

JOIN THE BOARD OF  
ARTISTS AND LAWYERS FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF CREATIVITY



*Contribute impactful pro-bono legal services and resources for  
artists in Ontario's creative community*



# About Us



For over 35 years, **Artists and Lawyers for the Advancement of Creativity (ALAC)** has been supporting Ontario's artistic community by providing pro bono summary legal advice, information and education to artists and creators.

ALAC is operated by volunteer lawyers, fellow creators and law students who generously donate their time to help Ontario's creative community harness legal knowledge to further their artistic endeavours.

ALAC is looking for dedicated individuals to join its Board of Directors. If you are a lover of the arts and are ready to join a hands-on working board that is passionate about supporting Ontario artists, then this may be an opportunity for you. ALAC is about to embark on its first 5-year strategic plan which is focused on three core pillars:

1

Sustain and grow our programs and services in accordance with the organization's mission to empower artists through access to summary legal advice, information and education.

2

Have an inclusive environment in all of its governance and operations and particularly involve historically marginalized artists and communities in helping shape ALAC's programming and services.

3

Continue to build cohesion and respectful relationships amongst artists, arts workers, lawyers and law students to provide legal advice and support to artists, while prioritizing the need to ensure a breadth of relationships that reflect the diversity of Ontario's arts community.

**Help *empower artists* and provide legal education and advice!**

# Board of Directors

## *Several positions are becoming vacant on the ALAC Board*

ALAC's Board will take a hands-on role in fulfilling our strategic plan. In addition, Board members will be asked to sit on specific committees, including fundraising, events, clinic, governance, and various other ad hoc committees.

This is a volunteer position.

### **Commitment**

Directors of ALAC meet four to six times a year through a combination of in-person and videoconference meetings. Board Meetings are usually between 1 to 2 hours and take place in the evening.

Board members are expected to join a committee or working group. The time commitment varies but is usually 2 or 3 hours per month. ALAC also encourages our Board Directors that are eligible to join our duty counsel rosters for the legal clinic and to volunteer to lead educational sessions.

ALAC is proud to represent a diverse sector that reflects the richness and complexity of our community. To ensure that our values and mission are aligned with the needs and aspirations of the people we serve. In this spirit, ALAC is committed to fostering equity and inclusivity by actively diversifying its current Board members.

We wholeheartedly invite applications from individuals who bring unique perspectives and backgrounds. Specifically, we encourage submissions from:

- Black Communities
- Indigenous Peoples
- People of Colour
- Persons with Disabilities
- Members of the 2SLGBTQI+ Community

You do not need to be a lawyer to join the Board of Directors.



# Call for Nominations/Expressions of Interest

Nominations and expressions of interest should be submitted by **March 22, 2024**, to Tyler Kowalchuk [admin@alasonario.ca](mailto:admin@alasonario.ca)

## Timelines

- ▶▶ **March 22, 2024:** ALAC Board will meet to review submissions.
- ▶▶ **March 25 to March 29th:** ALAC Board members will meet with a short list of candidates
- ▶▶ **April 1st, 2024:** All applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, will be notified of the Board's decision.
- ▶▶ **By mid April:** Prospective Board Members will be invited to attend a Board Meeting and formally meet the Board

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