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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD — MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

Mass Dissent

Digital Monthly Newsletter

...To the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests...

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Welcome to the December issue of *Mass Dissent* - Digital Monthly Newsletter.

State of the NLG – MA Chapter – 2022

Well, another busy year for the MA chapter of the NLG is nearly over. With the support of our members, we have achieved several goals, some in response to decisions of the Supreme Court. As you all know the Court decided the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in which the Court took away a woman's right to an abortion, thus overturning nearly 50 years of precedent set in *Roe v. Wade* which in 1973 guaranteed women the right to make that choice. In response the **NLG Abortion Justice Task Force** was born and is creating a legal clinic that will be provided to communities affected by *Dobbs*. In addition, the Guild has mobilized NLG chapters and projects around the country to create a National Committee on Reproductive Justice. **[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON THE STATE OF THE NLG.](#)**

If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to share with us about this publication, or if you would like to submit information, email us @ nlgmass-director@riseup.net



NLG-Mass Virtual Annual Meeting - Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6pm-8pm

NLG-Mass is inviting all current members to attend our annual meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6pm. The meeting will be virtual and the agenda includes committee reports and election of board members. **[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE BOARD NOMINATION FORM.](#)**

NLG-Mass Holiday Party - Friday, January 27, 2023, 6pm-9pm

Please join the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild in celebrating the successes of 2022 and the exciting plans for 2023! We will eat, drink, and be merry on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 6pm. The celebration will be held at 185 Devonshire St., Suite 302 in Boston.

Discussion with Luca Falcicola - Up Against the Law - Radical Lawyers and Social Movements:

We are currently in talks with historian, Luca Falcicola to organize a discussion with him on latest book, "**Up Against the Law - Radical Lawyers and Social Movements, 1960's-1970's**," which prominently features the NLG, our members and their work in civil rights and social movement advocacy in the 60s and 70s. Details to come. [**CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON THE BOOK.**](#)



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MASS CHAPTER

Annual Meeting

(Current NLG-Mass Chapter Members Only)

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Virtual at 6pm

Agenda:

**Committee Reports
Election of Board Members**





Mass Defense Committee Report:

Our Mass Defense Committee had an exciting and full year supporting social movements for racial, economic, reproductive and climate justice. We held trainings, represented numerous activists in courts across the state, and partnered with a number of fantastic grassroots groups pushing forward meaningful change. [**READ MORE**](#)

Street Law Clinic Report:

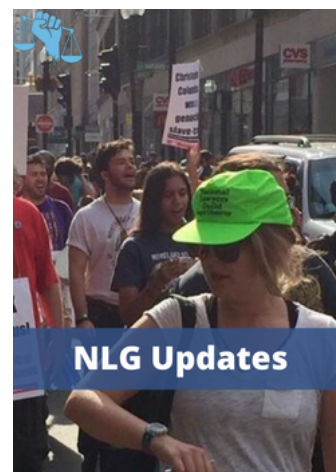
Street Law Clinic project has been working hard to grow our network of law students, practitioners, and community organizations.

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Litigation Committee Report:

In June 2020, Litigation Committee members, including Jeff Petrucelly and David Kelston, sent public records requests to the Boston Police Department (BPD) and the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) seeking records concerning the so-called, "Straight Pride Parade" (SPP) of August 31, 2019 and arrests, harassment and abuse of people who protested SPP. [**READ MORE**](#)

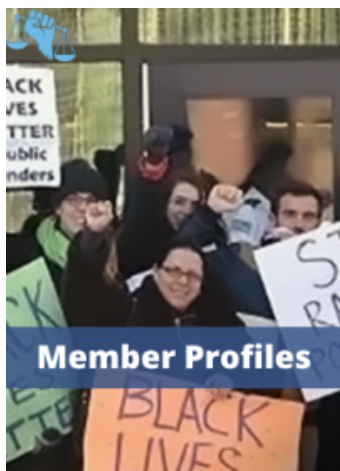
Abortion Justice Task Force Report:



NLG-Mass's Abortion Justice Task Force (AJTF) was established in response to the Dobbs decision. The AJTF is currently researching the most pressing legal questions for those seeking an abortion, helping with accessing an abortion, and performing abortions in Massachusetts. [READ MORE](#)



NLG-Mass Board Members - Urszula Masny-Latos, Jeff Feuer, Jeff Petrucelly, Melinda Drew, and David Kelston - took Doug Smith and Sara Malley to dinner as a thank you for their work with the chapter. Roberto Patterson also departed from his position at NLG-Mass but was unable to attend the dinner. We appreciate all of their work and hope they will remain active members of the Guild.



For this month's NLG Member Profile, we are congratulating Kylah Clay and her co-organizers at Starbucks.

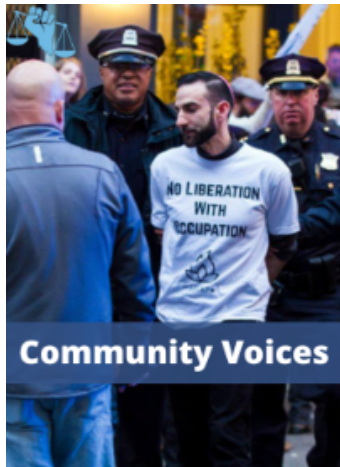
Kylah, one of our 2022 law student honorees, and her co-organizers at Starbucks were among the impressive group of people named as "Bostonians of the Year" by the Boston Globe.

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This month's Student Work section features updates from Harvard, Northeastern, Suffolk, and UMass Dartmouth.

This year, the Harvard Law School National Lawyers Guild chapter held a number of events and welcomed new members. In the spring, we held a series of abolitionist skills training workshops, which taught skills related to de-escalation, first aid at protests, and responding to people in crises.

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Recently, we had a great conversation with NLG Legal Worker Award Recipient Cortina Vann.

In this Left Ledes Special episode, we sat down with the NLG Legal Worker Award Recipient Cortina Vann to get to know her a little better. Cortina spoke about her work, what inspired her and what wisdom she had to pass on to the next generation of organizers looking to fight for affordable and equitable housing.

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