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Equal Justice Center—Employment Justice

The Equal Justice Center provides legal assistance to qualifying low-income individuals. They are happy to speak with you to discuss your rights in the workplace and answer your questions. If you contact them, they will provide a free and confidential screening and a licensed attorney will review your matter.

WORKER JUSTICE: (800) 853-4028

Services provided -

The EJC provides direct legal representation to individuals to enforce their rights in the workplace.

Their employment law representation helps

- Working men and women who have not been paid at all for their work
- Workers who have not been paid the legal minimum wage, overtime wages, or prevailing wage rates
- Low-wage workers who have experienced workplace discrimination, including sexual harassment; **and**
- Working people who have suffered retaliation for speaking up about their wages or working conditions.

The EJC provides specialized [employment law help to temporary foreign guest workers](#) who are often exploited while working in the U.S. through temporary visa programs, such as the H-2B, H-2A, and J-1 programs. We also specializes in providing legal services to [survivors of labor trafficking](#).

Also, As a part of the Equal Justice Center's mission of empowering working families to obtain fair treatment in the workplace and society, the EJC provides legal assistance to undocumented students and graduates applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). We have helped well over a thousand individuals across Texas obtain temporary protection from deportation and employment authorization through DACA, which allows these young people to secure better jobs and earnings and a better future for themselves and their families.

And, The EJC works for policy changes and systemic reforms that strengthen employment rights and expand access to the justice system for all working people. We protect and lift up the labor and human rights of both U.S.-born workers and transnational workers in our new global labor market. The EJC is also helping develop and train the next generation of employment rights advocates – workers, students, lawyers, and community members.

The Equal Justice Center serves the entire state, but has offices in Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio. Click the link below to find information on all the EJC offices.

<http://www.equaljusticecenter.org/about/contact.html>

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Copies of these articles are available in the library, or from the law librarian via email:
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November 22, 1963

This approaching Wednesday the 22nd marks the 60th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, TX.

On November 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, was assassinated while riding in a presidential motorcade through Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas. Kennedy was in the vehicle with his wife, Jacqueline, Texas Governor John Connally, and Connally's wife, Nellie, when he was fatally shot from the nearby Texas School Book Depository by former U.S. Marine Lee Harvey Oswald. The motorcade rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where Kennedy was pronounced dead about 30 minutes after the shooting; Connally was also wounded in the attack but recovered. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as president later that day.



After the assassination, Oswald returned home to retrieve a pistol; he shot and killed lone Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit shortly afterwards. Around 70 minutes after Kennedy and Connally were shot, Oswald was apprehended by the Dallas Police Department and charged under Texas state law with the murders of Kennedy and Tippit. At 11:21 a.m. on November 24, 1963, as live television cameras covered Oswald's being moved through the basement of Dallas Police Headquarters, he was fatally shot by Dallas nightclub operator Jack Ruby. Like Kennedy, Oswald was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where he soon died. Ruby was convicted of Oswald's murder, though the decision was overturned on appeal, and Ruby died in prison in 1967 while awaiting a new trial.

(Text and photo provided by [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) and [wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org))

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT)

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas is offering free pro-se assistance to those who qualify every Thursday in the conference room of the 429th District Court in the Collin County Courthouse.

For more information please contact:
(972) 542-9405

Do I benefit from **LEGAL AID?** 

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) offers free civil legal assistance to low-income Texans who wouldn't otherwise be able to secure such legal representation.

Practices include:

- Support for Families
- Preserving the Home
- Maintaining Economic Stability
- Safety, Stability and Health
- Individuals with Special Needs
- Problems Affecting Groups of Individuals

No Kid Hungry—Texas

NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY IN TEXAS

At No Kid Hungry, that's the promise. If it sounds simple, that's because it is. That doesn't mean ending childhood hunger is easy. They know what works, and they've made extraordinary progress for kids and families. But the job isn't done, and won't be done until Texas meets that promise and every single child in America has the food they need to grow up healthy and strong.

THE PROBLEM: KIDS IN TEXAS ARE HUNGRY

There is no possible excuse for children to go hungry in this country. Yet it happens - every day, in every community. More than 23% of children in Texas live in "food insecure" homes. That phrase may sound mild, but it means that those households don't have enough food for every family member to lead a healthy life.

We have plenty of food in the United States. And we have child hunger relief programs that work. The problem is that not enough kids are able to access them. That's a problem we know how to solve. No Kid Hungry Texas works to ensure all children have access to the nutrition they need to grow and thrive.

Please visit <https://state.nokidhungry.org/texas/> to find information about a meal program near you.



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Monday—Friday
8:00 am—5:00 pm

Note: Computers will
automatically log off
at 4:50 p.m.

Did You Know?

Texas Law Help maintains an event page/calendar where those in need may be able to track down legal assistance from attorneys and discuss a legal issue one-on-one at a clinic hosted by a reliable nonprofit partner. Most clinics offer virtual appointments in order to maintain COVID-19 safety protocol.

Visit texaslawhelp.org/events for more info

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Important Announcement

Please keep in mind that if you are not comfortable visiting the library in person to do research during the pandemic, we have a number of resources available online. While we cannot provide legal advice, we may be able to guide you to the resources or forms necessary to assist you in your situation.

Library staff may be reached at 972-548-4255 or 972-548-4260.





The Law Library
will be closed
November 23-24 for
Thanksgiving,



December 25-26 for
Christmas,



January 1, 2024 for New
Year's



January 15, 2024 for Mar-
tin Luther King Jr. Day.

New on the Shelf

- ♦ Police Misconduct Law and Litigation—2024
- ♦ Bad Faith Actions: Liability and Damages—2023-24
- ♦ O'Connors's Texas Family Law Handbook—2024
- ♦ O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action—2024
- ♦ Bankruptcy Code, Rules, & Official Forms—2023-24
- ♦ Texas Drunk Driving Law—2024



Happy Holidays from the Law Library



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