

Schuyler County Office for the Aging Legal Services



The Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) designates legal assistance as a priority service funded under Title III-B. Schuyler County Office for the Aging provides legal counseling through contracted services with a local attorney. Priority is given to those individuals age 60 and over with the **greatest social or economic need** (an income at or below the federal poverty level) and whose cases present crucial issues.

There is no financial eligibility requirement for assistance through this program; however, it is intended for those who would otherwise be **unable to afford** legal assistance using their own financial resources.

Please refer to the Federal Poverty Chart to determine if your income would be considered at or below the poverty guideline. 

If your income is at or below the federal guideline, and you do not have the resources to pay privately for an attorney, this program is geared toward helping you. If this does not apply to you, please refer to the next page for other Legal Resources.

Federal Poverty Level - 2025

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,305 per month or less
2	\$1763 per month or less
3	\$2221 per month or less
4	\$2680 per month or less

Office for the Aging will ensure that its legal assistance provider is providing legal assistance in the following priority subject areas: income, health care, long-term care, nutrition, housing, utilities, protective services, defending older adults against guardianship, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and age discrimination.

Here are some examples of specific services that are provided:

• Advanced Directives (Health Care Proxy, Living Will)	• Power of Attorney
• Last Will and Testament	• Simply Real Estate Transactions
• Debt Collection Issues	• Landlord / Tenant Disputes, etc.
• Grandparents Rights	• Small Claims Court advice

To Schedule an Appointment

Please call the office of Aimee Churchill, Esq. at **607-228-7910** and leave a message with your name, telephone number, and reason for the appointment. Plan to bring any pertinent paperwork with you. Certain paperwork will require you to schedule a follow up appointment to sign the document and have it notarized. Appointments are in **Conference Room 118 of the Human Services Complex** and typically run about 15 minutes depending upon the need.

If it is determined that your case cannot be served by Office for the Aging Legal Services, you will be referred elsewhere for assistance.

Legal Resources

Legal Assistance of Western NY – Law NY (formally Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services)

Location: **215 E. Church Street, Suite 301, Elmira, NY 14901**

Phone: **(607) 734-1647**

Hours: **Monday-Friday 9am-5pm**

We are a civil legal aid program serving clients in the four counties of Chemung, Schuyler, Tioga and Tompkins and offer pro bono opportunities in all areas of poverty law.

- Area of law: Consumer, Disability, Elder Law, Employment, Family/Juvenile, Homeless, Prisoners, Public Benefits



The Rural Law Center is the only legal services program in NYS whose mission is to serve the legal needs of individuals and families living in the state's 44 rural counties.

RURAL LAW CENTER OF NEW YORK
**LEGAL INFORMATION
AND ASSISTANCE**

Information and Assistance with these topics:

- Debt Collection/Bankruptcy
- Landlord/Tenant Dispute
- Foreclosures
- Health Care Proxy
- Family Law
- Land Contracts
- Elder Issues
- Non-Criminal Matters**

You can contact the Rural Law Center at **518-561-5460** or visit www.rurallawcenter.org, click on ONLINE LEGAL HELP and fill out a simple form.

New York State Courts – Help Center

The Sixth Judicial District Court Help Center gives free help to people without lawyers.

Phone: 607-240-5954

The Help Center can provide information and assistance with the topics below:

- how to start or file a case
- basics of filling out court forms
- which court you need to file in
- how to submit a response if somebody starts a case against you
- court procedures
- finding community agencies and other resources

The Help Center cannot give legal advice or tell you the best way to handle your case.



1-844-481-0973

Any New Yorker **age 55+** can call our **Free Legal Advice Helpline** to speak with an attorney. We provide free legal help to older, disabled, and low-income adults in Western New York.
www.elderjusticenyc.org/



Justice Center of the Southern Tier
607-545-1100

320 W. Main Street, Suite A
Montour Falls, NY

We offer a multidisciplinary team dedicated to aiding victims. By consolidating a range of services in a single location, we aim to provide comprehensive support, in a safe environment.

Services include, but not limited to: Criminal Justice Advocacy, Law Enforcement Availability, Counseling, Case Management, Legal Resource