



**Rise to Recovery**  
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## Our Civil Legal Services

**Rise to Recovery is a Lone Star Legal Aid Initiative funded by Texas Access to Justice Foundation 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).

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## 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.

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