

ATTORNEYS – WALLIS AND FUTUNA

There is no U.S. consular agent or consular office in Wallis and Futuna. Persons resident in or visiting Wallis and Futuna who require assistance from a U.S. diplomatic mission should contact the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji, P.O. Box 218 or 158 Princes Rd, Tamavua, Fiji, telephone: (679) 3314-466, fax: (679) 3302-267, email: SuvaACS@state.gov.

There are no private lawyers, notaries, or bailiffs in the territory of Wallis and Futuna. The Court Clerk performs the functions of notary, bailiff, and appraiser when necessary. The local police who act as officials and as bailiffs, people certified by the president of the lower court, and citizens representing themselves may act as an attorney, even if they do not possess a license to practice law. Inquiries concerning legal matters may be directed to the Administrateur Supérieur, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Administration in the territory.

The court of Mata-Utu (for the District of Wallis and Futuna Islands) comes with the competence of the Appellate Court of Noumea, New Caledonia. Lawyers registered at this court and the legal agents recognized by it may draw up documents for use in the Court of Mata-Utu. Please refer to the List of Attorneys for New Caledonia in the section above.

Judicial and administrative jurisdictions have extremely limited representation on Wallis and Futuna. If you find yourself subpoenaed to a trial on Wallis and Futuna, your case will first be heard before a judge who oversees all civil, commercial, and penal cases. There is only one judge in Wallis and Futuna, along with a general territory official who acts as the prosecuting magistrate. An appeal can be made to the Court of Appeals in Nouméa in New Caledonia or before the Administrative Court of Appeals in Paris.