



## National Homelessness Law Center Seeks Co-Counsel Assistance with Subpoena

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### Project Title

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### Scope of Work

### Timing

No deadline.

### Jurisdiction

Louisiana

### Contact Information

Please contact Guerby Noel ([guerby@lawfirmantiracismalliance.org](mailto:guerby@lawfirmantiracismalliance.org)) if you are interested in taking on this matter.

### Description


The Louisiana Legislative Auditor has subpoenaed the Homeless Management Information Services (HMIS) database from all homeless service agencies in Louisiana under the guise of an audit of their performance. This database request includes client names, SSNs, and any and all client information for the past 5 years. Because homelessness has a deeply racially disparate impact (40-50% of people experiencing homelessness are Black, despite being only 13% of the population, Native American households are also impacted at double their population), this could result in private data becoming public for thousands of disparately Black and Brown Louisianans, as well as

damaging the ability of homeless service providers to build relationships with people experiencing homelessness, and also will likely be used to reduce funding for homeless services. The Law Center has seen efforts for similar audits in other states, and is concerned about this sparking a trend elsewhere, so there is a need for a robust defense here to stop the trend before it starts.

Counsel has been retained. Pro bono counsel is being sought to serve as co counsel on this matter.

**Subtasks (0)**

**Reminders(1)**

 1 day(s) before