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Consumer Law
Center



ABOUT NCLC:

Founded in 1969 to serve on the frontlines of the War on Poverty as the technical support center for legal services on consumer law issues, NCLC advocates are the nation's leading consumer law experts, providing a clearinghouse for resources on consumer law and economic and racial justice for low-income and other disadvantaged people, including older adults.

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California Consumer Law Support Project

The National Consumer Law Center's California Consumer Law Support Project strengthens the capacity of legal services organizations to provide essential consumer law services to low-income Californians.

The project will support California Legal Services organizations through four areas of work:

- **Policy Advocacy:** In California, NCLC retains [Kaiser Advocacy](#) to support legislative and regulatory reforms that benefit California Legal Services and their clients by sponsoring bills and supporting the bills of the coalition of groups fighting for economic justice—such as the [California Low Income Consumer Coalition](#). NCLC's experts also regularly consult with legislative and agency staff on consumer law issues as well as with the California legal services community. Through these consultations, NCLC can help elevate what front line legal service providers are seeing on the ground.
- **Consumer Law Litigation & Technical Support:** NCLC regularly provides legal technical assistance on federal and California consumer laws to the California Legal Services Community, and greater economic justice community. NCLC provides case consultations, litigation analysis, legal research, and amicus support to legal services and pro bono attorneys handling matters ranging from debt collection and credit reporting to student lending, and financial services. NCLC also co-counsels with legal services programs including cases with Elder Law Advocates (Gout v. Unison) and Public Counsel (California Bail Bonds Litigation).
- **Consumer Law Training:** NCLC hosts several conferences each year including the annual [Consumer Rights Litigation Conference](#). NCLC provides scholarship opportunities for legal services attorneys to attend. Throughout the year NCLC experts deliver free webinars, both directly and by partnering with state specific groups, such as the [Legal Aid Association of California](#).
- **Consumer Law Publications & Resources:** NCLC produces a large volume of [technical, policy, and practice materials](#) that help further the goals of legal services groups, including some California-specific materials.