RICHMOND LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE

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How do I know whether I am financially eligible for legal aid?

The Community Legal Service provides an online calculator <u>here</u> and click on "Click here to start the legal aid calculator"

Where can I get internet access in the London Borough of Richmond without paying?

In the council's libraries. You may have to book a time when you can access a computer and there may be limit on the amount of time you can use a computer (more details here).

Locations and opening times can be found at here.

Main location for internet access: Reference library, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond TW9 1TP

Telephone: 020 8940 5529 Email: reference.services@richmond.gov.uk

Where can I find sources of free legal information?

There are many sources of information available on the internet. The following are perhaps the most complete and wide ranging:

www.clsdirect.org.uk.

Provided by the Community Legal Service. There are a range of leaflets available <u>here</u>. There are leaflets on the following topics:

1 Dealing with Debt: your legal rights; 3 Divorce and Separation; 4 Renting and Letting; 5 Buying and Selling Property; 6 Losing your Home; 7 The Human Rights Act; 9 Welfare benefits - Currently unavailable. New version available shortly; 10 Wills and Probate - Currently unavailable. New version available shortly; 12 No-win, No-fee Actions; 13 Problems with goods and services: your legal rights; 14 Medical Accidents: Your rights if you have been injured during treatment; 15 Equal Opportunities: Dealing with discrimination; 16 Racial

Discrimination: Your legal rights; 17 Personal Injury: Complaining and claiming compensation; 18 Rights for People with Disabilities: Dealing with Discrimination; 19 Community care - Your rights to care services; 20 Education: Parents' and children's rights at school; 21 Immigration and nationality: Your rights to live and work in the UK; 23 Alternatives to court; 24 Family Mediation: Dealing with relationship breakdown without going to court. (The following leaflets will become available at some point in the future: 2 Employment; 8 Claiming Asylum; 11 Dealing; with the Police; 22 Mental Health.)

http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/

This site provides a wide range of information on many topics. This site developed and maintained by the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

I am a tenant/lessee and I need a specialist firm of solicitors

The following firms are said to have a good reputation in handling matters for tenants/lessees:

Hodge Jones & Allen, 0800 0963 270, 31-39 Camden Road, London, NW1 9LR. Web site details are found here.

Law Society Entry here:

Oliver Fisher, 020 7937 4515, The Penthouse, 19/27 Young Street, London W8 5EH. Web site details are found <u>here</u>.

Law Society Entry here:

I need help with evicting a tenant or my tenant is not paying her/his rent and I cannot afford to pay the normal fees charged by a lawyer

Teressa Shepperson, solicitor, offers a variety of fixed fee, on-line, services to deal with these type of situations which can be viewed here.

Are there any books which I mind find useful if I want help with my problem?

The following are some of the books which are aimed at non-lawyers:

The New Penguin Guide to the Law—Your Rights Explained

John Pritchard	Penguin Books	£22.5	More details <u>here</u>	
450 Legal Problems Solved				
Keith Richards	Which Books	£11.99	More details <u>here</u>	
The Guardian—Home Lawyer: A Family Guide to Lawyers and the Law				
Michael Mansfield	Atlantic Books	£14.99	More details <u>here</u>	
The Daily Telegraph—Everyday Law				
Aviva Golden	Collins	£14.99	More details <u>here</u>	
The Legal Advice Handbook				
Tessa Shepperson	LawPack	£7.99	More details <u>here</u>	
(This book lists where help can be obtained—it is not a guide to the law, like the other four				
books)				

These books can in some cases be cheaper if bought from some online stores.