



Legal Benefits for 32BJ Members

Covered by the Service Employees 32BJ North Legal Services Fund

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Monday – Friday

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

www.32bjfunds.org

The 32BJ North Legal Services Fund (North Legal Fund) provides lawyers and legal advice to 32BJ members and their eligible dependents, if provided in the member's collective bargaining agreement. Generally, the North Legal Fund covers members who work in the Bronx or in the service trades or boiler repair industry.

How can the North Legal Fund help me?

The North Legal Fund will provide legal help, which may include going to court, in the following areas of law:

General Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Three one-hour consultations each calendar year per family with an attorney on any legal matter that is not excluded under your Summary Plan Description- Review and interpretation by an attorney of certain legal documents
Immigration Law, Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Citizenship- Permanent Residence Applications (Green Cards)- Relative Petitions (for your spouse, dependent children and up to two additional relatives)- Adjustment of Status- Consultations- Deferred Action for Childhood Applicants ("DACA")- Deportation Defense- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)- Asylum Applications
Family Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Child Support- Custody and Visitation- Adoptions- Guardianship- Orders of Protection
Matrimonial Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Uncontested Divorce- Annulment- Separation Agreement
Criminal Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Violations and Misdemeanors. One case per family per calendar year
Civil Litigation Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consumer Debt Defense- Chapter 7 Bankruptcy- Name Change- Consumer Matters- Administrative Agency Benefit
Property Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Purchase, Sale, or Refinancing of a one or two family Home, Condo or Co-op- Wills, Health Care Proxy, Power of Attorney (every two years)

Will these legal services cost me anything?

The North Legal Fund provides legal representation at no cost for eligible members and their dependents. Members are responsible for a \$100 deductible for certain immigration cases like citizenship and green card renewals, and a \$500 deductible for matters such as asylum or deportation defense. For non-immigration cases, members are responsible for the entire cost of legal services and any related expenses.

How many cases may I open in a year?

You and your dependents are each entitled to open three matters per year unless otherwise stated. Please consult your Summary Plan Description for more information.

Can a North Legal Fund attorney help members of my family?

Your legal services benefit can be used by your spouse and eligible dependents in certain cases. Please consult your Summary Plan Description for details about coverage available for your spouse and eligible dependents.

Who will be my lawyer?

The North Legal Fund will refer you to a Cooperating Attorney. A Cooperating Attorney is a lawyer in private practice that the North Legal Fund will pay to represent you.

ALL LEGAL MATTERS ARE 100% CONFIDENTIAL.
Neither your employer nor the union will have access to your attorney-client communications.

This is an outline of your legal benefits. It is not a Summary Plan Description (SPD) as defined by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). For a complete description of your benefits, please refer to your SPD, which is the official plan document. Your SPD is also available online at www.32bjfunds.org.