467 people and their family members.

97% of MLSA clients living in Gallatin County increased their knowledge of the legal system, their legal rights, and how to solve their legal problems as a result of receiving civil legal aid.



# 4,467

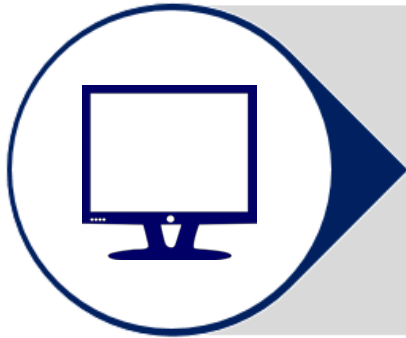
4,467 people living in Gallatin County accessed [MontanaLawHelp.org](http://MontanaLawHelp.org) to find free legal information and forms.

The Aging Services Bureau served 609 senior Montanans, including 40 people living in Gallatin County.



Montana's Court Self Help Law Centers provided 16,182 customer services statewide, helping thousands of people access free legal forms and information. The Bozeman Self Help Law Center provided 1,559 customer services in Gallatin County.

# Montana Legal Services Association in Gallatin County



## ONLINE CIVIL LEGAL RESOURCES

**[www.MontanaLawHelp.org](http://www.MontanaLawHelp.org)** provides free civil legal information and legal forms to anyone who needs it. There is no income requirement.

**AskKarla.org** gives users the opportunity to ask basic legal questions and receive legal advice from volunteer pro bono attorneys. Users must meet income requirements.



## PRO BONO SERVICES

The **Gallatin County Bar Association and MLSA** partner to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients living in Gallatin County.

**MLSA's Phone Advice Program** connects pro bono attorneys with clients living anywhere in the state, including in Gallatin County.

To receive pro bono services, clients should apply to MLSA.



## FREE LEGAL CLINICS

**MLSA supports Legal Clinics** that connect clients with pro bono attorneys on a regular basis in many towns and communities.

The Gallatin County Bar Association supports a once monthly legal advice clinic in Bozeman for residents of Gallatin and Park Counties.

To take part in a clinic, clients should apply to MLSA.



## CIRCUIT RIDES

**MLSA attorneys conduct regular circuit rides** to rural communities in order to provide in-person civil legal services and routinely travel throughout the state to represent clients in court.

These services mean that no client has to go without legal representation because of where in the state they live.



## LOCAL OFFICES

**MLSA's Helena, Missoula, and Billings Offices** provide free legal information, advice and representation to qualified clients anywhere in the state. To apply, call 1-800-666-6899 or visit [www.mtlsa.org](http://www.mtlsa.org).

**MLSA partners with HAVEN** in Bozeman to provide legal information, advice, and representation directly to domestic violence survivors in Gallatin County and the surrounding area.