

ACCESSING JUSTICE IN D.C.

Ward 3

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Crucial civil legal services supporting safe, thriving communities

1,159+

WARD 3 RESIDENTS
SERVED IN 2025

17%

WARD 3 HOUSEHOLDS WITH
AN INCOME UNDER \$50,000

31%

WARD 3 HOUSEHOLDS
WITH HIGH
HOUSING COST
BURDEN

Every day, Initiative-funded organizations provide legal help to low- and moderate-income Ward 3 residents on a wide range of legal issues. This includes:

- **Legal services** and **translations** for Ward 3 residents
- One Initiative grantee with a home office in Ward 3 provides legal services to DC residents with low incomes dealing with the often devastating consequences of **abusive debt collection practices** and other **consumer** related issues.
- Partnerships with UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, American University Washington College of Law, Howard University School of Law, and other community service providers to provide **trainings and support** for Ward 3 service professionals and clients.

LEGAL HELP SUPPORTS:

Housing

Prevent foreclosures; preserve affordable housing; maintain safe housing conditions to prevent excess health care expenses; resolve eviction matters - often through settlements and payment plans

Stable Families

Help families resolve custody disputes; address intrafamily violence; secure child support; keep students in school; plan for emergencies; support reentering youth; help with guardianship and long-term planning

Economic Security

Help residents access public benefits and healthcare; combat fraud and illegal debt collection; protect employment rights and wages; preserve inter-generational assets - especially homes - through heirs property work

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