

Case List

The following is a current list LCA matters within the identified Categories.

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Case #	Legal Category	Arts Category	Client Type	Description
17-749	NFP Advice, Real Estate/Landlord-Tenant	Music, Performance Art, Theater, Other	Pro Bono	NFP and Landlord Tenant: Theater. 17-749 Small NFP theater that started in 2015 needs NFP compliance review and help drafting a lease for sub-tenants who rent the NFP's space by the hour.
18-009	Contracts, Other	Film/TV	Pro Bono	Contract: Film. 18-009 Film student who plans to adapt a short story for a screen play needs an agreement with the Vietnamese author of the short story and legal advice regarding filming in Vietnam.
18-041	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Visual Art	Contingent Fee	Dispute: Visual Art. 18-041 Pieces of visual art were delivered to a business organization for its employees, but the employees did not receive the works. Client needs help evaluating, and if recommended, pursuing a claim against the organization.

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18-056	Contracts	Literature	Pro Bono	Contract. 18-056 Author of an unpublished book about a homeopathic remedy for a common ailment needs an idea protection agreement to present to a television producer with whom she hopes to work.
18-062	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Music	Pro Bono	Dispute: Breach of Contract: Music. 18-062 Prominent house music artist, Client, needs help evaluating and pursuing any rights he may have against his record label for breach of contract.
18-064	Visa and Immigration	Dance, Film/TV, Performance Art, Visual Art, Other	Pro Bono	Immigration: Visual Artist. 18-064 Canadian artist, Phd student and independent curator needs legal advice regarding securing a visa to stay in the US.
18-078	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Film/TV, Music, Theater	Contingent Fee	Dispute: Theater. 18-078 Client produced a show at a local theater and agreed to accept payment from the theater after the run was complete. Client believes that the payment he received was not what was agreed to and needs help analyzing the contract and the settlement sheet. Client also needs help, if recommended, recovering any amounts that are owed to him.
18-097	Rights of Privacy and Publicity	Literature	Pro Bono	Publicity Rights: Publishing. 18-097 The author of a manuscript about a deceased musician who has conversations with other deceased musicians, needs pre-publication review to evaluate potential risks associated with publishing her book.

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18-125	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Dance, Film/TV, Literature, Music, Performance Art, Theater, Visual Art	Pro Bono	Dispute: Music. 18-125 Former business partners have a dispute over the trademark for the business, ownership interests and masters.
18-140b	Other	Visual Art	Pro Bono	Dispute: Visual Artist. 18-140 Visual artist applied for permission to put a mural up on a wall under the Metra tracks, Client's request was denied and she needs help evaluating whether she has any legal recourse.
18-170	Copyright Infringement	Music	Contingent Fee (PB Eligible)	Dispute: Infringement Music. 18-170 Songwriter needs counsel to evaluate a claim for infringement of her musical composition and, if recommended, assist her with enforcement of her copyrights.
18-204	Other	Dance	Pro Bono	Tax: IRS. 18-204 Small NFP dance company needs help appealing a denial of their request for abatement of IRS penalties. Penalties were assessed as a result of the late filing of 990s for multiple years.
18-225	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Literature	Pro Bono	Copyright infringement. 18-225. Client published a book of short stories in 2017. He believes that three separate advertisements bare a remarkable similarity to two of his stories. He would like an attorney to review the advertisements and his stories to determine if an infringement of his copyright occurred.

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18-236	Rights of Privacy and Publicity	Visual Art	Pro Bono	Employment: Privacy. 18-236 NFP that hires artist teachers, needs counsel to review its teacher application that has been updated to include questions about gender, race and gender identification.
18-248	Real Estate/Landlord-Tenant	Visual Art	Pro Bono	Landlord/Tenant: Visual Artist. 18-248 Visual artist needs help evaluating and pursuing any claims he may have against his former landlord who disposed of his artwork and materials, without notice, when artist went into default on the rent payments for his studio.
18-254	Employment	Film/TV, Theater, Visual Art	Pro Bono	Employment and Copyright. 18-254 Actor needs help evaluating his rights under an employment agreement after he was terminated from the cast of a touring group. In addition, he was providing photography services and needs help enforcing his rights to his photographs.
18-258(b)	Business Startup/Corporate	Film/TV, Music, Performance Art, Theater, Other	Pro Bono	Start-up: Education. 18-258(b) Performance art organization that conducts confidence building workshops for young people needs start-up advice and two contracts, one for student participants, and one for mentors.
18-278	Copyright Infringement, Rights of Privacy and Publicity	Film/TV	Pro Bono	Copyright and Privacy Clearance: Film. Brief Service.18-278 Filmmaker wrote a script about the "unclaimed dead" (deceased persons whose bodies are not claimed by relatives) and needs counsel to help to identify any permissions that he may need before filming.

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18-288	Contracts	Literature	Pro Bono	Dispute: Publishing. 18-288 Author of an academic text on massage therapy needs counsel to contact her publisher about a notice of intent to relinquish their rights in the text.
18-295b	Copyright Protection/Licensing, Estate	Film/TV, Music, Theater, Visual Art	Pro Bono	Estate: Intellectual Property. 18-295b Client needs legal advice regarding protecting his intellectual property in connection with the trust that he is setting up.
18-300	Business Startup/Corporate, Contracts	Film/TV, Visual Art	Pro Bono	Start-up: Animator. 18-300 Visual artist who creates 2D and 3D animations needs start-up advice, help with business structure and a standard service agreement for customers. He also needs help evaluating and possibly applying for trademark registration.
18-303	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Other		Dispute: Patent Litigation. 18-303 Client is a former biotech researcher whose research led to patents held by his former university employer. Client needs patent counsel to remedy the absence of his name as a co-inventor.
18-322	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims, Copyright Infringement, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Visual Art	Pro Bono	Dispute: Copyright in Art Projects. 18-322. Not for profit arts organization that developed a social emotional, art based, curriculum has a dispute with one of the teachers who contributed to building the curriculum. The NFP needs help resolving the question of copyright ownership.

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18-331	Business Startup/Corporate	Music, Performance Art, Theater	Pro Bono	Start-up: Juggler. 18-331. Talent manager and juggler needs start-up advice and help with business structure. He also needs two contracts, one for hiring entities and one for the talent he places in jobs.
18-339	Business Startup/Corporate, Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Visual Art	Paying	Dispute: Collection and Online Business Start-up. 18-339 Art framer has questions about operating an online business. In addition, Client is attempting to collect a debt from an interior designer and currently has a payment plan, but would like to have an attorney available if the interior designer defaults on the payment plan.
18-347	Real Estate/Landlord-Tenant	Film/TV, Music	Pro Bono	Landlord Tenant: Residential. 18-347. Film student needs help resolving a dispute with his former landlord over his security deposit.
18-348	Business Startup/Corporate	Dance, Film/TV, Literature, Music, Performance Art, Theater	Pro Bono	Start-up: LLC. 18-348 Experienced actor, writer and producer needs help setting up an LLC.
18-359	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Film/TV, Literature, Music, Performance Art, Theater, Visual Art, Other	Pro Bono	Dispute: Internet. 18-359 Local NFP architectural society needs legal help to regain control of its social media sites from the current administrator who is no longer fulfilling his commitment to the organization.
18-374	Business Startup/Corporate, Contracts	Other	Pro Bono	Start-up and Contract. 18-374 Jewellery and fashion accessories designer needs start-up advice, help with business structure and a contract for his Mexican and Indonesian manufacturers.

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18-375	Copyright Infringement	Visual Art	Contingent Fee (PB Eligible)	Dispute: Infringement. 18-375 Graphic artist needs help evaluating and pursuing an action for infringement against several parties including a major television network.
18-384	Commercial Litigation/ADR/Other Claims	Dance, Film/TV, Literature, Music, Performance Art, Theater, Visual Art, Other	Pro Bono	Dispute: Consumer. 18-384 Filmmaker needs help resolving a dispute with two credit bureaus that are improperly refusing to remove certain items from her credit history.

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