

Helping people access justice



We are a charity providing specialist legal advice and representation to people living in Bristol and in some cases the South West & Wales.

Our solicitors and caseworkers work with thousands of people a year, changing lives by enabling people to keep their jobs, homes, income and independence.

We work in the following areas of social welfare law:

Housing – we can help with repossession, unlawful eviction, homelessness, anti-social behaviour injunctions, disrepair.

Employment – wages & pay, maternity & family rights, equal pay for men and women, unfair dismissal or contract terms, and Tribunals.

Discrimination – problems with employment, public services, shops and service providers because of age, race, gender, transgender, pregnancy & maternity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability, and access issues for people with disabilities.

Immigration & asylum – including a specialist solicitor for all children's cases.

Mental health – help with Tribunals, managers' hearings, mental capacity, treatment, aftercare, nearest relative, unlawful detention.

Welfare benefits – we help with appeals against decisions on social security benefits, e.g. Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Public law – challenging unfair decisions made by public bodies such as prisons, schools, councils, health services or the police.

*"My voice
was heard"*

*"I could not
have done it
without you"*

*"You gave
us peace of
mind and
confidence"*

Our projects



Ask Us

A partnership between Avon & Bristol Law Centre, 1625 Independent People, and Bristol Citizens Advice. We work with young people aged 16-25 to help them access services, understand and exercise their rights, and work towards being independent.

Visit www.ablc.org.uk/ask-us-now, call 0117 916 7709 or email askus@ablc.org.uk

Bristol Law Clinic

Lawyers from around the region volunteer to provide one-off advice on Family or Employment Law queries.

Held on a Tuesday evening for Bristol City residents only.

Call reception on 0117 924 8662, email lawclinic@ablc.org.uk or visit www.ablc.org.uk/lawyers-in-the-community1

Our work with partners & communities promotes understanding of legal rights, to fight for equality and fairness.

People think they'll never need free legal advice. Then they do.

We are unequivocally on the client's side and help thousands of people a year, with wider social and economic benefits for communities and society too.

We need people like you to support our work

Funding from legal aid and local authorities has reduced significantly over recent years, while demand has increased.

To support us you can:

Donate Visit www.localgiving.com/ablc or send a cheque payable to Avon and Bristol Law Centre.

Fundraise You could also participate in a sponsored event and raise money to support us.

All funds raised are used directly to support work with our clients.

Volunteer Our volunteers fill a huge variety of roles and are vital to us helping the people who most need us.

If you are passionate about social justice, whether legally qualified or not, visit the volunteer page on our website for more details.

"This is a vital community service"



"Volunteering gave me valuable work experience & confidence"

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