




# Artists' Legal Advice Services

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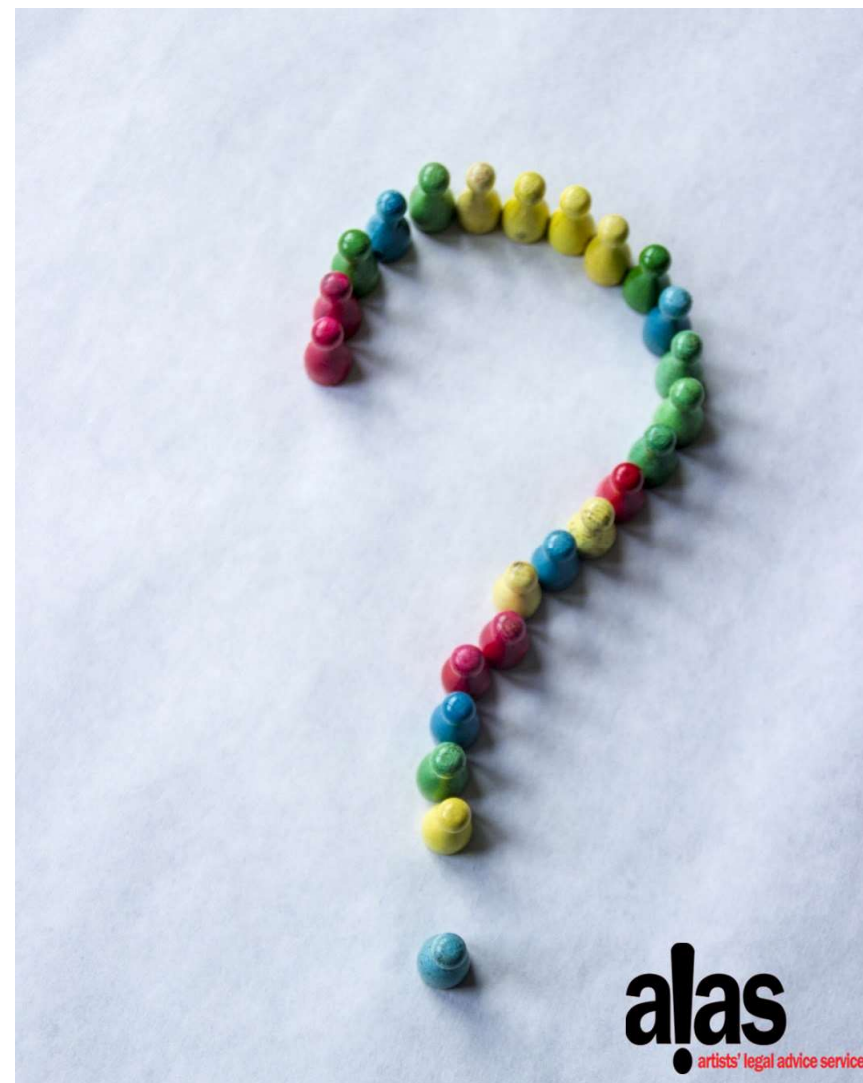


# About ALAS

Artists and Lawyers for the Advancement of Creativity (ALAC) is a federally incorporated not-for-profit. ALAC operates Artists' Legal Advice Services (ALAS).

ALAS is 35 years old this year! ALAS provides free legal information to creators living in Ontario.

ALAS is primarily operated by volunteer lawyers, fellow creators, and law students from across Ontario who donate their time to help provide advice to those who may not be able to access more expensive alternatives.



# Meet the Team

## Staff

**Camila Salcedo (Outreach Coordinator)** is an interdisciplinary artist, independent curator, community organizer, and arts educator currently based in Toronto. She has worked with artists in various communities, including youth, newcomers and emerging artists, via programming associated with artist-run centres, galleries, festivals and other independent projects.

**Tyler Kowalchuk (Project Coordinator)** comes to ALAS with a broad background in the visual arts, arts administration, and education. At ALAS, Tyler will be providing project support for the digital transformation project and strategic direction on related initiatives.

## Board Members

- Max Rothschild, Chair, Publications Coordinator
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# How we can help

## Our legal clinic & support network

is currently operating virtually and offers one-on-one summary legal advice and peer support to artists

## Our events

focus on different areas of law and art and seek to provide creators with guidance directly from industry and legal experts.

## Our legal database

includes an ever-growing number of articles and resources that provide summary legal information.



The Ontario Artists' Legal Access & Support Network is a collaboration between **CARFAC Ontario** artists and **ALAS (Artists' Legal Advice Services)** lawyers.

Our Support Network consists of:

- One-on-one meetings with volunteer lawyers
- Non-legal peer-support from a CARFAC Ontario practicing artist
- Group workshops or drop-in sessions with volunteer lawyers
- Webinars on specified legal concerns affecting artists

This collaboration has been formed to provide free legal advice and information, non-legal peer support, and resources for artists who lack access to these kinds of supports due to overlapping systemic barriers such as racism, homophobia, transphobia, and/or misogyny. Our intention is to support artists through a holistic lens of care. Our programs will be developed on a needs-based basis, and we are available to connect with individuals so that we can understand the issues artists facing, and how we may be able to provide support.



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# The Legal Clinic - Overview

- Allows creators in Ontario to receive free one-on-one 30-minute consultations
- We do not do legal work on behalf of clients (draft contracts, C&Ds or assist with litigation matters)
- No financial criteria required to book appointment
- Operates via Zoom on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- By appointment only
- Administration for the clinic is currently done by UofT law students
  - Law students are allowed to attend clinic sessions

# Events

Presented by:  
Artists' Legal Advice  
Services (ALAS)



## Playing Nice in the Sandbox

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE CONTENT CREATION

**ABOUT**  
A panel discussion with leading media lawyers.

**WHEN**  
Wednesday 17  
September  
6.00p to 8.00p

**WHERE**  
Duke of York Pub  
29 Prince Arthur Ave.  
Toronto

Creating content with others is easier when legal agreements are signed. But which agreements?

Leading lawyers in Film/TV, Music, Book and Periodical Publishing, and Interactive Digital Media/Video Game will discuss the agreements you need, how to get them and how to stay out of trouble.

## Not-for-profit Law & Governance in the Creative Industries

**FREE WORKSHOP**







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**GENERATOR**

Join us virtually for:

May 20, 2021  
10AM - 11:30AM

## Copyright and Fair Dealing

**CAPE BRETON  
CENTRE FOR  
CRAFT & DESIGN**

**Cape Breton  
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**A ROUNDTABLE  
DISCUSSION  
FOR  
EMERGING  
WRITERS**

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**Panelists:**

**GLAD DAY BOOKSHOP**  
499 Church Street, Toronto  
February 24, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

Moderator: Marian Hebb, Lawyer, ALAS co-founder  
Agent: Sam Hiyote, The Rights Factory  
Editor: Liz Johnston, Brick Magazine  
Publisher: Greg Ioannou, Colborne Communications, Iguana Books, PubLaunch  
Author: Nabeen Ruthnum  
Writers Organization: Anita Purcell, Executive Director, Canadian Authors Association

## LEGAL INTERSECTIONS

Setting up a Professional Practice

A series on navigating legal issues of importance to artists, designers, and cultural workers.

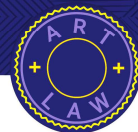
Monday, November 4, 2019  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Centre for Emerging Artists & Designers  
Level 3, 115 McCaul Street, OCAD University  
Register: <https://legalintersections.eventbrite.ca>

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# Publications

- Focused primarily on short, blog-post-type informational content

Copyright Intellectual Property

## Intellectual property primer

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## What is copyright?

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Contracts

## Written vs verbal contracts

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## Copyright collectives

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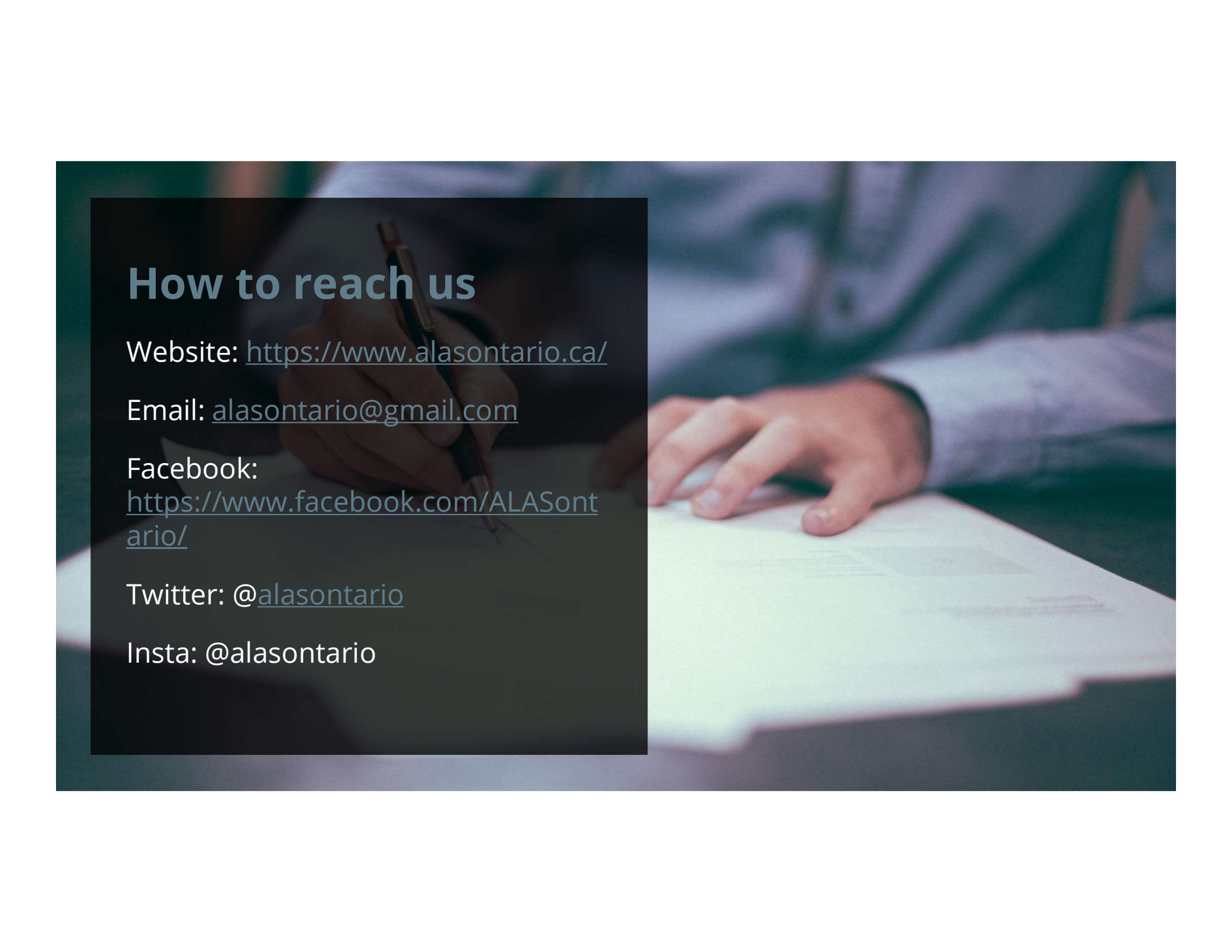


# NATIONAL NETWORK OF LEGAL CLINICS FOR THE ARTS

Regional Legal Hubs for Canadian Artists and Arts Organizations

This national collaboration facilitated by Pacific Legal Education and Outreach.

The National Network of Legal Clinics for the Arts is a connected set of proposed regional legal hubs for Canadian artists and arts organizations

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