

Labor & Employment Committee National Lawyers Guild – NYC

Our Mission

The Labor & Employment Committee (L&EC) fosters a community of progressive labor employment lawyers, law students, and legal workers in New York City through professional development programs, movement support work, and mentoring.

About Us

The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) is an association of progressive lawyers, jurists, law students, and legal workers seeking to reconstruct United States legal values to emphasize human rights over property rights. The struggles of working people for economic and social justice have been central to the NLG's work since its founding in 1937.

We are affiliated with the NLG's Labor & Employment Committee, which is at the core of the NLG's efforts on behalf of working people, and the NLG's New York City Chapter. For more information, go to www.nlg.org, <http://www.nlg-laboremployment-comm.org>, and www.nlgnyc.org.

Our Work

The L&EC focuses on three areas: professional development, movement support, and mentoring.

Professional Development

We seek to deepen our understanding of the law and our connections with workers and organizers by regularly organizing continuing legal education panels. Past topics include:

1. The state of organizing and lawyering following *Hoffman Plastics*;
2. Reimagining labor law in light of the Occupy Movement;
3. Proactive litigation to support organizing workers;
4. Addressing legal and organizing hurdles facing the Fast Food Forward campaign; and
5. Struggles for democracy and collective bargaining rights in Detroit.

Movement Support Work

Our committee serves as a resource to workers. We have provided know-your-rights trainings to workers starting an organizing drive, research for a seminar for rank-and-file union members, and support for a coalition pushing for wage lien legislation. Moreover, our committee stands in solidarity with workers. To this end, we have written letters supporting strikers, picketed alongside locked-out workers, and marched with workers waging a campaign for workplace dignity.

Mentoring

As a community of progressive lawyers, students, and legal workers, we offer support and opportunities for others who seek to work for justice in the workplace and on the job. Each summer we host a reception for labor and employment interns and throughout the year we host social gatherings for our members in order to strengthen our community.

Join the L&EC!

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