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Case #	Legal Category	Arts Category	Description
26-0823 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Copyright Protection/Licensing: Fair Use Opinion Letter: Film/TV** 25-0963 Client is filmmaker. Client has created a film that uses some copyrighted works. Client needs an attorney to review the film and prepare a fair use opinion letter.
26-0783 Pro Bono	IP Law – Trademark	Podcasting & Audio Media	**Trademark Registration: Podcast** 26-0783 Client is an educator, author, and podcast producer. Client is developing an educational podcast and seeks legal assistance evaluating and obtaining trademark protection for the name of the podcast.
26-0756 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright, Data Privacy & Technology Law	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Contract Drafting: Website TOU / Privacy Policy: Comedy** 25-0756 Client is creating a Chicago-based online comedy platform designed to help comedians showcase their work, reach new audiences, and connect with opportunities. The uploaded comedy will be presented within an interactive fictional town featuring virtual performance venues. Client needs legal assistance drafting the platform's terms of use as well as a privacy policy for the platform.
26-0747 Pro Bono	NFP Law - Formation & Structure	Cultural Heritage, Museums, & Archives	**NonProfit: Contract Drafting: NFP Museum** 26-0747 Client is a nonprofit museum. Client has tentatively offered hire a cooperative organization to build and set up an e-commerce site to support the museum. Client seeks legal assistance drafting this agreement and potentially negotiating its terms with the co-op.
26-0739 Pro Bono	IP Law – Trademark	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Trademark Registration: Literary/Toy Design** 26-0739 Client is an author and creator of original children's books, illustrated characters, educational curricula, visual storytelling, apparel, merchandise, and concepts for animated media and sensory-support products. Client has just published a first book and seeks legal support in obtaining trademark protection over the brand name. Additionally, Client needs assistance evaluating and coming up with a strategy for registering copyrights in the works being created by this brand.

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26-0734 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright, Entertainment Financing & Securities Law	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Chain of Title: Contract Review: Film/TV** 26-0734 Clients are authors. Clients have adapted one of their books into a screenplay and are seeking financing. Clients need legal assistance preparing the chain of title, proving ownership of the copyrighted materials and full ability to license the distribution rights.
26-0724 Pro Bono	Immigration & International Law	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Immigration: Visa: Acting** 26-0724 Client is an actor, director, acting coach and head of a small college in Oslo who has developed a new acting technique based on neuroscience. Client lives/resides in Norway and has been invited to come to the US to teach a workshop on this acting technique. Client seeks an immigration attorney that can assist with an O-1B Visa application to facilitate Client's teaching while in the US.
26-0719 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Dispute: Harrassment: Digital Content** 26-0719 Client is a true crime content creator. Client has been targeted by an online creator, who has instructed his millions of followers to harass Client, including false reports to law enforcement and doxxing attempts. When this online creator posted one of Client's videos, Client sent a copyright takedown request. In response, this creator filed a fraudulent counter notice and further instructed his audience to harass Client. Client seeks legal assistance evaluating potential legal action to be taken in response to both the harassment and copyright infringement claims.
26-0704 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Music	**Dispute: Breach of Contract: Music** 26-0704 Client is a recording engineer and producer. Client began working with a recording artist, agreeing to record and produce a 15 track album. Client provided more than 100 hours of service toward this goal. The recording artist has stalled and delayed the process, before ultimately deciding to finish the album without Client's services. Now the recording artist is trying to get a refund from the Client, despite Client giving a hard Client needs assistance from an attorney with ending the relationship with this recording artist.
26-0693 Pro Bono	NFP Law - Formation & Structure	Gaming & Interactive Media	**Nonprofit: Formation/Maintenance: Gaming** 26-0693 Client is building a non-profit arts and culture center in Chicago dedicated to elevating video games, animation, and interactive media as art. The center will host rotating galleries showcasing the art and culture of animation and interactive media; classes that teach skills including art, animation, programming, and more; and events for the video game industry and aspiring video game industry professionals. Client needs assistance with foundational documents, agreements, and registering the non-profit and obtaining 501(3)(c) status.
26-0660 Pro Bono	Personal Injury & Civil Liability Law	Craft & Maker Arts (Sculpture, Jewelry, Glass, Ceramics, Woodworking, Fiber Arts, etc.)	**Personal Injury: Performance Artist** 26-0660 Client is an interdisciplinary performance artist. Client was injured while riding through an unmarked construction site. Client suffered various injuries and needs legal assistance evaluating and bringing a claim.

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26-0643 Pro Bono	IP Law – Trademark	Music	**Trademark Registration: Music** 26-0643 Client is a musician in a band. Client is seeking to trademark the band's name and logo.
26-0630 Pro Bono	IP Law – Trademark	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Trademark Registration: Literary: Book Series** 26-0630 Client is an author who has just started an independent publishing company. Client is currently working on a book series and seeks legal assistance in trademarking the name of the book series.
26-0625 Pro Bono			**Dispute: Breach of Contract: Film/TV** 26-0625 Client is the owner of a film production company. Client hired a director under a work made for hire agreement. Director procured a domain name and obtained access to hard drives of production footage as part of working on the project. Due to a dispute over payment, director now refuses to release the domain name or return the hard drives containing production footage. Client needs legal assistance resolving this dispute and evaluating claims for breach of contract.
26-0595 Pro Bono	Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring Law	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Bankruptcy: Film/TV** 26-0595 Client is an actor. Client is experiencing hardship due to having to shut down a business and move to a different state unexpectedly. Client is seeking advice and counsel on how to handle creditors and potentially declare bankruptcy/insolvency.
26-0586 Pro Bono	NFP Law - Governance & Board Law	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Nonprofit: Formation/Maintenance: Film/Podcasting/Digital Media** 26-0586 Client is a social enterprise NFP that uses documentary film, podcasting, and digital media to amplify the work of underrepresented people and communities. Client is seeking pro bono counsel to solidify foundational governance, protect creative assets, and ensure 501(c)(3) compliance. Client would like a comprehensive review of governance documents, legacy contracts (including IP and contributor agreements), and board policies.
26-0579 Pro Bono	Risk Management & Liability	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Dispute: Contract Negotiation: Film** 26-0579 Client is a filmmaker. Client entered into a contract with a production company to produce a film. After having an attorney review the agreement, Client discovered that the agreement places all financial obligations and much of the potential liability on Client. Client now seeks legal assistance to re-negotiate and potentially cap the investment/funding amount for which Client is responsible for covering.
26-0577 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright	Music	**Dispute: Copyright Assignment: Music** 26-0577 Client is a songwriter. Client wrote the songs and lyrics for a musical production and registered those works with the copyright office. Client worked with a collaborator who contributed as a playwright to the script of the musical. This collaborator is now bringing demands from an attorney to assign half of the copyright of the music to this individual or potentially face litigation. Client needs legal assistance drafting a response to this lawyer's request.

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26-0566 Pro Bono	IP Law – Trademark	Music	**Trademark Registration: Music** 26-0566 Client is a musician and songwriter and runs a music company that offers songwriting, vocal performance, music recording, live performance, and digital media production. Client has a brand name and logo and seeks legal assistance in registering for trademark protection.
26-0559 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Music	**Dispute: Harassment: Music** 26-0559 Client is a musician and music educator. Client practices piano and for a period of time taught piano to students out of Client's condo. A neighbor complained of the noise and reported Client for teaching out of the home to the condo board. Client responded by reducing practice time and ceasing teaching lesson out of the residence. Despite this, the neighbor's behavior has escalated to include late night visits to Client's unit, knocking on the door, and increasingly aggressive emails and texts. Client got an emergency no contact order placed by a judge in mid-July to try and stop the harassment. The condo board has deemed Client's piano as "ordinary building/living noise". Client needs legal assistance evaluating her rights as condo-owner and potentially drafting a letter to the neighbor to resolve this dispute.
26-0540 Pro Bono	Employment & Labor Law, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Dispute: Employment: Theater** 26-0540 Client is an artist and producer. Client worked at a theater venue. While producing a show at this venue, two managers at the venue had previously made discriminatory comments toward protected classes, and on the day, screamed at and berated the Client in front of production staff. Client reported this behavior to the venue owner and was terminated from that venue 1 day later. Client seeks legal assistance evaluating their claims for discrimination and retaliatory behavior.
26-0528 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright	Music	**Dispute: Copyright Infringement: Music** 26-0528 Client is an independent recording artist, songwriter, and performer. Client worked with a label to distribute music. After not receiving any revenue or royalty statements from the label, Client submitted a takedown notice to the label. The label promised they would take the music down. It's been months and the music remains up online. Client seeks legal counsel to help enforce the copyright protections in these works and potentially recover lost revenue.
26-0508 Pro Bono	NFP Law - Formation & Structure	Music	**NonProfit: Formation/Maintenance: Music** 26-0508 Client is a creative entrepreneur and community advocate. Client currently has an online series that brings music to the community. Client seeks advice and assistance in potential establishing a nonprofit entity around this endeavor.
26-0499 Pro Bono	NFP Law - Formation & Structure	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Nonprofit: Formation/Maintenance: Literary** 26-0499 Client operates an online magazine that supports women and nonbinary filmmakers, creating a platform for their work. Client previously formed an LLC around these efforts, which was dissolved in 2021. Client now seeks legal assistance in evaluating and ultimately obtaining nonprofit status for this organization, including drafting bylaws, filing articles of incorporation, and filing for 501(c)(3) status.

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26-0440 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Music	**Dispute: Copyright Infringement: Music** 26-0440 Client is a publishing company. Client discovered that a musician has been using 4 of its songs without permission. Client filed for timely registration in 3 of the 4 works, as well as sent multiple takedown notifications and cease and desist letters. Client is seeking legal representation in bringing a federal copyright lawsuit, seeking statutory damages and attorneys fees.
26-0385 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Dispute: Breach of Contract: Literary** 26-0385 Client is an author. Client entered agreements with a publishing company to publish his books. Client paid the company, and the company kept the money but has now blocked all communication. Client seeks legal assistance evaluating and implementing the appropriate next steps.
26-0364 Pro Bono	IP Law – Trademark	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Copyright Infringement: Trademark:Theater** 26-0364 Client is a writer, performer, and producer. Client created a show and licensed it to production company. Client produces other shows independently with material that production company does not have any rights or license to. The production company is sending cease and desist letters to the venues who hire the Client. Client needs legal assistance corresponding with this production company to clarify IP ownership and evaluate legal action if the production company continues.
26-0361 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Copyright Evaluation/Clearance: Life Rights: Theater** 26-0361 Client is a theater NFP. Client's playwright has written a play about a real life historical figure that includes references to the figure's appearances on tv. Client would like legal assistance obtaining life rights as well as evaluating what, if any, other rights might be needed to produce the play.
26-0339 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Dispute: VARA: Visual Arts** 26-0339 Client is a visual artist. Client owned and operated an art gallery in Illinois that commissioned a mural to be painted on the exterior wall of the building. Years ago, the city previously attempted to tear down the building and Client brought a VARA claim that was ultimately dropped once the city decided not to move forward with destruction of the building. The city has once again decided that they seek to tear down the building to make way for a new development and has sent Client a letter demanding payment should Client seek to preserve the mural. Client needs assistance responding to this letter and reasserting their VARA rights over the mural.
26-0333 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Real Estate & Property Law	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Dispute: Landlord/Tenant: Literary/Film/TV** 26-0333 Client is a writer, speaker, and actor. Client recently had to move out of an apartment out of state due to uninhabitable living conditions including black mold on the premises. Client filmed a talk show out of this residence, sponsored in part by the property management company who did not respond to Client's complaints about conditions. Client had to relocate for health reasons associated with the living conditions and seeks legal assistance bringing a claim against the property management.

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26-0292 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Music	**Dispute: Copyright Infringement: Music** 26-0292 Client is a singer-songwriter and recording artist. Client is currently in a copyright dispute over a beat used in a song and video release. Client attempted to verify ownership of a similar beat, but could not identify the owner, so they created a similar beat. Owner of the original beat, then claimed the similar beat is an infringement. The opposing party is now seeking damages. Client filed pro se appearance and now needs legal representation to respond to the complaint and proceed through litigation.
26-0286 Pro Bono	Data Privacy & Technology Law	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Dispute: Social Media: Theater/Live Performance** 26-0286 Client is an actor, producer, director, and writer. Client recently had social media accounts, which she uses primarily for business purposes, including the account of her theatre partnership, which she managed, actioned for an alleged violation of policy that never occurred. Client has exhausted internal procedures with the social media company, and now seeks legal advice in next steps that should be taken to have accounts restored
26-0253 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Graphic Design, Illustration, & Digital Content	**Dispute: Breach of Contract: Animation** 26-0253 Client is an animator. Client seeks legal assistance regarding unpaid compensation for completed work performed under a signed agreement. Client had an attorney previously and filed a lawsuit, however, the case was dismissed for want of prosecution. Client has since ended relationship with that attorney and seeks legal assistance in refiling this breach of contract matter to obtain compensation still owed.
26-0237 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright, IP Law – Trademark	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Copyright Registration: Visual Arts** 26-0237 Client is a cartoonist with strips that have been published in print and electronic magazines. Client seeks legal assistance to register the copyright for the works with the copyright office.
26-0191 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Dispute: Breach of Contract: Collection: Book Distribution** 26-0191 Client is an established, award-winning nonprofit poetry press operating under a distribution agreement with a Chicago-based national book distributor. The distributor has engaged in sustained conduct, including withheld payments, excessive and inadequately defined fee deductions, and delivery of misprinted inventory. Two formal written demands have gone unresolved. Client presents a prepared litigation brief and seeks Illinois counsel to evaluate breach-of-contract claims and pursue recovery.
26-0129 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Real Estate & Property Law	Music	**Dispute: Real Estate: HOA: Music** 26-0129 Client is a musician and visual artist. Client's home pipes leaked into their downstairs neighbors home. Client lives in owner's only building managed by a homeowner's association. The downstairs neighbor is asking for Client to pay for this damage, Client believes it should be covered by HOA insurance. Client needs legal assistance in resolving this matter.

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26-0128 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Dispute: Breach of Contract: Literature** 26-0128 Client is an author. Client engaged in an agreement with a book publisher. Book publisher has had unreliable communication, has shipped Client damaged books, and is performing services not in the original agreement. Client needs help evaluating claims for breach of contract and securing a return of funds paid.
26-0069 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Dispute: Property Damage: Visual Art** 26-0069 Client is a visual artist and former art teacher. Client had the parking garage door come down on Client's car due to a parked car blocking the exit. Client received seemingly contradictory emails from the property owner in response to the damage. Property owner then turned Client's matter over to a collection agency for the full amount of the damaged door. Client is seeking legal assistance in contesting this as well as evaluating potential claims against property owner for negligent maintenance of garage door sensors.
26-0023 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Real Estate & Property Law	Music	**Dispute: Real Estate: Music/Theater** 26-0023 Client is a classical soprano and pianist. Client has owned/lived in a townhouse as tenancy in common for many years, making improvements and investing in the property under the mistaken belief that Client was slowly buying out the co-tenant's share of the property. Co-tenant's ownership stake recently went through probate. Client needs legal assistance evaluating options and negotiating ability to continue living in the property.
25-1330 Pro Bono	NFP Law - Governance & Board Law	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Contract Drafting: Not for Profit Advice: Theater** 25-1330 Client is a theater NFP. Client is putting on a production written by members of its board of directors. Client needs legal assistance to ensure nonprofit compliance rules are met as well as assistance drafting contracts for potential investors.
25-1326 Pro Bono	Employment & Labor Law, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Dispute: Employment Termination: Visual Art** 25-1326 Client is a journalist and visual artist. Client was hired by a nonprofit organization with assurances that the org had sufficient funding for the role. Client experienced a medical issue and requested the ability to work remotely. Client was terminated from the role shortly after this request and needs legal assistance evaluating a claim for discrimination as well as potential defamation as the organization has made false claims about the client related to their termination.
25-1323 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Music	**Dispute: Instrument Fraud: Music** 25-1323 Client is a musician. Client purchased a violin, believing it to be worth far more than it actually is, based upon the salesperson's description and the certificate of authenticity that was provided. Many years later, the salesperson told Client that the violin was in fact a composite and worth less than half the amount originally stated. Client seeks legal representation to evaluate a fraud claim and help to recover the money spent above and beyond the instrument's purported worth.

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25-1316 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Real Estate & Property Law	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Dispute: Landlord-Tenant: Visual Art** 25-1316 Client is a painter, illustrator, and art educator. Client rents the space where he teaches and creates his artworks. The space has had a series of issues of disrepair, including flooding, and the landlord is largely unresponsive or hugely delayed in any fixes they provide. Client needs legal assistance evaluating a claim for damages due to potentially uninhabitable conditions.
25-1311 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Real Estate & Property Law	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Dispute: Real Estate: HOA: Dance** 25-1311 Client is a performing artist and a writer. Client briefly fell behind on condo assessment payments. Client's HOA has added additional late fees and attorney’s fees and is demanding full payment in order to avoid further legal action. Client received a 30-day demand letter for eviction about a number of weeks ago and is currently in discussions about coming to a mutual resolution. Client needs legal assistance in corresponding with the HOA's legal representation to convince them to ideally allow the outstanding balance to be paid out of the sale proceeds of the property, which has been listed or to negotiate a payment plan. To also have some of the additional fees waived.
25-1291 Pro Bono	Employment, Disputes	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Dispute: Employment Conditions: Literary** 25-1291 Client is a writer and editor. Client previously worked for a book publisher in a strained and often hostile work environment. Client has been working through the experience in therapy. Client needs assistance evaluating potential legal claims and rights.
25-1278 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Personal Injury & Civil Liability Law	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Dispute: Physical Injury: Theater/Dance** 25-1278 Client is a performing arts NFP. Client regularly hires independent contractors for art performances and exhibitions. While warming up for one of these performances, an injury occurred to one of the dancers. The dancer has now contacted client asking for compensation and potentially lost wages. Client has a pending worker's compensation claim, but is not optimistic due to the independent contractor status of the injured party. Client needs assistance evaluating liability as well as responding to this individual's claims.
25-1251 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Theatre, Dance, & Other Live Performance	**Dispute: Harassment: Dance** 25-1251 Client is a dance NFP. An individual is harassing and stalking employees of client and is showing up at client's dance studio for programming under fake names. Client needs assistance evaluating legal action that can be taken to protect the studio, its customers and employees.
25-1110 Paying	Employment & Labor Law, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Music	**Dispute: Employment Termination: Music** 25-1110 Client is a music educator. Client was terminated from their role after allegations. Client denies any wrongdoing and is seeking assistance in evaluating case for wrongful termination as well as obtaining payment for the period leading up to the termination.

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25-1068 Pro Bono	Regulatory & Administrative Law	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Contract Drafting: Sanctions Screening: Film** 25-1068 Client is documentary film NFP. Client is seeking to film a few scenes using a local camera operator in a country sanctioned by the US Treasury Department. Client seeks assistance navigating sanction requirements and obtaining the appropriate license, if required.
25-1039 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, NFP Law - Governance & Board Law	Literary Arts & Publishing	**Dispute: NFP Board Governance** 25-1039 Client is board member for a literary NFP. Client had NFP's social media and email accounts taken over by bad actors. Those actors effectively shut down the NFP, filing unapproved paperwork changing the board structure and members, as well as closing bank accounts. Client seeks counsel in resolving this dispute and seeking remedies.
25-1022 Pro Bono	IP Law - Right of Publicity & Privacy	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Rights of Privacy and Publicity: Clearance: Film/TV** 25-1022 Client is a documentary film LLC. Client is creating a documentary film and is seeking audio testimony from previous court proceedings. Client needs assistance bringing a FOIA-type request to determine if the audio recording of this testimony exists and to ultimately obtain said recording for use in the film.
25-0995 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Real Estate & Property Law	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Dispute: Landlord-Tenant: Photography** 25-0995 Client is an LLC that rents a space as a gallery, school, and gathering space for visual journalism. Due to nearby construction and flooding, the gallery space is no longer suitable for any of these purposes. Client's land-lord has been unresponsive to these issues. Client needs assistance terminating the lease agreement and evaluating recoupment for rent and lost earnings.
25-0948 Pro Bono	All Other Legal Areas	Graphic Design, Illustration, & Digital Content	**Patent Protection: Product Design** 25-0948 Client works in industrial design. Client had employment with large consumer electronics manufacturer. Client significantly contributed to design of a major product line, but was not credited in the filed patent, causing lasting harm to client's professional career. Client seeks assistance evaluating claims for correcting patent authorship and/or damages.
25-0928 Pro Bono	Employment & Labor Law, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Dispute: Employment Discrimination: Visual Art** 25-0928 Client is an artist and educator. Client had job for many years as teacher, but was placed on a do not hire list. Client needs legal assistance in evaluating employment discrimination claim regarding placement on do not hire list as well as rejecting Clients formal request to be removed from this list.
25-0920 Pro Bono	Employment & Labor Law, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Music	**Dispute: Employment Classification: Music** 25-0920 Client is a musician/performer. Client worked with an entertainment company as an independent contractor. Client needs help evaluating whether the degree of control and nature of the work relationship would classify Client as employee and if so, Client needs help enforcing employee rights.

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25-0891 Pro Bono	IP Law – Copyright, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Film, Television, & Other Recorded Performance	**Copyright Infringement: Film/TV** 25-0891 Client is a screenwriter. Client needs an attorney to represent them in a mediation to obtain compensation as well as credit for a television show that was created using client's copyrighted work.
25-0844 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, Real Estate & Property Law	Architecture & Design	**Dispute: Landlord-Tenant** 25-0844 Client is a product designer. Client was served eviction to move out of apartment, arrived to move out their things. The landlord informed Client that they had thrown away Client's possessions, including stored IP documentation. Client needs assistance evaluating claims for relief, including retrieving property.
25-0830 Pro Bono	NFP Law - Fundraising & Charitable Solicitation	Arts Education	**Dispute: Collection: Grant Funding** 25-0830 Client is a performing arts education NFP, which has received state agency funding for several years. After an audit of client finances, client was informed of improper paperwork, resulting in placement on the stop payment list, and a determination that previously paid funds must be reimbursed. Client would like assistance to evaluate the ability to appeal this determination, and a possible cause of action for violation of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.
25-0795 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Arts Education	**Dispute: Discrimination: Literary** 25-0795 Client is a former student, and claims discrimination based on a disagreement with school administrators. Client was prohibited from in-person participation and presence on campus, and would like to evaluate the ability to take legal action based on these administrative actions.
25-0628 Paying	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement, NFP Law - Governance & Board Law	Arts Education	**Dispute: NFP Board Governance** 25-0628 Client is a board director for a southern Illinois arts NFP. The board has been in conflict for decades, and there are competing claims by several board members regarding the board status and rights of certain individuals. Client has been served with petition for preliminary injunction, and would like local counsel in St. Clair county to appear in consultation with another LCA attorney who will advise about board governance questions.
24-0884 Pro Bono	Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Enforcement	Visual Arts (Photography, Painting, Drawing, etc.)	**Dispute: Collection: Visual Art** 24-0884 Visual artist was the victim of a scam perpetrated by a commercial landlord. Previous LCA counsel was able to obtain a judgment in her favor for the full amount of damages. She now needs counsel to help enforce the judgment.