



Photography Policy

Legal Gateway is committed to using photography responsibly, ethically, and respectfully. Images featured on our website and in our communications should reflect our mission, uphold the dignity of the individuals and communities we serve, and respect the rights of photographers and photographic subjects.

Original Photography

When using original photographs, Legal Gateway adheres to the following principles:

- **Authenticity and honesty.** We strive to present images that accurately represent our programs, activities, and communities without misleading or misrepresenting their subjects.
- **Respect and dignity.** We respect the privacy, dignity, and circumstances of individuals depicted in our photographs.
- **Consent and confidentiality.** We obtain appropriate consent before publishing identifiable photographs of students or Federal Civil Rights Legal Clinic participants. For minors, consent must be obtained from a parent or legal guardian. Participation in Legal Gateway programs or services is never conditioned on agreeing to be photographed.
- **Responsible editing.** We limit photographic alterations to generally accepted practices, including adjustments to exposure, color balance, white balance, cropping, sharpness, clarity, noise reduction, lens correction, and removal of dust or sensor artifacts. We do not materially alter images in ways that misrepresent individuals, events, or circumstances.
- **Intellectual property and attribution.** We respect photographers' copyrights, obtain appropriate permissions or licenses, and provide attribution when required.

Stock Photography

Legal Gateway may use licensed stock photography to complement original images and illustrate our mission and programs.

When selecting stock photographs, we:

- Obtain images from reputable stock photography agencies or other sources that provide appropriate usage rights.
- Verify that the applicable license permits the intended use, including use on a nonprofit website and in fundraising or promotional materials.
- Comply with licensing restrictions and attribution requirements.
- Avoid images that are misleading, overly staged, or inconsistent with our commitment to authenticity and dignity.

- Do not present stock photographs as images of actual Legal Gateway clients, volunteers, or program participants.

Privacy and Responsible Representation

Legal Gateway recognizes that individuals seeking legal assistance may be experiencing sensitive circumstances. We take particular care to protect their privacy and avoid imagery that could compromise confidentiality, reinforce stereotypes, or misrepresent their experiences.

Questions or Concerns

For questions about this policy, image attribution, or concerns about a photograph appearing on our website, please contact:

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