

Section 5: Legal Assistance

Caulder and Associates	
<p style="text-align: center;">Purpose:</p> <p>To offer assistance through the process of receiving Social Security Disability Benefits.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Toll Free: 1-(888)-716-3668</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fax Toll Free: 1-(866)-769-0107</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email: questions@caulderandassociates.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Website: http://www.caulderandassociates.com/home.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Explanation:</p> <p>At Caulder & Associates, has years of experience representing disabled clients before the Social Security Administration. They understand the law governing the disability process and know how to argue your case on your behalf. They are a small, independent company that serve Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Most of their business comes from referrals, not advertising. They can review your file and recommend the best course of action. They win 96% of their cases.</p>	

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities	
<p style="text-align: center;">Purpose:</p> <p>To provide protection, advocacy, and legal resources for members of the disability community.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 208 Columbia, SC 29204 1-866-275-7273 (Voice) 1-866-232-4525 (TTY) Email: info@protectionandadvocacy-sc.org http://www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Explanation:</p> <p>Established in 1977 as the protection and advocacy system for the State of South Carolina, P&A is a member of the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) and is mandated by state and federal law to protect the rights of people with disabilities in South Carolina. P&A is a private, non-profit South Carolina corporation governed by a volunteer board of directors. As required by federal law, P&A is independent of all agencies which provide treatment or other services to people with disabilities. P&A serves any individual with a disability living anywhere in South Carolina who feels that he or she has been discriminated against because of the disability, or that he or she has been denied a service to which he or she is entitled.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P&A provides the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and Referral: P&A advocates provide brief, written, or oral information about callers' problems and suggest ways to resolve the problems, including information about additional resources. • Case Representation: This service is provided under P&A's annually-established priorities. Callers only become clients if they have met case selection criteria set annually by P&A. • Systemic Advocacy: P&A efforts often result in changing laws, regulations, policies, practices or organizational structures to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve greater independence, productivity and inclusion within the community and the workforce. • Self-advocacy Training, Education, and Outreach: P&A identifies disability communities that are in need of receiving self-advocacy training, education and outreach. Advocates conduct consumer focus groups, make presentations, and meet with community leaders as established in annual priorities. 	

South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center	
Purpose:	Contact:
To provide legal services and support.	P.O. Box 7187 Columbia, SC 29202 (803) 779-1113 www.scjustice.org
Explanation:	
<p>The South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center is an advocate for specific populations of the SC community whose concerns and needs generally go unheard in the government. The Center is an independent organization governed by a volunteer board. The Center provide services to the following: Legal training for attorneys; case support and legal assistance for Pro Bono, legal services and low-income services providers; community education; legal manuals and brochures, advocacy on behalf of the low income community on civil legal issues in the areas of health, consumer, education, housing, public benefits, family and community economic development.</p>	

South Carolina Bar	
Purpose:	Contact:
To provide legal services and support.	South Carolina Bar 950 Taylor Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201 803- 799-6653 www.scbar.org
Explanation:	
<p>The South Carolina Bar began in 1884 as the South Carolina Bar Association, a voluntary organization of approximately 200 lawyers. The South Carolina State Bar was created in 1968 and the two organizations merged in 1975. The bar now has a membership of over 12,500. The staff is divided into seven divisions: Communications, Continuing legal Educations, Finance, Law Related Education, Membership Services, Public Services and Media and Technology.</p>	

South Carolina Human Affairs Commission	
Purpose:	Contact:
To eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination in: employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age and disability; housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability; and public accommodations on the basis of race, color, national origin and religion.	Age & Disability Investigations 2611 Forest Drive Suite 200 P.O. Box 4490 Columbia, SC 29240 (803) 737-7800 Fax: (803) 253-4191 Toll Free: 1-800-521-0725 (in state only) Email: Saundra@schac.state.sc.us www.state.sc.us/schac
Explanation:	
<p>SC Human Affairs Commission investigates complaints filed regarding discrimination on the basis of disability; investigates disability discrimination cases referred by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The Commission also investigates complaints regarding discrimination on the basis of disability when a person is trying to find affordable housing. If you feel you have been discriminated against, please contact the number listed above for further information.</p>	

South Carolina Legal Services	
Purpose:	Contact:
To provide free legal services on civil matters to low-income residents of South Carolina	2109 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 744-9430 (Columbia Residents) 1-800-346-5592 (Intake) http://www.sclegal.org/Home/tabid/207/Default.aspx
Explanation:	
<p>The SCLS provides free civil legal services for residents with low-income. Eligibility is determined base on household income which falls into the federally set poverty levels; it is also based on assets and income, and does not include routine monthly expenses such as rent, utilities, groceries, et cetera. The SCLS only provides services that are non-fee generating, such as divorces, custody disputes, or probating wills. The SCLS also provides such services as Protection from Scams, Medicare vs. Medicaid and Public Housing and Evictions. All cases are put on a first come, first serve basis, however those individuals who have been served with papers will be placed on top priority. To begin the legal process, please contact the number listed above.</p>	