WHO WE ARE

OUR ORGANIZATION IS UNIQUE.

It is the only Local Legal Aid Centre in Quebec. More importantly, it remains independent and autonomous from the government. Our services and activities are divided into two categories that are interrelated: our Legal Aid services and our community action. Since justice does not only happen in front of the courts, it is our duty to create connections between the legal system and social justice. We are dedicated to defend economically disadvantaged people. We work in a perspective of access to justice, collective rights advocacy and popular education.

Our organization was founded in the late 1960s from the need of low-income individuals and families to have access to legal services to counter illegal seizures, fight Hydro and Gas disconnections and evictions, get informed and trained. At that time, neighborhoods were vibrant with their citizens' committees and struggles for social justice. Organizations like ours sparked the inspiration for the creation of Quebec's Legal Aid network in 1972.

Our Board of Directors is composed of members of the community as well as representatives from community organizations of Pointe-Saint-Charles, Little Burgundy and Griffintown. Anyone living in these neighbourhoods, who is over 18 years old and who supports our mission, can become a member of the organization.

> IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE A MEMBER TO HAVE ACCESS TO OUR SERVICES.

CONTACT US

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES

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Tel.: 514-933-8432 Fax: 514-933-4381

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REGULAR HOURS Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

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LEGAL AID **SERVICES**

We offer legal services to people who live in our neighbourhoods: representation before the courts, consultations, drafting of letters. Our team of lawyers and legal assistants are there to help you. We provide these services according to the Legal Aid Act.

ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL AID

Each situation is unique. We encourage anyone who has a legal problem to contact us in order to verify their eligibility. Eligibility for Legal Aid depends on the financial and family situation of the person and the required service.

POSTAL CODES OF OUR **AREA OF INTERVENTION** H3K, H3J, H3C

OUR

SERVICES

FAMILY LAW

Divorce, child custody, child support, access rights, paternity, etc.

SOCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Welfare, old age security pension, family allowances, unemployment, CSST, SAAQ, IVAC, etc.

HOUSING LAW

Repossession, eviction, repairs, deficient housing conditions, etc.

CIVIL LAW

Curatorship, consumption, insurances, and debts, etc.

SERVICES JURIDIQUES

DE POINTE-SAINT-CHARLES ET PETITE-BOURGOGNE

COMMUNITY ACTION

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Legal Aid is a pillar of our social safety net. It is a public service that must be accessible to as many people as possible. Legal Aid is the cornerstone of access to justice in Quebec. With our allies, we work to improve access to Legal Aid.

COLLECTIVE RIGHTS ADVOCACY

We participate in numerous campaigns, research projects and collective struggles in collaboration with our community partners. We fight against discrimination, for the improvement of living conditions and the respect of humans rights so that everyone can live in dignity.

RIGHTS EDUCATION

We organize activities like workshops and presentations to share legal information and make it as accessible as possible. These activities are held in our offices or upon invitation from community partners.