



INCUBATOR

Modest Means Incubator Program for Creative Arts & Innovation Lawyers

Regular Referral Clients

Regular referral clients apply to CLA to be matched with an attorney. These clients receive a free 30-minute consultation then negotiate with the attorney for additional fees beyond the initial consultation.

Pro Bono Clients

Pro Bono clients apply by completing an initial intake and a detailed financial screening. CLA takes a holistic approach reviewing many factors, including the applicant's adjusted gross income, not to exceed 150% of the current federal poverty guidelines.

Modest Means Clients

If an applicant does not qualify for pro bono assistance, they may qualify for one of three tiers within our modest means program. These tiers offer low fixed legal fees of \$60, \$80 or \$100 per hour.

California Inventors Assistance Program Clients

The CIAP applicant's financial screening includes a review of adjusted gross income not to exceed 300% of the current federal poverty guidelines. A detailed inventor's questionnaire is also required.

Program Description

California Lawyers for the Arts (CLA) Modest Means Incubator Program (MMIP) is uniquely focused on helping young lawyers develop their own private practice in Entertainment, Arts and Innovation law. A major component of the program is personal mentorship with 30+ entertainment and arts law practitioners available to help participants as they develop their law practice.

Each MMIP participant is provided with a desk, HD phone, high-speed internet access, high-capacity printer, full access to CEB online research materials, Lexis/Nexis, PLI educational programming (with MCLE credit), law office management software, and many other law office amenities. Each MMIP participant's name is listed on the building directory and on a name-plate on the suite's door.

Each MMIP participant is enrolled CLA's State Bar Certified Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS) and receives referral clients through the service to help them build their practice. CLA's LRIS has served California's creative arts and innovation community since 1974. CLA's LRIS also administers the California Inventors Assistance program, the largest regional patent pro bono program under Section 32 of the America Invents Act.

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What Incubator Participants Are Saying...



My work with California Lawyers for the Arts, as an intern, a law fellow and an MMIP Incubator Program participant, has been instrumental in my professional development. The MMIP Incubator Program provided essential administrative and educational resources, excellent mentorship, client referrals and a professional environment that allowed me to affordably grow my practice while mitigating the risks inherent in solo legal work. I wouldn't be in the position I am today without the help of CLA and the MMIP Incubator program and for that I am forever grateful. I would recommend it to any new attorney interested in growing a practice in the arts, entertainment and technology spaces. -Dave Murphy



“California Lawyers for the Art’s Modest Means Incubator Program was an invaluable resource in building my legal practice. It provides new attorneys with clients, confidence and coaching from a panel of seasoned practitioners. Without any hand-holding, it encourages collaborative effort between fellow participants and opens doors for the proactive legal entrepreneur, all while providing the necessary overhead at an unbeatable cost. I owe a debt to MMIP for its help in jumpstarting my legal career.” -James Marion



The Modest Means Incubator Program has been invaluable in my growth as an attorney. The resources are top-notch, and the referral program is dynamic, challenging, and rewarding. I have enjoyed working alongside many of the panel attorneys and fellow incubator participants and have felt confident in my practice from the very start. -Jasmine Braxton



Starting a solo practice can be daunting, especially as a new lawyer. The MMIP's exceptional guidance and resources allowed me to take that leap. The experience I gained ultimately launched me into my current position as an IP associate at a mid-sized firm. -Dan Senter



CLA's Modest Means Incubator Program has provided me with a supportive environment within which to begin a practice of my own. I have access to standard legal forms, free educational materials and seminars and other attorneys with whom I can discuss the intricacies of various legal matters. I am privileged to be a part of it. -Rita Graham



I think the resources available from the MMIP, particularly the CLE and Lexis/Nexis access, are a great value proposition. Having an affordable office really helps me stay productive. -Jesse Woo

I was lucky enough to find CLA's MMIP shortly after starting a solo practice. MMIP provided the support and reassurance I needed with access to experienced and helpful mentors willing to share their expertise. Meeting smart motivated young attorneys similarly developing their solo practice was a terrific bonus! -Tanya Eliason