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West Lafayette Official Offices Directory 2026: Court, Passports and Legal Help

The state's only immigration court and only apostille office are elsewhere, and this county has a single passport acceptance facility. Against that, there is a real gain on campus and we name it.

SHORT ANSWER

Most of the institutions in this guide are not in this town and we say so up front: **Indiana's only immigration court** and **the state's only apostille office** are in the state capital, and **there is no passport acceptance facility in this town**, nor anywhere in the county outside the county seat across the river. We state the two most expensive mistakes first. One is at the court: **filings are taken at the window in three separate periods a day** and, in the court's own words, **no document is accepted after 4 p.m.** The other is in the same place: **the court destroys unsolicited faxes and electronic submissions without docketing them**. Against that, **we publish no USCIS, ICE, CBP, SSA or federal tax agency street address**, because we could confirm none of them from an official source this round; the address that governs is the one on your appointment notice.

The immigration court: one in the state, and not here

ITEM	DETAIL
Court	Indianapolis Immigration Court, the only immigration court in Indiana
Address	Minton-Capehart Federal Building, 575 N. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 617, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone	317-464-1399
Court hours	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays; closed on federal holidays
Filing at the window	Three separate periods: 8:15 to 10:30, 12:30 to 2:00 and 3:30 to 4:00
The hard cutoff	No document is accepted after 4:00 p.m.
Entrance used	Visitors enter through the west entrance
General email	Indianapolis.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov
Asylum clock requests	Asylum.Clock.Indianapolis@usdoj.gov. The request must give the name, the alien registration number and why the clock needs correcting; the court states that this address is only for those requests and that other subjects go unanswered

ITEM	DETAIL
Parking and transit	The court's own text says only that there is street parking and there are parking garages nearby. No free parking is offered and no transit route is named
Case status	acis.eoir.justice.gov (with your A number) · 1-800-898-7180

PLANNING THE TRIP FROM HERE: FIVE RULES

- **The three-window rule decides your travel plan.** Miss 10:30 in the morning and the window is **closed until 12:30**, it closes again between 2:00 and 3:30, and nothing at all is taken after 4:00. **Work out before you set off which window you will make** and leave yourself room for traffic.
- **Making two windows in one day is hard from here.** Someone living in the capital can take a time-sensitive filing to a morning window and an afternoon one; **plan for a single window**.
- **Do not send a fax.** The court's own wording: unless staff or the judge specifically requests it, faxes and electronic submissions are not accepted, and **unsolicited submissions are not docketed and are discarded without review and without notice to the sender**. **Distance does not change this:** living far away does not make a fax legitimate, and faxing a time-sensitive filing produces the same result as not filing at all.
- **A remote hearing is worth more from here, but it is still not a right.** The agency publishes an internet hearing link and a telephone access code for each judge, **but whether a case is heard remotely is the judge's decision**. Make the request early and in writing.
- **Check on the morning of the hearing whether the court has closed.** It can close unexpectedly for weather or another emergency; before a long drive, check the agency's operational status page. Security means a metal detector and a bag check at every visit, **you may be asked to remove your shoes**, and cameras and recording devices are barred from the courtrooms.

Which court hears your case: not the ZIP code, but who issued the paperwork

- **The agency's own list ties a case to jurisdiction rather than distance.** The administrative control list orders which cases a court may hear by **the federal field office that issued the paperwork** and by particular detention facilities.
- **No entry for this county appears on the list.** The line for the state's only court names two county jails and this county is not one of them; and some Indiana entries on the same list appear in the line of a court in another state.
- **What that means and what it does not:** the list's own wording is **may have jurisdiction**. You cannot conclude that because you live in Indiana your case sits with the Indiana court. **Which court hears it is decided by which office issued your paperwork**, not by which building is nearer. Read the notice you were sent.

The agencies whose addresses we do not print, and why

- **USCIS:** the agency's pages were closed both to direct access and to automated reading this round, and the archive record was not usable either. **We do not publish an office address from an old archive.** What you need to know is the office types: a **field office** conducts interviews, an **application support center** takes fingerprints and a photograph, and they are not the same place. You do not choose the support center; **which one you attend is printed on your I-797C.** There are no walk-ins, the appointment is free, and the Contact Center is **1-800-375-5283**; sites charging money for an appointment are a scam.
- **The university's international student office is not a USCIS office.** What happens there and what is filed with the immigration agency are not the same thing; the distinction is below.
- **Build your class schedule around the appointment.** The day and the time are given to you, not chosen by you. If a notice arrives mid-term, spot the clash with exams and labs early; **a rescheduling request is possible but not guaranteed.**
- **ICE and CBP:** no office address, telephone number or name is published. Confirm check-in locations on [the agency's own check-in page](#); if you hold an appointment notice, **the address on that notice governs.** The detention information line is **1-888-351-4024.** Whether Indiana has a detention facility, a border patrol unit, a port of entry or a county jail under a detention contract is something we **could not verify**, and we print no guess.
- **The offices that fix I-94 errors made at entry:** we **could not verify** their location and hours in Indiana; read the list on the agency's own page and **write first, then travel**, because some of these offices open only a few hours a week and every trip from here costs a day. These offices fix **only errors made at the moment of entry.**
- **Social Security Administration:** we could confirm no office in Indiana from an official source this round. Which office serves you is decided by **your ZIP code**; ssa.gov/locator, general line 1-800-772-1213. **On F-1 and J-1 status a number comes only once work authorization exists**; being enrolled is not enough.
- **The federal tax agency:** we could not verify the list of offices doing ITIN document review for Indiana and **we publish no address.** Confirm the office and the appointment through [the agency's office locator](#); the appointment line is 844-545-5640. **Do not put your passport in the mail:** for an international student or scholar that is a travel and status risk, so prefer a certifying acceptance agent.
- **County benefit and health application offices:** we could not verify the addresses, because the state's server never opened this round. Apply through [the state benefits portal](#) or on **800-403-0864.**

Passports: none in this town, one in the county

After naturalization a first US passport is applied for in person on Form DS-11. The answer has to be said up front: **there is no passport acceptance facility in this town**, and **none anywhere in the county outside the county seat across the river.** We searched the federal data file and no other record for this county or this town came back; that is not a research gap but **a verified absence.** The university also **does not run an acceptance facility of its own**, and for a town whose population comes largely from a university that has to be said plainly: do not look for a window on campus doing this. The comparison helps: the state capital examined in the same round has **nine separate acceptance facilities.** The lines below come from the State Department's own acceptance facility data file; **call before you go anyway**, because the file keeps hours in coded form and each facility sets its own appointment arrangements.

FACILITY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE AND HOURS
Lafayette Main Post Office	3450 South Street, Lafayette, IN 47905	765-448-9243 · weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The county's only acceptance facility, across the river
Delphi Post Office	201 W. Franklin St., Delphi, IN 46923	765-564-2315 · Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed Wednesday
Monticello Post Office	125 W. Broadway St., Monticello, IN 47960	574-583-4787 · weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Frankfort Post Office	100 Washington Ave., Frankfort, IN 46041	765-654-5553 · weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Montgomery County Clerk	100 E. Main St., Room 203, Crawfordsville, IN 47933	765-364-6430 · weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed noon to 1:00 p.m.
Warren County Clerk	125 N Monroe St, Ste 11, Williamsport, IN 47993	765-762-3510 · weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **The right question is not which is nearest but which is open.** One facility on the list is closed on Wednesdays, another closes over the lunch hour. For a reader with classes or lab time, the deciding factor is the hour, not the distance. **We give no distance figures**, because none came from a source.
- **Most facilities work by appointment.** Book and confirm by telephone before you go. Statewide there are **128 facilities in 114 cities**; find the nearest through [the acceptance facility search](#) with your ZIP code.
- **Which transactions are in person:** adults applying for the first time, children under 16, anyone whose passport was lost, stolen or damaged, and anyone whose passport was issued before they turned 16 or is more than 15 years old. **Renewals go by mail** and need no acceptance facility.
- **There is no passport agency in Indiana.** On the department's list the two nearest agencies are in neighboring states. **We print the address and hours of neither**, because the source pages could not be read directly, and **we do not say which is closer to you**. The honest sentence: **an emergency passport adds out-of-state travel on top of the 14-day threshold**, and mid-term that is probably two class days rather than one.
- **Who may apply:** international travel within **14 calendar days**, or a foreign visa needed within **28 calendar days**; death and life-threatening situations are a separate category. **The appointment is free** and the agency says so itself; after choosing a slot you are asked to confirm **within 15 minutes**, and at most seven people from one household can appear on the same record. **Sites charging money for an appointment are a scam.**
- **We print no fee.** We could not read passport fees from the agency's own page this round; read current amounts on [the department's fee page](#). You make two separate payments: the passport fee to the department and the acceptance fee to the facility, and ask before you go which payment methods the facility takes.
- **Do not overlook the alternative that needs no travel:** routine and expedited applications go by mail. After filing, the information line is **877-487-2778**, weekdays 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern; this county is on Eastern time, so **the published hours are your hours**. A small detail: the **first two digits** of your application tracking number say which office holds your file.

- **One distinction:** this section is about a **US** passport. A Turkish passport is not renewed at a post office; that work runs through the Consulate General and the detail is in our consulate guide.

The free legal service on campus: first, what it does not do

THE MOST VALUABLE FINDING IN THIS GUIDE IS A TRAP, AND WE KEEP IT IN ORDER

- **The university's student legal service is real and it is free to students.** It is **Purdue Student Legal Services**, inside the Office of the Dean of Students, on the second floor of Helen B. Schleman Hall, 656 Oval Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2086, telephone **765-494-1747**. Undergraduate, graduate and professional students may apply.
- **But its own page says plainly that it does not practice immigration law.** The wording on its immigration resources page is unambiguous: the office does not practice immigration law and does not offer immigration law advice. **People who go without reading that sentence come back empty-handed**, which is exactly why it is here: there is a free lawyer at the university is true, but **it is not true for your question**.
- **The intake rules are strict too: no legal advice is given over the telephone or by email, and walk-ins are not accepted.** You complete an intake form first, then allow **two to three business days** for the office to contact you.
- **And now the gain: one free hour of notary service a week.** The same office, even though it does not practice immigration law, offers a Turkish reader something real: **limited notary services by appointment only, on Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m.**, again after an intake form.
- **Why that is worth so much:** a large share of Turkish consular work and apostille packets requires a **notarized signature**. Powers of attorney, parental consents and translations bound for an apostille all pass through that step. **A free notary on campus is the cheapest link in the chain.** The order is: obtain the document, have it translated if needed, **have the translation notarized**, then take it for the apostille; the whole chain is in our consulate guide.
- **The window is narrow:** one hour a week, by appointment. **Plan it weeks ahead of a consular appointment.**
- **The office's own page also lists other notary routes:** the parcel shipping store in the campus union building and similar shipping stores, banks where you are a customer, some real estate offices, some tax preparer and accountant offices, some title companies. **Those may not be free; ask the price in advance.**
- **We print a conflict rather than resolve it:** the office refers immigration questions to a local organization's immigration clinic, **but that clinic does not appear on the 2026 program list published where it sits. We do not name the clinic** and we say neither that it is operating nor that it is not; we record the conflict. Confirm by telephone before you travel for an immigration appointment.

The international student office: what it does and what it does not

- **The office is called International Students and Scholars** and it splits in two: one arm for students, the other for faculty, staff, postdoctoral researchers and visiting scholars. **The two have separate front doors**, and a scholar who writes to the student arm waits twice.

- **The office issues the school's own documents:** the I-20 and the DS-2019, curricular practical training authorization, an optional practical training recommendation, travel signatures, advice on maintaining status, and on the J-1 side academic training, reinstatement and the **two-year home residence requirement**. The scholar arm covers comparisons of J-1, H-1B, TN, E-3 and O-1, **permanent residence**, document and travel signature requests, and immigration fees and costs.
- **But the office is not your attorney.** One of its own publications states that it is not authorized to advise beyond the scope of what it publishes and recommends consulting a licensed legal professional knowledgeable in immigration law. **We do not put that wording in quotation marks**, because we did not re-read it on the live page. Note also that the warning sits on **one of the office's pages rather than across all of them**, so you may not find it on the main pages.
- **Employment authorization documents, change of status, green card and naturalization applications are separate filings** made to the immigration agency, and the office does not replace them.

City and county: which door for which job

DEPARTMENT	DETAIL
City hall and switchboard	Margerum City Hall, 222 N. Chauncey Ave. · 765-775-5100 . There is an elected mayor, a council and a city court judge of its own
Reporting	No 311 . The city site carries a report-an-issue channel at the top of every page; the finance and fire departments run their own service request pages. We could not verify whether anonymous reports are possible
Bills, trash and well water	Billing office 765-775-5140 . The trash charge rides on the wastewater bill; households on well water must call this number to start collection
Rental registration and inspection	The Rental Inspection office inside the Building Department · 765.775.5167 . We print no registration or inspection fee
Discrimination complaints	West Lafayette Human Relations Commission · human resources on 765-775-5101 · meets quarterly · the discrimination must have happened inside the city limits
The city's other departments	Engineering, Finance Department, Fire Department, Housing, Parks and Recreation, Police Department, Street and Sanitation Department, Stormwater and Wastewater
Water, sewer and trash	Water is with Indiana American Water ; the city supplies none. Sewer and trash are the city's own departments. At some addresses outside the city limits, water and sewer come from American Suburban Utilities . For a rate or service complaint, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
Property tax and the homestead deduction	Tippecanoe County Auditor · the statement is due by January 15 · assessment sits with the county assessor
Marriage license	Tippecanoe County Clerk, on the second floor of the county courthouse across the river . Both of you must appear in person , the license is valid sixty days , there is no waiting period and it is valid only inside Indiana

DEPARTMENT	DETAIL
Birth and death certificates	Two tracks: the state vital records division and the county health departments. The county is faster , but the long form comes only from the state and an apostille needs the state copy. A foreign passport is on the primary identification list and is sufficient on its own
Library	West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia St. · 765.743.2261 . The card asks not for a number but for identification and an address , and a dorm contract counts as proof of address . It is an Evergreen Indiana card, with a Library of Things, a Creativity Lab, a seed library and exam proctoring
A name trap	When you search for this city's library card policy, the address wblib.org appears high in the results and it is not this city's library ; that site belongs to a library in Michigan and the clearest tell is that its document refers to a Michigan identification card. Do not prepare to the wrong library's rules and then turn up at the counter
School district	West Lafayette Community School Corporation, 3061 Benton St. · 765-746-1602
Apostille	Indiana Secretary of State, 302 W. Washington Street, Room E-018, Indianapolis · by appointment only · \$2 per certificate · no branch office

Free legal help, and on this item the advantage is yours

ORGANIZATION	WHERE AND HOW	ITS LIMIT
Indiana Legal Services, Inc.	A nonprofit law firm providing free civil legal assistance across all 92 Indiana counties. The branch that covers this county is the Lafayette Office , 8 N 3rd Street, Suite 102, Lafayette, IN 47901, telephone (765) 423-5327 , weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern and closed over the noon hour . The statewide intake line is 1-844-243-8570 , Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the online application is open five days a week and takes about twenty minutes	There is a status test and we print it in the same breath : the organization may represent only citizens, people with established legal immigration status, and people without status who are victims of crime or trafficking. There are also income and asset tests. A decision comes in about 14 days , and applying does not mean the case is accepted
Immigrants and Language Rights Center	The same organization's immigration arm, working statewide out of the capital. The case types it publishes: visas for survivors of crime and trafficking, petitions under the Violence Against Women Act, naturalization, asylum, removal defense, adjustment of status, family-based immigration, and language access and language discrimination cases	The center states that it holds in-person consultations only on an emergency, case-by-case basis . From here that is not a disadvantage: the route was always the telephone line or the online form

ORGANIZATION	WHERE AND HOW	ITS LIMIT
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic	Provides free services statewide and says itself that it handles immigration matters: green card applications, citizenship, family reunification and more. Its single office is in the capital, telephone (317) 429-4131 , answered weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; text messaging is available on request	And here the advantage is yours , see the box below

ON THIS ITEM THE BIG CITY IS THE DISADVANTAGED ONE, NOT YOU

- The clinic above offers free general legal advice through an **online service open to Indiana residents outside the four counties around the state capital. This county is not one of those four**, so you can use that door from a laptop while a reader living in the capital cannot and is directed to the office instead. **The usual balance in this series reverses here.**
- A second item runs the same way: the statewide self-help service **Indiana Legal Help** offers a search by ZIP code or county, a calendar of clinics where you can speak with an attorney, a route for free questions to a volunteer attorney, and court forms. Items such as the **fee waiver form** are the sort of thing a newcomer does not know exists. Its own disclaimers: **using the service does not make you a client and your communications are not protected by attorney-client privilege.** Because the site itself does not state which body operates it, we name no operator.
- **There is a free, verified document service in the county, and we print its scope exactly:** the identification clinic run by **Lafayette Urban Ministry** helps a person obtain **the birth certificate needed to apply for an Indiana identification card**, and the organization writes on its own page that the service is **free** and that the process can take a few weeks. Its main office is in the county seat across the river at 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, telephone **765-423-2691**; its only location in this town is the west side food pantry at 333 Meridian Street.
- **What it is not:** it is not an immigration service, and **it will not help you obtain a Turkish document or a birth record issued abroad.** The service is built around a birth certificate issued inside the United States and the Indiana identification card that rests on it, and **Indiana issues no identification card without lawful status either.**
- **We found no state board, council or program specific to Türkiye**, and no Indiana-based Turkish association. We do not say there is none; we say the research did not find one.

STATE LAW, THE UNIVERSITY AND A LOCAL DELEGATION AGREEMENT: WE LEAVE THE UNANSWERED UNANSWERED

- The state has a statute in force and it requires cooperation: a governmental body **or a postsecondary educational institution may not enact or implement an ordinance, resolution, rule or policy** that restricts staff from communicating with federal officials, sending information to the Department of Homeland Security, maintaining that information or sharing it with another governmental entity. We set out the provisions in [our Indiana guide](#). **Read this as neither a protection nor a threat.**
- The final section of the chapter says it **shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin**. We pass that on not as a promise but as the legislature's instruction to those who enforce it.
- **The part that belongs to this guide:** the chapter's definition section extends its reach to **state educational institutions and to private postsecondary institutions receiving state or federal funds**, so the university here is inside its scope. **But on what the university actually does, this round found no evidence in either direction.** The only thing that can be written is what the statute itself says: **a university policy cannot block that sharing**. The practical consequence is one sentence: **do not treat an answer from a university office as protection**. We write no more than that and we do not guess.
- **The chapter's seventh section is a notification duty, not a detention authority;** do not confuse the two. And **this chapter does not answer the detainer question at all;** we do not treat its silence as an answer and we write nothing in either direction.
- **Source warning:** we could not read the chapter on the legislature's own site and read it instead from a commercial republisher, where the text is stamped **current as of January 1, 2026**; any change out of the 2026 session is invisible in it. **We invent no section number.**
- **We could not confirm the position for this county on a federal delegation agreement.** The federal agency's participating agency list and data files were closed to access this round. **We do not say there is none;** we say research could not confirm. This county's sheriff's office is not named in the reporting we found, but that is not an answer either; put the question to the county sheriff's office and to the county commissioners' own minutes.
- **The attorney general's own agreement is known from news reporting and the sources conflict:** they do not even agree on how many sheriff's offices are involved. **We give no number and take no side.** We could not read the office's own announcement, because the state's server never opened.
- **Do not use this page to decide which city or which school to attend.** Choosing an address on the strength of these lines will not buy you an outcome and will give you either false comfort or false fear.

Emergency and information lines

LINE	NUMBER
Emergency (police, ambulance, fire)	911
Suicide and crisis lifeline	988
Detention information line	1-888-351-4024
USCIS Contact Center	1-800-375-5283

LINE	NUMBER
Immigration court case status	1-800-898-7180
City switchboard	765-775-5100
Free legal help intake line	1-844-243-8570
State benefit applications	800-403-0864

Addresses and hours change. No USCIS, ICE, CBP, SSA or federal tax agency street address appears here, because none could be confirmed from an official source this round; always go to the address on your appointment notice. The apostille office's lines came from archive captures and two official sources give two different telephone numbers. Information as of October 9, 2026.



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