

## Other Ways to Get Involved

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts is building a strong and vibrant community for the arts in Philadelphia.

For more than 25 years, we have been providing first-rate legal services to artists and arts and cultural organizations. Working across disciplines, we match artists and arts and cultural organizations with volunteer attorneys on cases from contract review and copyright and trademark infringement to non-profit incorporation advice and landlord/tenant relations.

The only organization in the region with this unique mission, we unite the legal, arts, and cultural communities to share strengths, expertise, and our passion for protecting artistic and cultural expression.

**We want artists to take advantage of our services. And we want lawyers to volunteer their time. But everyone in the community can support our work:**

- **Volunteer:** From planning events to helping with office support and outreach, we rely heavily on our volunteers.
- **Donate:** Over a third of our budget comes from individual and business support. Your donation is critical to the arts in Philadelphia.
- **Attend:** Our annual range of social and educational events provides a great opportunity to learn, network, and support our mission.

**Our Mission:** Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (PVLA) brings together the legal, arts, and cultural communities to share strengths, expertise, and their mutual commitment to protecting artistic and cultural expression for everyone. Through legal services, educational programs, and community building events for artists, lawyers, and arts and cultural organizations, PVLA empowers our community to make the Delaware Valley a preeminent cultural center and a great place to live.



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## Programs and Services

for Artists, Lawyers,  
and Philadelphia's  
Cultural Community

# for Artists

# for Lawyers

# for the Community

We serve on the front lines, helping artists resolve their legal problems on a *pro bono* basis through a range of services:

- **Legal-Lines\***: Call us for a free and confidential, one-time telephone consultation with a volunteer attorney on an arts-related legal issue.
- **ArtFax\***: If you need a short document reviewed, our lawyers provide feedback to clients on legal documents up to three pages in length.
- **Full Service Legal Representation**: Our lawyers take on cases for artists like they would any other client, subject to all of the ethical and other requirements of any attorney-client relationship. Clients must meet certain income requirements to qualify for Full Service representation, and there is a small administrative fee.
- **Legal Clinic**: A bridge between Legal-Lines and Full-Service representations, clients can see attorneys for multiple sessions for one membership fee.

\* All artists and arts and cultural organizations are eligible for Legal-Lines and ArtFaxes, regardless of income or operating budget.

For all legal services:

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email [info@pvla.org](mailto:info@pvla.org),  
or submit a request  
online at [www.pvla.org](http://www.pvla.org).

To get involved:

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email [info@pvla.org](mailto:info@pvla.org),  
or visit our website,  
[www.pvla.org](http://www.pvla.org), to  
join our mailing list.

Since our inception, thousands of attorneys have taken advantage of our courses and seminars as well as taken on unique and exciting cases:

- **Continuing Legal Education**: Held throughout the year, our CLE programs explore cutting edge legal issues facing our artists and organizations in our own community. CLE programs are a great way to network, get CLE credit, and learn about the arts and cultural community.
- **Client workshops and special events**: Opportunities to meet artists and network with other attorneys, or to keep current on the latest in arts law.
- **Volunteer opportunities and *pro bono* work**: Lawyers have supported artists on subjects from reviewing contracts and preparing documents to negotiating leases and exhibition agreements; securing protection of artwork; and setting up new community-wide arts initiatives.
- **Student Internships**: We rely on the region's brightest law students to handle our caseload. Legal Services Coordinators talk to clients and attorneys and plan events and seminars.

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts serves the whole community through a wide variety of services:

- **Board Matching Services**: We help non-profit arts and cultural groups find talented Board candidates.
- **Non-Profit Workshop Series**: This popular course, repeated yearly, helps groups figure out whether they want to become a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the nuts and bolts of how to make it happen.
- **Events and Seminars**: We sponsor programming year-round on topics like tax law for artists, intellectual property and the Internet, and music law.
- **Publications Library**: Call to come in to the office or visit us online to review publications on a wide variety of legal topics.
- **Speaker's Bureau**: We can provide speakers for your institution, club, or organization on a wide range of legal and arts topics.

To take advantage of any of the services above, to donate, or to volunteer:

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