Civil Rights Justice Initiative

LSNYC’s Civil Rights Justice Initiative uses litigation and advocacy to fight discrimination of all kinds, from employment discrimination to discrimination in the receipt of police protection, as a part of LSNYC’s efforts to fight for racial, social, and economic justice for all New Yorkers. The CRJI works in close collaboration with all of LSNYC’s offices, as well as with many community based organizations throughout the city.

The CRJI engages in a variety of advocacy and litigation strategies, from providing expertise in anti-discrimination law to attorneys in individual representations, to engaging in citywide, multi-plaintiff impact litigation, to providing technical assistance on proposed anti-discrimination legislation, to collaborating with community-based organizations to provide training for advocates and empower community members.

The CRJI works in all areas of civil rights and we consider the rights of those with limited English proficiency to equal access to services and benefits to be a civil right. Thus, the Language Access Project is a dedicated subdivision of the CRJI, which has been fighting for the rights of low-income New Yorkers with limited English proficiency since 2007, engaging in advocacy, training, and litigation at the local, state, and federal level. The Language Access Project fights for the rights of our limited English proficient clients to be free from discrimination based on their national origin and/or the language(s) they speak and to receive interpretation and translation services where the law so requires.

Our Legal Assistance Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4pm. Call 917-661-4500 to speak to an intake officer in any language.