**MASSACHUSETTS LAW REFORM INSTITUTE**
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) provides statewide advocacy and leadership in advancing laws, policies and practices that secure economic, racial, and social justice for low-income people and communities.

### ADVOCACY FRAMES:

**ADDRESS & COMBAT POVERTY:**
Identify systems and conditions that lead to and perpetuate poverty and devise cross-substantive, multi-generational strategies and innovative approaches that remove barriers to opportunity; create economic stability and mobility; promote health, safety and well-being; and lead to thriving families and communities throughout the Commonwealth.

**PROMOTE ACCESS TO JUSTICE:**
Devise strategies to address systemic barriers that impede vulnerable populations (low income; limited English proficient; limited education; seniors; individuals with physical, mental health or cognitive disabilities) and pro se litigants from accessing the courts or administrative agencies, from accessing basic benefits and services, from knowing and exercising their legal rights and privileges, and from participating in fair & efficient judicial and administrative processes.

**ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY:**
Identify issues and conditions impacting the state's communities of color and immigrant communities and devise effective strategies that diminish systemic barriers, racial disparities and implicit bias, and that promote equal rights and equal opportunities for all individuals, families and communities in Massachusetts.

### PRACTICE GROUPS:

**Economic Justice**
- Ensuring Availability and Adequacy of Public Benefits
- Removing Barriers to: Income Supports, Nutrition Supports, Work Supports
- Workers Right, Fair Wages
- Removing Barriers to Employment (CORI, credit)
- Asset Building
- Public Benefit Recipients’ Due Process Rights
- Immigrant Access to Benefits
- Systems Integration (MassHealth/SNAP)

**Housing Justice**
- Public, Subsidized, and Affordable Housing: Fair and Equal Access, Protecting & Expanding Housing Stock
- Family Homelessness
- Equitable Community Development
- Foreclosure Protections
- Public Housing Tenant Apprenticeship Programs
- Tenant Protections & Empowerment
- Housing Court Access
- Affordable Utilities

**Health Care Justice**
- Maintaining and Increasing Health Care Access & Affordability
- Removing Barriers to Subsidized Health Care
- Immigrant Health Care Access
- Child Health Insurance
- Addressing Health Disparities
- Streamlining Procedures & Eligibility Rules
- Systems Integration (MassHealth/SNAP)

**Family & Child Justice**
- Family Law
- Domestic Violence
- Probate & Family Court Reform
- Child Welfare: DCF Reform, DCF Fair Hearings, Kinship Care, Foster Care & Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

**Community Justice**
- Race Equity Project
- Immigrant Rights / Immigrant Protection Project
- Criminal Justice Reform & Addressing Collateral Consequences of Incarceration
- Access to Employment, Transportation, and Educational Opportunities
- School to Prison Pipeline

**Technology & Justice**
- MA Legal Aid Websites Project
  - MassLegalHelp
  - MassLegalServices
  - Legal Resource Finder
  - Mass Legal Answers Online
  - Online Legal Forms
- Due Process & Technology
- Using Tech Innovations to Increase Access to Justice

**Issues that cut across all MLRI Practice Groups =**
- Race Equity
- Language Access
- Technology
- Community Lawyering: Supporting and Empowering Low Income Communities