



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

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Case #	Legal Category	Arts Category	Description
20-871 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Cast and Crew Agreement 20-871 Filmmaker is in the process of producing an action comedy and needs an agreement for cast and crew. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Overview
20-647 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Co-Producer Agreement: Film 20-647 Two college students are producing a series of narrative shorts about a Chicago Bookstore and need a Co-Producer Agreement. Overview of Film Law Topics
20-589 Pro Bono	Copyright Protection/Licensing	Dance, Film/TV, Music	Contract Drafting: Copyright License: Film 20-589 Filmmaker who is creating a short film about dance needs help securing license rights to the music she uses in the film. Overview of Film Law Topics
20-612 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Contracts	Performance Art, Theater	Contract Drafting: Customer Agreement: Concierge Services for Playwrights 20-612 Client plans to offer concierge services for playwrights in Chicago neighborhoods and needs advice regarding business structure and one customer contract for her artist clients.
20-746 Pro Bono	Contracts	Visual Art	Contract Drafting: Customer Agreement: Graphic Artist 20-746 Graphic artist has been hired to do corporate rebranding and needs a customer agreement.
20-808 Pro Bono	Contracts	Music	Contract Drafting: Investment Agreement: Music 20-808 Singer songwriter needs counsel to draft an Investment Agreement that outlines the relationship between herself and a prospective investor.
20-833 Pro Bono	Other, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Other	Contract Drafting: License for Educational Materials 20-833 NFP, run by a young technology artist, created an audio-video program that provides remote career training to Chicago public school students. Client needs help with copyright registration and licensing rights to implement the program.
20-854 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV, Music	Contract Drafting: Producer Agreement: Music 20-854 Singer-songwriter (Client) is beginning to record his work in a studio and needs a Producer Agreement. Representing the LCA Music Client: Agreements with Third Parties

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20-684 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Music	Contract Drafting: Producer Agreement: Rap Artist 20-684 Rap artist needs counsel to draft an agreement for his music producer. Representing the LCA Music Client: Band Agreements
20-772 Pro Bono	Contracts, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Design/Graphic Design, Visual Art	Contract Drafting: Work for Hire: Online Magazine 20-772 Architectural NFP is launching an online magazine and needs counsel to draft a work-for-hire agreement for the contributors. Client also needs legal advice regarding copyright registration. Model Agreements Available
20-852 Pro Bono	Contracts	Fashion	Contract Review: Agent Agreement 20-852 Wardrobe consultant and photographer is considering hiring an agent and needs counsel to review the agent agreement and associated documents.
20-869 Pro Bono	Contracts	Literature	Contract Review: Book Publishing Agreement 20-869 Part-time English instructor and author of a book on writing needs counsel to review a publishing agreement and represent her to the publishers.
20-813 Pro Bono	Contracts	Literature	Contract Review: Ghost Writer Agreement 20-813 Client is working on a memoir and needs counsel to review a Ghost-writer Agreement.
20-669 Pro Bono	Contracts	Music	Contract Review: Licensing Agent Agreement: Music 20-669 Instrumental guitar duo needs counsel to review an agreement to work with a licensing library. Representing the LCA Music Client: Agreements with Third Parties
20-857 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Contracts, Trademark Protection	Literature, Performance Art, Visual Art	Contract Review: Publishing Agreement 20-857 Visual artist who has created a series of images that comment on the various worldwide crises needs counsel to review a book proposal from a publisher that reached out to client after seeing Client's work on social media.
20-884 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Review: Talent Option and Co-Producer Agreement: Film/TV 20-837 Client is a television producer who needs counsel to review two agreements, a Co-Producer Agreement and a Talent Option Agreement.
20-812 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contracts: Production Counsel: Film 20-812 Student producer needs production counsel for the his narrative film. He is looking for help with contracts for cast and crew, distribution agreements, a Producer Director Agreement and advice regarding Illinois tax credits. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Overview

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20-856 Pro Bono	Contracts, Other, Not for Profit Advice, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Film/TV	Copyright Registration, Content Clearance and and Contract Drafting: Film 20-856 NFP producing a documentary film needs assistance with copyright registration, content clearance for E&O insurance, assistance with acquiring the insurance and release agreements for co-writers. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Overview
20-816 Pro Bono	Copyright Infringement, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Film/TV	Copyright: Fair Use: Film 20-816 Documentary filmmaker needs help evaluating whether various aspects of his film, which is based on a popular children's movie, are protected by fair use. Copyright Principles in the Arts: Application and Analysis of Fair Use
20-728 Pro Bono	Copyright Protection/Licensing	Music	Copyright: Fair Use: Music Video 20-728 Client created a racial justice music video mashup and needs help evaluating whether she can rely on fair use for the use of the musical composition. Copyright Principles in the Arts: Application and Analysis of Fair Use
20-800 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Copyright Infringement	Visual Art	Copyright: Work for Hire: Designers 20-800 Designers, who were recently laid off, need help understanding what, if any, rights they have to produce and market devices that they developed as part of their full time employment.
20-780 Pro Bono	Disputes	Visual Art	Dispute: Collection 20-780 Client performed consulting services for a local NFP organization, the organization is in default and client needs help recovering amounts owed.
20-864 Pro Bono	Disputes, Commercial Litigation	Performance Art, Theater	Dispute: Collection: Demand Letter 20-864 Former manager of a local theater needs help collecting fees for services rendered.
20-677 Contingent Fee	Copyright Infringement	Music	Dispute: Copyright Infringement: Music 20-677 Clients create advertising jingles for businesses in the Chicago area. Client created and licensed a jingle to a customer who failed to comply with the payment terms, and then began using a jingle substantially similar to the one that Client wrote. Clients' jingle was registered with the copyright office. Client needs help evaluating a claim for copyright infringement. Copyright Principles in the Arts: Copyright Litigation
20-789 Pro Bono	Rights of Privacy and Publicity, Disputes, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Music	Dispute: Copyright Infringement: Music (UK) 20-789 Client inherited a record label and recently discovered that a UK record label is about to release an album with music from Client's label. Client needs help evaluating a claim for copyright infringement.

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20-707 Pro Bono	Contracts, Copyright Infringement, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Music	Dispute: Copyright Infringement Settlement License: Film-Music 20-707 Black female poet whose recorded reading of her work is featured in a rap song needs counsel to review a license agreement. Representing the LCA Music Client: Rights in Sound Recordings
20-505 Pro Bono	Copyright Infringement	Film/TV, Photography	Dispute: Copyright Infringement: Cease and Desist Letter (UK) 20-505 Client posted a blog related to living with a disability during a pandemic. A UK firm copied and posted Client's entire blog verbatim, including the pictures and video. Client needs counsel to draft a cease and desist letter to the infringer.
20-481 Pro Bono	Employment, Disputes	Dance, Music, Other, Performance Art	Dispute: Employment 20-481 Music educator has questions about a pay dispute with a private school.
20-782 Pro Bono	Employment, Disputes	Literature, Visual Art	Dispute: Employment: Separation Agreement (Employee Side) Dispute: Employment (Employee side) 20-782 Client believes that she was terminated for improper reasons. She also believes that she should have the rights to a database that she created while employed. Client needs help negotiating a Separation Agreement that addresses these issues.
20-872 Pro Bono	Rights of Privacy and Publicity	Music	Dispute: Right of Publicity and Trademark: Music 20-872 Former member of a folk band needs help evaluating any claim she may have for violation of her right of publicity inasmuch as the current members of the band are continuing to use her image as an integral part of their marketing campaign.
20-609 Pro Bono	Disputes	Film/TV, Performance Art	Dispute: Separation Agreement: Film 20-609 Producers and director of a film about racial injustice formed an LLC that owns the copyright to their film. One of the producers would like to remove himself from the LLC and the project. The other producer and the director need help drafting a Separation Agreement.
20-627 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Dispute: Separation Agreement: Film 20-627 Client one of the co-producers of a student film and his co-producer have artistic differences and Client would like counsel to assist with the termination of the Co-producer Agreement. Client needs a Separation Agreement and would like to be recognized for the work that he contributed to the project.
20-110 Pro Bono	Contracts, Disputes	Music	Dispute: Separation Agreement: Music 20-110 Husband and wife members of a band are in the midst of a divorce and need help drafting an agreement that identifies their respective rights in the band's musical compositions and recordings. Representing the LCA Music Client: Band Agreements

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20-825 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV, Music	Employment: Employment Agreement (Employer side) 20-825 Video film producer needs an Employment Agreement for two animators that he hired several months ago.
20-860 Pro Bono	Employment, Other	Dance, Other, Performance Art	Employment: Start-up Online Dance Studio 20-860 Online and at home dance instructor needs help with a liability waiver for students, including children, who are participating in her classes.
20-846 Paying	Other	Literature, Visual Art	Estate Planning: Asset Protection: Elderly Artist 20-846 Author is concerned about a nursing home attaching her bank account and needs legal advice regarding asset protection. Client is 74 and is planning for the future. She is not currently in a residential facility.
20-520 Pro Bono	Other	Film/TV, Music, Visual Art	Estate Planning: Multi-disciplinary Artist 20-520 Elderly artist engaged in visual art and music needs help drafting a will and a trust.
20-753 Pro Bono	Visa and Immigration	Music	Immigration: Music 20-753 Pianist is a non-US citizen currently in the US on an expiring visa. Client needs counsel to review his Eb1 Visa application form.
20-783 Pro Bono	Visa and Immigration	Visual Art	Immigration: Visual Artist 20-783 Sculptor needs counsel to assist her in obtaining a O1B Visa.
20-786 Pro Bono	Copyright Protection / Licensing OLD, Disputes	Music	IP Litigation: Representing a Witness 20-786 Client has been involved in activities that are expected to result in litigation. Client is not the responsible party or the injured party, but could be called as a witness. Client needs to understand her responsibilities at this time and what she can expect going forward.
20-397 Pro Bono	Copyright Protection/Licensing	Music	Music Licensing: Live Streaming: Choir Group 20-397 NFP choir group plans to hold live-streamed sing-alongs for dementia patients and needs legal help evaluating what licenses they need before launching the sing-along series. Representing the LCA Music Client: Rights in Musical Compositions
20-874 Pro Bono	Other, Not for Profit Advice	Arts Education, Dance, Music, Performance Art, Theater	NFP Board Governance: Landlord Tenant 20-487 Client, a NFP arts organization, owns a facility and leases space to a for-profit entity that is owned and run by one of the NFP's board members. Client needs help evaluating any risks related to this business arrangement. Nonprofit Law for Small Arts Organizations
20-650 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Not for Profit Advice	Arts Education	NFP: Architecture 20-650 For profit architectural education organization needs legal advice regarding business structure and the possibility of establishing a NFP. Nonprofit Law for Small Arts Organizations

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20-626 Pro Bono	Not for Profit Advice	Music	NFP: Bylaws Review: Jewish Music 20-626 Start-up NFP needs counsel to review a draft of their proposed bylaws and to advise client regarding the relationship between the NFP entity and a for-profit entity. Nonprofit Law for Small Arts Organizations
20-769 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate		NFP: Start-up Advice: Artist Group 20-769 Group of artists need legal advice regarding organizational structure. They are trying to determine whether to form a NFP or a co-op. Nonprofit Law for Small Arts Organizations
20-594 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate	Design/Graphic Design, Photography	Start-up and Contract Drafting: Terms of Service: On-line Sales 20-594 Photographer who does digital art is launching an online sales platform and needs start-up advice, help with business structure and a Terms of Service agreement.
20-819 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate	Acting/Modeling	Start-up and Contracts: Talent Agency. 20-819 Professional photographer is planning to launch a talent agency and needs start-up advice and help with business structure.
20-169 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Design/Graphic Design, Photography, Visual Art	Start-up: Visual Artist 20-169 Graduate student artist sells digital images that are composites of her original photos and needs start-up advice, help with business structure and advice regarding copyright registration. Overview of Copyright Issues in the Arts
20-880 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection, Not for Profit Advice, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Literature	Trademark and Copyright Registration: Visual Art 20-880 African American visual artist who produces African-inspired art needs help with trademark registration for her name and logo and copyright registration for five pieces of artwork.
20-835 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection	Other	Trademark Registration: Audio-Video Educational Materials 20-835 NFP, run by a young technology artist, created an audio/video career training program for students and needs help with trademark registration. Overview of Trademark Issues in the Arts
20-586 Pro Bono	Contracts, Trademark Protection	Film/TV	Trademark Registration: Film 20-586 Filmmaker is in the process of producing an action comedy and needs help with trademark registration. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Overview
20-848 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection	Film/TV	Trademark Registration: Film and TV 20-848 Student producer of a live action adventure film embedded in a comedy series needs help with trademark registration for two trademarks. Overview of Trademark Issues in the Arts
20-771 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection	Music	Trademark Registration: Music 20-771 Hip hop musician needs help with trademark registration for his stage name. Overview of Trademark Issues in the Arts

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20-777 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection	Music	Trademark Registration: Music 20-777 Singer-songwriter needs help with trademark registration for his stage name. Overview of Trademark Issues in the Arts
20-809 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection	Music	Trademark Registration: Music 20-809 Hip hop artist needs help with trademark registration. Overview of Trademark Issues in the Arts
20-770 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection	Performance Art	Trademark Registration: Performance Artist 20-770 Model and professional dancer needs help with trademark registration. Overview of Trademark Issues in the Arts
20-522 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection, Disputes	Literature	Trademark: Literature 20-522 Poet plans to republish one of her poems in support of the current Black Lives Matter movement. Client would like to add language to the back of the book that is similar to a registered tag line and needs legal help evaluating the risk. Overview of Trademark Issues in the Arts