

NEW: Check out our <u>COVID-19 Resources for Clients page</u> for the latest updates on benefits and resources during the COVID-19 crisis.

Our Legal Assistance Hotline is staffed Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4pm. Call 917-661-4500 to speak to an intake officer in any language.

Project Director: <u>Tanya Wong</u> President: <u>Hon. Betty Staton</u> <u>Board Chair: Monica Corrine Moran, Es</u>q. Vice Chair: Michael L. Williams

Brooklyn Legal Services (BLS), LSNYC's largest program, stops evictions, preserves affordable housing and homeownership, helps people access essential public benefits, identifies and redresses discrimination in housing and mortgage lending, empowers victims of domestic violence, supports Brooklyn residents who are LGBTQ or HIV+ in gaining access to the services they need, promotes the rights of immigrants, veterans and the disabled, protects borrowers from abusive and illegal collection tactics, and ensures proper care and housing for elderly Brooklynites.

Our staff of over 150 passionate, skilled, and highly trained lawyers, paralegals, and support staff represents Brooklyn residents who otherwise could not afford legal services. In the past year alone, we served more than 22,000 low-income Brooklyn residents. Our client work spans from day-to-day representations in court, to civil rights complaints in state and federal agencies, to multi-year litigation and advocacy to create strong, equitable, affordable communities.

BLS has deep roots in communities throughout Brooklyn. We work closely with community-based organizations, conduct community-based outreach and legal clinics, and partner with our pro bono colleagues to maximize our services and address the root causes of poverty.

Areas of priority and special projects Include:

- <u>Access to Education</u>
- Equal Rights & Language Access
- <u>Community & Economic Development</u>
- <u>Consumer Rights</u>
- Disability Advocacy Project
- Disaster Recovery
- Elder Law
- Employment Law & Workers' Rights
- Family Law & Domestic Violence
- Foreclosure Prevention & Homeowner Rights
- Government Benefits
- HIV Advocacy
- Housing & Tenants Rights
- Immigration & Immigrants' Rights
- LGBT Advocacy
- Pension Project

- <u>Reentry</u>
- <u>Student Debt Relief</u>
- <u>Taxpayer Assistance</u>
- Veterans Justice Project

Our Locations

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