

LEGAL ACCESS ACTION

AN ATL Community SUPPORT project INITIATIVE

Legal Access Action connects volunteer attorneys to the work of jailhouse lawyers, building power and equity for better post-conviction and parole outcomes in Georgia by grounding our collective efforts in community-led legal advocacy.

Formerly known as the Pro Bono Initiative, LAA is a collaboration between Atlanta Community Support Project's directly-impacted team, sister grassroots organizations, nonprofit and private law partners. Through LAA, we help ensure advocacy happening inside and outside prisons in Georgia is based on unified strategies, overcoming the institutional divide.



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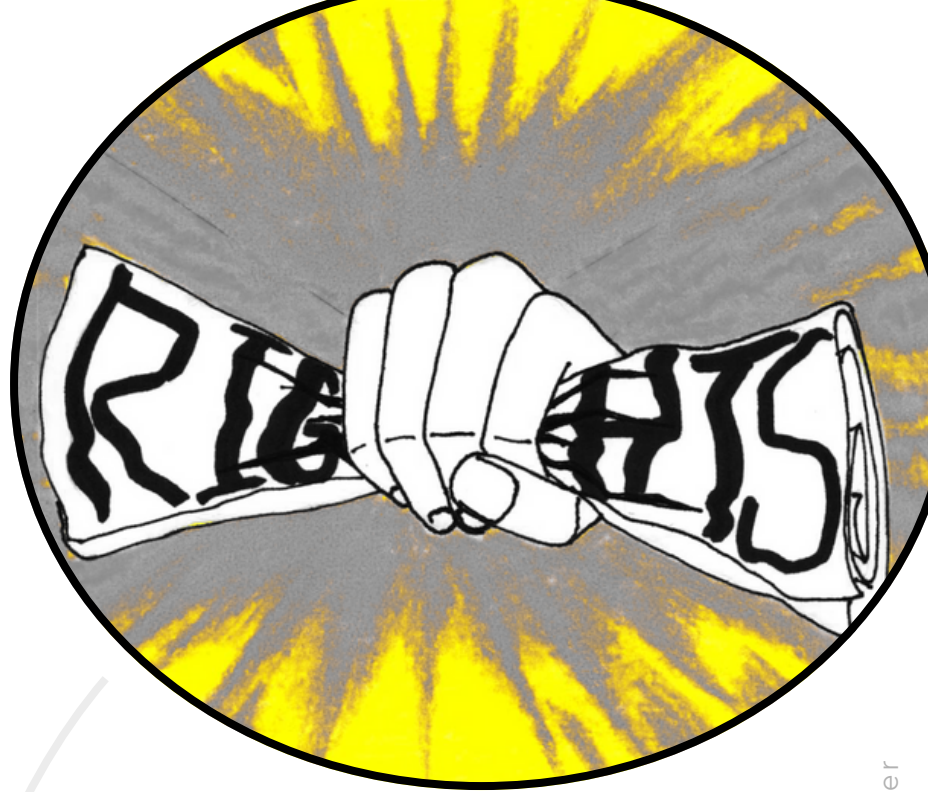
How LAA works

ACSP brings volunteer lawyers into the LAA network by providing Bar-approved CLE trainings. After attending a training, lawyers are encouraged to take on one parole or post-conviction case pro bono. ACSP provides step-by-step support, including access to our Toolkits platform, which houses resources to help navigate prison and parole procedures, screeners, arguments crafted by people inside, filing examples, and other helpful tools created specifically for our volunteers.

We fortify our volunteer lawyers' efforts by sharing resources that help them craft stellar legal arguments and reentry plans with and for their clients. ACSP will assist in coordinating letter-writing and relationship-building with advocacy organizations, prosecutors, legal clinics, expert witnesses, and other impacted-led groups.

Why it's necessary

- Jailhouse lawyers are the experts in our own cases but are often isolated from broader legal networks and action.
- Our volunteer lawyers bring professional resources and legal acumen, but have no way of knowing what's happening in practice inside Georgia prisons.
- To further complicate this intentional divide, there is no right to post-conviction counsel in Georgia and no such thing as parole hearings.
- Without communication across the walls, important legal arguments, parole strategies, and systemic challenges are weakened.



LAA core values



Our prerogative is **training attorneys who care**, many with no prior criminal law experience, to practice community-led lawyering focused on the letter of the law.



LAA is about more than case support. It's about **strategic networking**: groups of advocates who have traditionally been disconnected, now working in tandem to achieve shared goals.



We're redefining **expertise and integrity** in criminal law practice. By combining firsthand experience of incarceration with innovative legal research and litigation methods, we shape strategies and principled practices into collective competence and effectiveness.



This is about the real stakeholders – those affected by the legal issues we're addressing – bringing **ethics and accountability** to the legal profession in our state. LAA was created because *everyone* has a right to access the courts and to seek redress for constitutional rights violations. Our families are sick of being cheated and exploited by lawyers who only care about injustice when there's a dollar sign attached. We reject the idea that freedom and fair treatment under the law have to be bought. And so, realizing that plenty of lawyers in Georgia agree, we decided to get together and do something about it.

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