

BROOKLYN A BRINGS FREE HIGH-QUALITY ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT SMALL BUSINESSES IN NEW YORK CITY

Serving nonprofits and small enterprises for decades, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A's (Brooklyn A) Community and Economic Development unit is empowering small businesses that have commercial lease issues—in all five boroughs.

Brooklyn A's COMMERCIAL LEASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CLA), funded by NYC SBS, provides free, high-quality legal services to beloved neighborhood shops and restaurants during tough times.

Multilingual high-quality attorneys to represent small business owners and assist with:

- Understanding applicable laws and statutes
- Understanding lease terms
- Lease review, amendment, assignment, extension, termination and/or surrender
- Negotiation for new and renewal leases
- Covid-19 related rent abatement, arrears, and personal guarantee issues
- Drafting oral and unwritten agreements
- Support with landlord harassment/breach of contract
- Completing loan and grant applications
- Other transactional legal services

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a small business
- Located in New York City five boroughs
- Not be a franchise establishment

“CLA is the only program dedicated exclusively to providing high-quality pro bono attorneys to level the field for small businesses,” said Alham Usman, Esq. Director of CLA/Community and Economic Development. “NYC is lost without the diversity of the small businesses that shape each neighborhood and we are their legal team.”

Small businesses should apply at: www.nyc.gov/commlease

For inspiring success stories and upcoming events: www.bka.org/learn-more/

BKA website: www.bka.org/ced

Email: CLAhelp@bka.org

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Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) advances social and economic justice and community empowerment through innovative, collaborative, and neighborhood-based legal representation and advocacy. Through the SBS-funded COMMERCIAL LEASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, Community and Economic Development (CED) attorneys offer issue-specific counseling and represent small business owners in non-litigation legal matters. Brooklyn A's CED team may be reached at CLAhelp@bka.org or 718.487.2300.