

# **Our Civil Legal Services**

Rise to Recovery is an initiative funded by Texas Access to Justice Foundation and organized by Lone Star Legal Aid to provide judgment-free legal help for low-income individuals and families coping with the opioid crisis.

# Child Custody & Visitation

Individuals with opioid use disorder may face issues with child custody and visitation arrangements and families affected by opioid use. A parent's ability to provide a safe and stable environment for their children may be affected by dependence issues or treatment plans. A parent or family member may need a court custody order, or their needs may be met with a temporary authorization agreement.

#### Divorce & Property Division

Individuals with opioid dependence may face issues with divorce, including property division and spousal maintenance. Courts may consider many factors in dividing financial responsibilities between spouses.

#### Employment Issues

Individuals with opioid use disorder may face issues with employment-related legal challenges, such as wrongful termination if their condition interferes with their job performance, or issues related to workplace accommodations if seeking treatment.

#### Discrimination Claims

Individuals with opioid use disorder may face discrimination in employment, housing, or access to services due to their condition. They may have grounds for discrimination claims under anti-discrimination laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



#### Public Benefits

Preserving income and access to disability benefits, food stamps, medical care, are important issues for individuals and families affected by opioid use.

## Debt & Bankruptcy

Opioid use disorder and related financial difficulties may lead to debt accumulation and potential bankruptcy filings as individuals struggle to manage their financial obligations.

#### Housing & Eviction

Individuals with opioid use disorder may face challenges in obtaining safe housing, and later maintaining stable housing while struggling with dependence-related financial issues.

## Powers of Attorney & Wills

Individuals and families affected by opioid use disorder may need a will, financial power of attorney, medical power of attorney, advanced directive, or a HIPAA release.

# Contractual Disputes

Individuals with opioid use disorder may become parties to contractual disputes, such as failing to fulfill contractual obligations due to opioid-related challenges.

#### Expunction & Nondisclosures

Individuals with opioid use disorder may possess criminal records, but they could qualify for expunction or nondisclosures. These legal processes offer a chance to improve their prospects for employment, housing, and other opportunities.

# For FREE legal assistance, call 1-888-251-3492