



National Lawyers Guild MEDIA KIT

WHAT IS THE NLG?

"...lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers...in the service of the people, to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests."
-Preamble to the NLG Constitution (1937)



NLG founding convention, 1937.

- The first racially integrated bar association in the U.S. rooted in anti-oppressive principles
- Multi-issue and intersectional: committed to progressive structural change to our current political and economic system
- Volunteer membership organization and professional legal network for progressives and radicals
- Publisher of educational media and other resources for members and the public

100% GRASSROOTS & MEMBER- DRIVEN



NLG members outside the Department of Justice during the 80th annual #Law4thePeople Convention in Washington, DC, August, 2017. (Curtis McGuire)

150+ CHAPTERS

organized by region, covering law schools, cities, or states, that carry out our mission locally.

20+ COMMITTEES

projects, and task forces working on a wide range of legal and political issues.

9 GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

that hold their own annual conferences to discuss local and national issues and make organizational decisions at the regional level.

1 ANNUAL #LAW4THEPEOPLE CONVENTION

the biggest event of the year, featuring workshops, major panels, CLEs, officer elections, regional and committee meetings, member caucuses, plenaries, award ceremonies, social events, local tours, and more!

LEGAL OBSERVERS & PROTEST SUPPORT



Clockwise from top: Legal observer documents arrest of activists at Trump Tower in NYC following the announcement of the DACA repeal, Sept. 2017 (courtesy of Movimiento Gosecha); Legal Observers in Ferguson, MO (Curtis McGuire); NLG Legal Observers at the "Unite the Right" rally, in Charlottesville, VA August 2017.

Established in 1968, the NLG Legal Observer program is designed to enable people to express their political views as fully as possible without unconstitutional disruption or interference by the police.

NLG Legal Observers are trained volunteers who monitor and document demonstrations at the request of community organizers.

NLG HISTORY



Angela Davis (center), with NLG attorneys Haywood Burns (second from right) and Margaret Burham (far left) during 1972 trial.

For more than 80 years, Guild members have been at the forefront of movements for social change. In the early decades of the organization, members organized labor unions, supported New Deal policies, prosecuted Nazis at Nuremberg, helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and pioneered storefront law offices for low-income clients. During the McCarthy era, Guild members represented victims of anti-communist hysteria. In the 1960s, the Guild organized thousands of volunteer lawyers and law students to support the civil rights movement in the South.

In the 1970s, Guild members represented Vietnam War draft resisters, antiwar activists, and GIs in Asia who opposed the war. NLG defended FBI-targeted members of the Black Panther Party, the American Indian Movement, and the Puerto Rican independence movement and helped expose illegal FBI and CIA surveillance, infiltration, and disruption tactics.

In the 1980s and '90s, NLG published resources on AIDS, represented Central American refugees, advocated for affirmative action, fought welfare reform, and supported living wage campaigns. After 9/11, the Guild mobilized to support Muslim communities and provide assistance to movements against war and U.S. imperialism.

More recently, the NLG has supported global justice, environmental, animal rights, and information activists, as well as whistleblowers and people arrested for their participation in the Occupy, Black Lives Matter and #NoDAPL movements.

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The Surge Of Protests Under Trump Has Created A Boom In Legal Notetakers

Since the election, the 80-year-old National Lawyers Guild has seen a surge of volunteers signing up to take notes on police responses to protests.

Posted on August 23, 2017, at 2:45 p.m.

 **Zoe Tillman**
BuzzFeed News Reporter



Legal observers wearing neon green National Lawyers Guild hats watch demonstrations in Charlotte, NC.

DEMOCRACY NOW! MENU

Medics, Observers & a Journalist Face 50 Years in Prison in First Trial of J20 Inauguration Protests

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After Harvey, Texas Inmates Were Left in Flooded Prisons Without Adequate Water or Food

The treatment allegedly follows a pattern of neglect set during previous years' hurricanes.

By John Washington

HUFFPOST US EDITION

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An American Journalist Is Facing A Felony Trial This Week — In The United States

A photojournalist facing a criminal trial on several felony charges sounds like something that would happen in another country. So this article is written in the style that would be used if it did.

By Ryan J. Reilly and Christopher Mathias

The Intercept_ STANDING ROCK DOCUMENTS EXPOSE INNER WORKINGS OF "SURVEILLANCE-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX"

Alleen Brown, Will Parrish, Alice Sperti

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Aureliano Santiago, a street vendor, answers questions from reporters during a 2015 news conference about a lawsuit filed against the city of Los Angeles. Santiago was a plaintiff in the case. (Marcus Yam / Los Angeles Times)

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