

About Us

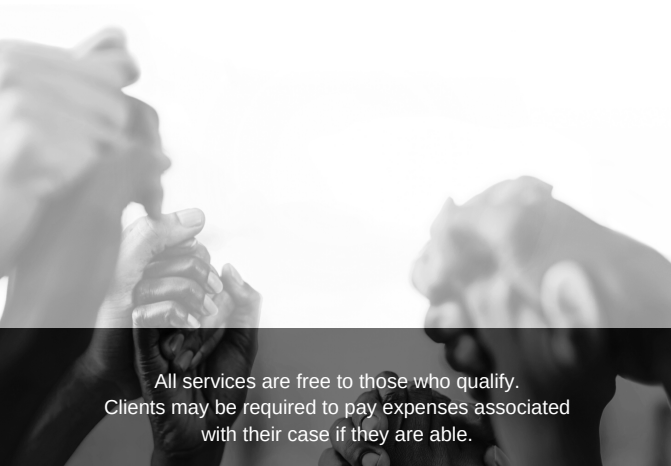
The Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC) is a community legal clinic set up under the laws of Ontario in 2017.

BLAC delivers legal aid services to low and no income Black Ontarians. We work to combat individual and systemic anti-Black racism by:

- providing legal representation, summary legal advice and brief services to individual clients
- engaging in test case litigation, law reform and community development to improve the laws that affect low income people
- giving public legal information sessions to members of the public and other community agencies

We can help clients by:

- giving you legal advice
- helping you fill out forms
- representing you at some tribunals and courts
- referring you to other agencies when we can't help



All services are free to those who qualify.
Clients may be required to pay expenses associated with their case if they are able.

BLAC's Vision

Our vision is a society where anti-Black racism is named and meaningfully addressed; where the humanity and dignity of Black people are centred; where the laws and the legal system are reflective of the real experiences of Black people; and where racial equity, dignity and full participation of all Black people is achieved.

BLAC's Mission

The mission of the Black Legal Action Centre is to **educate, advocate, and litigate** to combat individual and systemic anti-Black racism in Ontario.

In doing so, we will focus on working with our community and others with a goal of reciprocal and respectful listening and learning. Through rigorous community engagement and by challenging historically oppressive institutions, BLAC will endeavour to explore, understand, and re-imagine what it means to be Black in Ontario.

How We Can Help

We provide free legal services to low and no income Black residents of Ontario.

We are a non-profit community legal clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario. We provide access to justice for low and no income Black residents living in Ontario.

We Can Help With...

- Employment law, such as employment standards and employment insurance
- Housing law (tenants or co-op members only- not landlords), such as evictions
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), when you apply for ODSP or have problems once you are getting it
- Ontario Works (OW)
- Human Rights
- Education
- Police Complaints

We also give legal information presentations to community agencies and members of the public.

If we can't help you, we will try to refer you to someone who can.

We Can't Help You With...

- Criminal law problems
- Family law problems
- Refugee or Immigration law problems

Anti-Black Racism

BLAC recognizes that the experiences of Black Canadians today are rooted in our country's history of colonialism, slavery and segregation.

Our clinic was born out of the present needs of the Black community, specifically as they relate to the disproportionate and troubling ways in which Black people are mistreated, scrutinized and brutalized by legal institutions and systems of power.

Our mandate is to challenge individual and systemic anti-Black racism in these systems on behalf of individuals.

What this means is that we will be able to assist you if you qualify financially and the legal issue you are facing includes elements of anti-Black racism.

For example...

If you call us and are being evicted from your housing because you have been unable to pay your rent, we are likely unable to assist, but will refer you to another community legal clinic that can help you.

If you call us and you are being harassed by your landlord and are being threatened with eviction because you are Black, our legal mandate says that we can help.

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Confidentiality

All information you give us about your legal problem is confidential – whether we are providing you with advice, referring you to somewhere else for help, or representing you at a court or tribunal.



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General Brochure

*"Not everything that is faced can be changed.
But nothing can be changed until its faced."*

James Baldwin (1924-1987)

