

*GELC offers free
legal advice and counseling
through our confidential hotline
to individuals
experiencing gender-based
discrimination and harassment*



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GENDER
EQUALITY
LAW CENTER

WHAT WE DO

GELC protects and advances the rights of New Yorkers to work, attend school and otherwise be free of gender-based discrimination and sexual harassment. We provide free legal services to New Yorkers who would otherwise not be able to afford to hire a lawyer, facilitate know your rights trainings, and advocate for new and expanded laws to protect women, girls and gender non-conforming individuals.

IMPACT
LITIGATION

LEGISLATIVE
REFORM

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
& TRAINING

WHERE WE WORK & WHO WE WORK WITH

GELC is a Brooklyn based 501 (c)(3) non-profit that works with New York workers, students, and families to ensure economic security and access to opportunity. While all of our work focuses on advancing and protecting the rights of individuals who face social, institutional, and legal discrimination, our mission is to provide access to legal services for low income individuals, particularly those from historically marginalized communities, who have been discriminated against based on race, gender and/or sexual orientation and identity.

In light of the pandemic and the need for increased protections for low-wage workers, we expanded our mission for the foreseeable future to help mitigate economic devastation on the heels of a health crisis. The intersection of issues related to lack of access due to language barriers, immigration status, and race only compounds the economic insecurity experienced by workers who lose their jobs. Permanent or temporary job loss will have a crippling impact on the economic security of low-wage workers, many of whom are already our most vulnerable residents due to pre-existing systemic barriers and inequalities—but also often those working on the front lines.



GELC saved me from a situation that I didn't have the tools to navigate on my own. I will forever be grateful for their help getting me through a tumultuous time in my life, teaching me how to advocate for myself and feel empowered in my experience. I truly do not know where I would be or how I could have recovered without their assistance."

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