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LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR
CIVIL RIGHTS
UNDER LAW



MISSION STATEMENT

The principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is to secure equal justice for all through the rule of law, targeting in particular the inequities confronting African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities. The Lawyers' Committee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the private bar's leadership and resources in combating racial discrimination and the resulting inequality of opportunity—work that continues to be vital today.

SUMMARY

The Lawyers' Committee implements its mission through the following core projects and initiatives:

- » Educational Opportunities
- » Employment Discrimination
- » Fair Housing & Community Development
- » Legal Mobilization
- » Public Policy
- » Voting Rights
- » Election Protection Coalition
(led by the Lawyers' Committee)
- » Judicial Diversity Program
- » Young Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- » Parental Readiness and Empowerment Program (PREP)
- » South Jersey Educational Reentry Program *(an initiative to break the school-to-prison pipeline)*
- » Criminal Justice Initiative
- » Access Campaign *(addressing employers' misuse of credit checks, criminal background checks and arrest records as a condition of employment and/or promotion)*
- » Immigrant Rights Initiative

Through these projects and beyond them, the Lawyers' Committee is also engaged in critical matters such as economic and environmental justice, international and domestic human rights, immigrant rights, racial profiling and health care disparities. The Lawyers' Committee's Board of Directors also leads initiatives to take positions on Supreme Court nominations, among others.

UNIQUE FACTS

- » Founded by President John F. Kennedy
- » Largest Pro Bono Civil Rights Network in the Nation and in the World
- » Thousands of Legal Volunteers
- » Partnerships with over 200 law firms
- » Partnerships with over 150 national, regional, statewide, and local grassroots organizations
- » Engaged Board of Directors & Trustees of 220 members from major law firms, academia and corporate law departments
- » Network of National Lawyers' Committee and 8 Affiliated Local Committees in Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Boston; Chicago; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Colorado and Mississippi

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