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You can either represent yourself or seek representation, but if you are securing counsel:

Do NOT wait for a hearing date to contact an attorney

If you have access to the Internet, you may find an attorney or a representative by searching on

www.lawhelp.org/NY (Click on “Workers Rights” and then on “Unemployment Benefits”)

Pro Bono Assistance (Free services)

This is a list of legal services organizations that provide free legal services

The Workers Defense League: (212) 627-1931— Serving NYC and other locations on a case by case basis

The Unemployment Action Center: (212) 998-6568 www.uac-ny.org —Serving New York City and Long Island

The VOLS Unemployment Insurance Advocacy Project: (347) 521-5720 – Serving New York City Only – Volunteers of Legal Service will give priority to claimants who call immediately after requesting a hearing.

Legal Services Organizations (Free, if you qualify)

This is a list of legal services organizations that provide legal services at no cost for persons who meet their requirements or income criteria. Please contact the organization to ask if you qualify.

Legal Services for New York City: (646) 442-3332—Serving New York City

Legal Aid Society Employment Law Hotline: (888) 218-6974—Serving New York City

MFY Legal Services: (212) 417-3700—Serving New York City

Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc.: (800) 454-3627; (845) 634-3627—Serving Rockland county

Legal Aid of Chautauqua Region, Inc.: (716) 483-2116—Serving Chautauqua county

Chemung County Legal Services: (607) 734-1647—Serving Chemung and Schuyler counties

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.: (800) 462-2922—Serving Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties

Legal Assistance of Finger Lakes, a division of Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.: (315) 781-1465—Serving Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc.: (877) 777-6152—Serving Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego and Otsego counties

Legal Services of Hudson Valley: (877) 574-8529—Serving Westchester, Putnam, Orange, Ulster, Dutchess and Sullivan counties

Southern Tier Legal Services, a division of Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.: (877) 776-4126--Serving Allegany and Steuben counties; (888) 767-1950—Serving Cattaraugus county; 866-664-4567--Serving Chautauqua county

Tompkins/Tioga Neighborhood Legal Services: (607) 273-3667; Fax: (607) 273-5521—Serving Tompkins and Tioga counties

Volunteer Lawyers Project: (716) 847-0662—Serving Erie county

Volunteer Legal Services Project: (585) 232-3051—Serving Rochester county

Private Attorneys & Registered Representatives (Services for a fee)

Anyone can represent you. However, only an attorney or a registered representative may charge a fee. Please note:

- If you are represented by an attorney, s/he does not need to be registered. If you are represented by a non-attorney, s/he must register with the Appeal Board before s/he represents you for a fee.
- Before you are charged a fee, you must win your case (including any appeal) and the amount of the fee must be approved by the Appeal Board. It is a misdemeanor for an attorney or registered representative to accept payment without the approval of the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board. However, once approved, you are responsible for paying the fee as it is not automatically deducted from your benefits.

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