



Startup NYC

Manhattan Legal Services' Startup NYC project provides free legal services to low-income entrepreneurs, small business owners, freelance workers and nonprofit organizations in New York City. It aims to promote economic development in low-income communities by supporting the formation and ongoing operations of small businesses and nonprofit organizations in New York City.

HOW WE HELP:

- **Determining what business structure to choose**, such as sole proprietorship, limited liability company (LLC), partnership or corporation, and how to go about forming that entity
- **Providing guidance on necessary permits** and licenses to do business in New York City
- **Reviewing contracts** and negotiating and drafting new contracts
- **Protecting intellectual property**, such as trademarks, copyrights and patents
- **Advising on commercial leases** and assisting in cases of landlord harassment, and non-payment or holdover eviction cases
- **Providing guidance to not-for-profit organizations**, including aspects of not-for-profit corporate governance, New York Attorney General Charities Bureau registration and reporting requirements, and obtaining and maintaining tax-exempt status
- **Enforcing freelance worker rights** under the Freelance Isn't Free Act (FIFA)

CONTACT LSNYC

Call Legal Services NYC's Access Hotline at 917-661-4500, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to speak with an intake specialist in any language.

Intake inquiries are screened for eligibility, including income eligibility.

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