



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

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Case #	Legal Category	Arts Category	Description
21-1002 Pro Bono	Copyright Infringement, Rights of Privacy and Publicity, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Film/TV	Content Clearance/Right of Publicity/Right of Privacy: Film 21-1002 Minority filmmaker needs help determining whether his use of found footage in a documentary film violates privacy, publicity, or life rights of the subject.
21-0504 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Rights of Privacy and Publicity	Literature	Content Review: Memoir 21-0504 Minority author of a memoir needs help evaluating her potential liability for publishing a book that contains personal information about her ex-husband and about her now-deceased grandmother. Representing the LCA Writer: Content Concerns
21-0556 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Agreement with Platform/Financial Backer: Film 21-0556 Minority producer of a documentary film series about leaders in the NFP arts world needs counsel to draft a license agreement with the platform that will host the series and provide financial support.
21-0846 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Cast and Crew Deal Memo: Film 21-0846 Minority filmmaker/musician is producing a short film about personal relationships and needs a contract for cast and crew members. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Overview of Film Law Topics
21-0978 Pro Bono	Contracts, Employment	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Client and Independent Contractor Agreements: Film 21-0978 Minority filmmaker and producer needs a standard independent contractor agreement, as well as a standard client contract.
21-0956 Pro Bono	Contracts	Music, Performance Art	Contract Drafting: Freelance Writer Agreement 21-0956 Personal finance consultant for artists needs a standard agreement for freelance authors to write blog posts for her website.
21-0776 Pro Bono	Contracts	Music	Contract Drafting: License/Collaboration Agreement: Music 21-0776 Minority client created a brand around motorcycles and music, and needs help formalizing an agreement with a musician. Client and the musician plan to work together to promote the brand and the sale of the music.

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21-0897 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Producer Director Agreement: Film 21-0897 Client agreed to direct a reality show about the music industry in Chicago but the terms have not been reduced to writing. Client needs counsel to draft a standard Producer Director Agreement. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Overview of Film Law Topics
21-0959 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Screenwriter Agreement: Film 21-0959 Screenwriter who is developing a script based on a book about a woman who lived in the 1600s and survived a pandemic, needs an agreement with the author of the book. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Writer Agreements
21-1003 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Drafting: Screenwriter Agreement: Film 21-1003 Screenwriter client is working with the author of a novel to adapt the novel into a screenplay. Client needs a collaboration agreement between himself and the author of the novel. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Writer Agreements
21-1044 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Music	Contract Review & Intellectual Property Protection: Music 21-1044 Minority hip hop artist is preparing to release an album. He needs intellectual property advice and counsel to review four beat licenses and a split sheet to determine whether he has the rights necessary to release the album. Representing the LCA Music Client: Rights in Musical Compositions
21-1035 Pro Bono	Contracts	Dance, Music	Contract Review / Drafting: Music Publishing/Administration 21-1035 Nonprofit organization serving children from underserved communities has recently begun producing music. Organization needs counsel to review a Co-Publishing & Administration Agreement and draft a Split Sheet for collaborations with songwriters. Representing the LCA Music Client: Rights in Musical Compositions
21-1005 Pro Bono	Contracts, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Music	Contract Review: Agreement with Music Aggregator Music Producer client has been approached by a music aggregation service that wishes to sublicense musical compositions and sound recordings to which client owns the rights. He needs counsel to review the agreement provided by the music aggregation service.
21-0810 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Review: Producer Agreement: Film 21-0810 Documentary film production company that is producing a film about the Black Lives Matter movement needs counsel to review a contract to engage the services of a film producer who will manage the financial aspects of the film. Representing the LCA Filmmaker: Overview of Film Law Topics

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21-0909 Pro Bono	Contracts	Film/TV	Contract Review: Series Option Agreement: Television 21-0909 Author of a television series about paranormal experiences received an option agreement from a small out-of-state studio and needs counsel to review the agreement, propose changes and negotiate with the studio.
21-0751 Pro Bono	Rights of Privacy and Publicity, Not for Profit Advice	Other, Visual Art	Copyright: Podcasting 21-0751 Immigration NFP needs intellectual property advice regarding their plans to produce a podcast in which undocumented immigrants will share their stories of facing deportation. Organization has counsel to assist with immigration issues.
21-1060 Contingent Fee	Copyright Infringement	Visual Art	Dispute: Copyright Infringement: Digital Art 21-1060 Digital artist created a piece of digital artwork depicting an actor from a 1997 horror film and posted it on social media. The actor is now selling t-shirts with an unauthorized print of the digital artwork on his website. Artist needs help evaluating a claim for copyright infringement.
21-0684 Contingent Fee (PB Eligible)	Disputes	Visual Art	Dispute: Defamation: Visual Artist 21-0684 Successful minority mural artist who managed a number of murals in a Chicago area neighborhood, lost several contracts as a result of unwarranted complaints that were made against him. Client needs help evaluating any claim that he might have against the disgruntled neighbors.
21-0111 Pro Bono	Disputes	Visual Art	Dispute: Demand Letter: Collection (French Speaking Client) 21-0111 Client, a visual artist, whose works were for-sale at a local gallery, needs counsel to assist with a demand letter to recover amounts the gallery owes to Client for works that were damaged or sold.
21-0491 Pro Bono	Estates	Music	Dispute: Estates: Music Royalties for Recently Deceased Band Member 21-0491 One of the members of a World Music group, that has been together for ten years, recently passed away leaving two adult children as the heirs to his estate. The Band intends to direct royalties to the deceased member's heirs, but the record label is refusing to divide the deceased member's portion of the royalties. Record label claims that royalties need to go to one person. Client needs help resolving this dispute.
21-0103 Pro Bono	Copyright Infringement, Disputes	Music	Dispute: License Agreement Review, Royalty Audit, Notice and TakeDown 21-0103 Client is a vocalist on a song that was recorded 1993. Client registered copyright in the performance and needs counsel to assess her rights under the licensing agreement and obtain an accounting of royalties associated with the performance. She is also interested in having an unauthorized YouTube video that includes the recording taken down pursuant to the DMCA. Representing the LCA Music Client: Rights in Sound Recordings

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21-0857 Contingent Fee (PB Eligible)	Other, Disputes	Film/TV, Music	Dispute: Non-payment of Royalties: Music 21-0857 Co-author of a successful house music song needs help evaluating her right to royalties. In addition, if recommended, she will need assistance with recovery though litigation. The song was originally published in the late 1980's and is still being sampled, remixed, and used in various mediums including television and video games. Prior LCA counsel has exhausted options short of litigation. Discovery may reveal that the Client has a claim for fraud.
21-0911 Pro Bono	Employment	Music	Employment: Vaccine Requirements 21-0911 Employee of a performance art group has refused the vaccine for medical reasons. Employer is requiring vaccinations for all employees returning to work. Client needs help evaluating her options.
21-0915 Pro Bono	Contracts	Literature	Estates: Contract Review: Publishing 21-0915 Client, a short story writer, entered into a written agreement with a Nigerian Science Fiction writer who passed away shortly after the contract was executed. Under the agreement the parties planned to publish a joint short story collection. Client needs help understanding the scope of her rights given that the other party is now deceased.
21-1077 Pro Bono	Visa and Immigration	Dance	Immigration: Dance Dancer's artist visa expired in August 2020. He filed his green card application in July and recently filed a request to expedite the process. He will be unable to be paid for his work until the process is completed and requires advice on his options for moving the process forward.
21-0836 Pro Bono	Visa and Immigration	Film/TV	Immigration: Film 21-0836 Minority filmmaker would like to engage a French cinematographer as the Director of Photography for her experimental narrative film and needs help identifying the correct Visa for this situation. Specifically, she would like advice regarding ESTA.
21-1010 Pro Bono	Visa and Immigration	Music	Immigration: Music Client is a jazz drummer who is currently on a F-1 visa. She is scheduled to complete a fellowship with a local music institute this year and return to her home country, but wishes to be able to return to the U.S. as soon as possible. She needs help identifying the correct Visa for this situation.
21-0961 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Contracts	Film/TV, Music	Intellectual Property Review: Education on Sexual Harassment Prevention 21-0961 Minority-owned LLC is developing tools and programs to combat sexual harassment and assault in the entertainment industry. Client needs help evaluating the best strategy for protecting her intellectual property and assistance with contracts.
21-0501 Pro Bono	Contracts	Visual Art	Legal Advice: NFT 21-0501 NFP needs legal advice regarding marketing and selling an artists work as an NFT.

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21-0935 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Not for Profit Advice	Arts Education, Dance	NFP: Dance Education 21-0935 Client runs pre-professional dance training program that is currently organized as an Illinois LLC. They require counsel to assist with the process of converting the LLC to an Illinois nonprofit corporation.
21-0870 Pro Bono	Not for Profit Advice	Film/TV	NFP: Fundraising Regulations 21-0870 Illinois NFP needs help evaluating whether they are permitted or need special licensing to use a Facebook spinning wheel game to facilitate fundraising.
21-0887 Pro Bono	Contracts, Disputes	Music, Theater	Real Estate: Contract Review: Loan Offer 21-0887 Minority artist owns a mixed use property. In 2020, Client borrowed against the property for improvements. Client missed her June 2021 mortgage payment and the lender immediately threatened to foreclose. Shortly after that, Client received a refinance offer from the same lender. Client needs help evaluating the offer to refinance.
21-0537 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate	Music	Start-up and Trademark: Music 21-0537 Minority owned music production company that has been producing beats for hip hop, pop, and R&B, for about 14 years needs help with business structure and trademark registration for one mark.
21-0796 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate	Film/TV, Other	Start-Up/Governance: Ownership Structure 21-0796 Two-member LLC client requires assistance to adjust the ownership structure of their company and obtain Minority and Women-Owned Business (M/WBE) Certification through the City of Chicago.
21-1047 Pro Bono	Trademark Protection, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Literature, Visual Art	Start-up/Intellectual Property Protection: Visual Art 21-1047 Author needs advice regarding the availability of intellectual property protection for an art kit.
21-0997 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Film/TV, Performance Art	Start-up: Comedy 21-0997 Comedian and writer needs start-up advice and help with business structure.
21-1046 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Trademark Protection	Music, Performance Art	Start-up: Music 21-1046 Minority singer/songwriter needs start-up advice, trademark advice, and help with business structure.
21-0998 Pro Bono	Business Startup/Corporate, Copyright Protection/Licensing	Visual Art	Start-up: Visual Art 21-0998 Digital and neon artist needs start-up advice, help with business structure, and advice regarding intellectual property clearance and protection.