



The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to mobilize the nation's leading lawyers as agents for change in the Civil Rights Movement. Today, we use legal advocacy to achieve racial justice, fighting inside and outside the courts to ensure that Black people and other people of color have the voice, opportunity, and power to make the promises of our democracy real. Our work is spread out across a range of initiatives and projects:

- ity, transparency, and reform in policing. Our investigations across the country revolve around Fourth Amendment violations of excessive force and illegal search and seizure of property. Our litigation endeavors include cases such as Cottman v. Baltimore Police Department and Black Lives Matter DC v. Barr. We also combat white supremacy by strategically engaging in litigation and policy advocacy. We sue hate groups for their assaultive and threatening conduct, aim to eliminate white supremacist presence from the government, and diminish the use of online platforms by hate groups. Finally, we closely collaborate with Hill staff and the Administration and to inform national policy reform and legislative initiatives.
- impact litigation and legal advocacy to ensure that communities of color can access meaningful economic opportunities and lead healthy and prosperous lives free from discrimination. As part of our work, we have fought to vigorously defend racial equity programs that are designed to combat the longstanding, systemic racism and discrimination affecting communities of color in employment and health sectors. The Economic Justice Project sees economic prosperity and health equity as closely tied and mutually reinforcing issues: when barriers to quality healthcare services and access are eliminated, communities have more opportunities for economic success.

► THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT (EOP)

- supports the organization's racial justice mission by ensuring equal and equitable educational opportunities in K-12 and higher education for and in partnership with Black communities and other historically marginalized communities of color. Today, we are at the forefront of some of the most prominent civil rights issues impacting higher education and K-12 schools. Our team argued the affirmative action case (Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA) v. University of N. Carolina) before the Supreme Court, helping to bring the voices and experiences of multiracial students into the courthouse doors. Although the Court greatly restricted affirmative action programs in higher education, EOP has been relentless in its efforts to ensure colleges remain open and accessible to all students. We are one of the nation's leading teams in counterattacking classroom censorship laws that seek to undermine a truthful, racially inclusive education. Recently, our efforts secured partial injunctions in Arkansas and Oklahoma, limiting the scope of their censorship laws.
- by the Lawyers' Committee–is the nation's largest and longest-running nonpartisan voter protection program. The coalition provides non-partisan resources, training, assistance, and technical expertise to over 300 local and state partners through education and outreach efforts. We provide direct resources to voters through the administration of the 866-OUR-VOTE contact center, which connects voters to attorneys and trained volunteers who offer live, unbiased voting information year-round, including voter registration confirmation, assistance voting by mail, and rapid troubleshooting at the polls.
- THE DIGITAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE works to counter data-driven discrimination by advocating for data privacy protections and opposing commercial surveillance practices that result in racially disparate harm. We combat online white supremacy by protecting Black people and other people of color against online hate, disinformation, and voter suppression. We advocate for restrictions on law enforcement use of facial recognition technology. We push for comprehensive privacy legislation and published model legislation for addressing Al and algorithmic discrimination. Earlier in 2024, we obtained a settlement of up to \$1.25 million against individuals who sent intimidating

- robocalls targeted to Black voters in the 2020 election. We also obtained a \$1 million judgment against Proud Boys members who attacked a historic Black church over its support for Black Lives Matter.
- PROJECT'S (FHCD) overarching mission is to achieve housing justice for Black people and other people of color in the United States. The country is facing an affordable housing crisis marked by increasing homelessness, soaring rents, and stagnant homeownership, all of which disproportionately affect Black communities. FHCD combats these crises by utilizing litigation and policy campaigns to achieve housing justice and expand housing choice to Black households, specifically by combatting residential displacement and exclusionary zoning. FHCD's main priority is combating such displacement by litigating impact cases across the country and engaging Black-led tenant organizations on a policy advocacy level.
- THE PUBLIC POLICY PROJECT works to effectively advance the civil rights priorities of the Lawyers' Committee by leading and coordinating advocacy before federal, state, and local legislative bodies and executive agencies. Through relationships with the Administration, legislative offices and staff, coalition partnerships with other racial justice organizations, pro bono support from law firms, and internal coordination among the Lawyers' Committee Projects, we provide strategic guidance and input on executive and administrative actions, legislation, and nominations; testimony; technical expertise and advising for legislative and executive agency staff; review and monitoring of enforcement of administrative rules and regulations; and public education events and outreach.
- ▶ THE VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT handles a robust litigation portfolio, focused on cases brought to uphold the right of Black voters and other persons of color to exercise their right to vote freely and equally. We have participated in approximately 140 cases over the past decade, resulting in the elimination of racially discriminatory practices such as an unnecessarily stringent voter ID law in Texas, an unlawful proof of residency law in Arizona, unconstitutional restrictions on registration practices in Tennessee, and an illegal voter purge in Georgia.