

Philadelphia
Volunteer Lawyers
for the Arts

Protecting the
landscape of
creative expression

Work with diverse legal issues

While offering valuable expertise to the region's creative sector, attorneys participating in the Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the ArtsSM program:

- Gain pro bono experience with the cultural community in entertainment law, contracts, intellectual property, real estate and digital media
- Showcase a firm's commitment to the arts through front-line, pro bono work
- Network at year-round Council events with like-minded business, legal and professional leaders

arts value

Affordable expertise

PVLA delivers accessible expertise through:

- Legal Lines – phone consultation to discuss an arts-related legal issue
- ArtFax – phone consultation to discuss an arts-related legal document
- Full Service Representation – for more complex situations that cannot be resolved in a phone call, such as contract drafting, litigation and negotiation
- Courtesy Attorney List – for clients who don't financially qualify for Full Service Representation or when the matter is not sufficiently arts-related
- Speakers Bureau of highly successful attorneys
- Online library of resources for purchase on the Council's website
- Artists' workshops with experts on legal matters

Address legal issues in the creative community

Contact the program director at 215.790.3836 or pvla@artsandbusinessphila.org
Learn more at www.artsandbusinessphila.org/pvla

Artists

According to musician Mark Johns, "The firm using my original music did not honor my contract and did not pay me. PVLA volunteer attorney Bruce Bellingham from Spector Gadon & Rosen, P.C. not only eased my mind about complex contractual and copyright issues, but helped me negotiate a recording deal. The net result: I have a much brighter future."

Designer and furniture maker John Bolle gratefully reported that, "My livelihood of creating custom furniture was preserved by PVLA volunteer attorney Gary Zlotnick from Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy, P.C. He helped me successfully navigate my Philadelphia Business Privilege Tax obligations – and plan ahead for future licensing considerations."

Longtime volunteer and supporter

"PVLA is the ultimate win/win for lawyers and PVLA clients. Clients receive legal advice pro bono, and lawyers have an opportunity to use their expertise where it is most needed. In addition, many attorneys gain valuable experience, because PVLA clients may have legal needs in cutting-edge areas of the law."

Corey Field, Esq.
Associate
Ballard Spahr, LLP

Arts manager

"We have contacted PVLA numerous times to help us with legal logistics around furthering our mission. We always come away with the information and the confidence we need to move forward. We are deeply grateful for PVLA, a much-needed service, which is always readily available to those of us on the front lines."

Barbara Chandler Allen
Executive Director
Fresh Artists

At a glance

- ▶ Pro bono and low-cost legal services for artists and arts and cultural organizations
- ▶ Affordable workshops for artists and cultural organizations
- ▶ Publications Library on a variety of legal topics
- ▶ Law student internships for experiential learning

Impact

Each year, PVLA attorneys work with about 600 artists and more than 200 arts organizations on issues ranging from tax concerns to employment matters.

About the Council

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia strengthens the partnership between business and artists and the cultural community to drive the creativity, vitality and economic development of the Greater Philadelphia Region. By helping both arts and business thrive, the Council contributes to the region's competitive edge across the country and around the world.

A community of volunteers

Business people involved in Council programs receive regular invitations to "backstage" arts experiences, educational forums and other networking events.

In addition to PVLA's legal assistance, the Arts & Business Council provides:

HANDS-ON VOLUNTEERS

BUSINESS ON CALL® engages business professionals from participating companies with arts and cultural organizations through short-term volunteering at theaters, museums, arts galas and more.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

Business Volunteers for the Arts® (BVA) trains and places business professionals as volunteer management consultants with arts and cultural organizations to work on issues such as strategic planning, financial management, marketing and more.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Technology Connectors™ leverages assistance from technology professionals to provide the cultural community with software training as well as short- and long-term technology planning.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING AND PLACEMENT

Business On Board® trains business executives in nonprofit governance, carefully matches them with boards in the cultural community, and offers arts and cultural organizations workshops to strengthen board development and governance.

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