

# Enhancing access to rights in vulnerable contexts: the experience of Bocconi University's Legal Clinics at San Siro Legal Clinic



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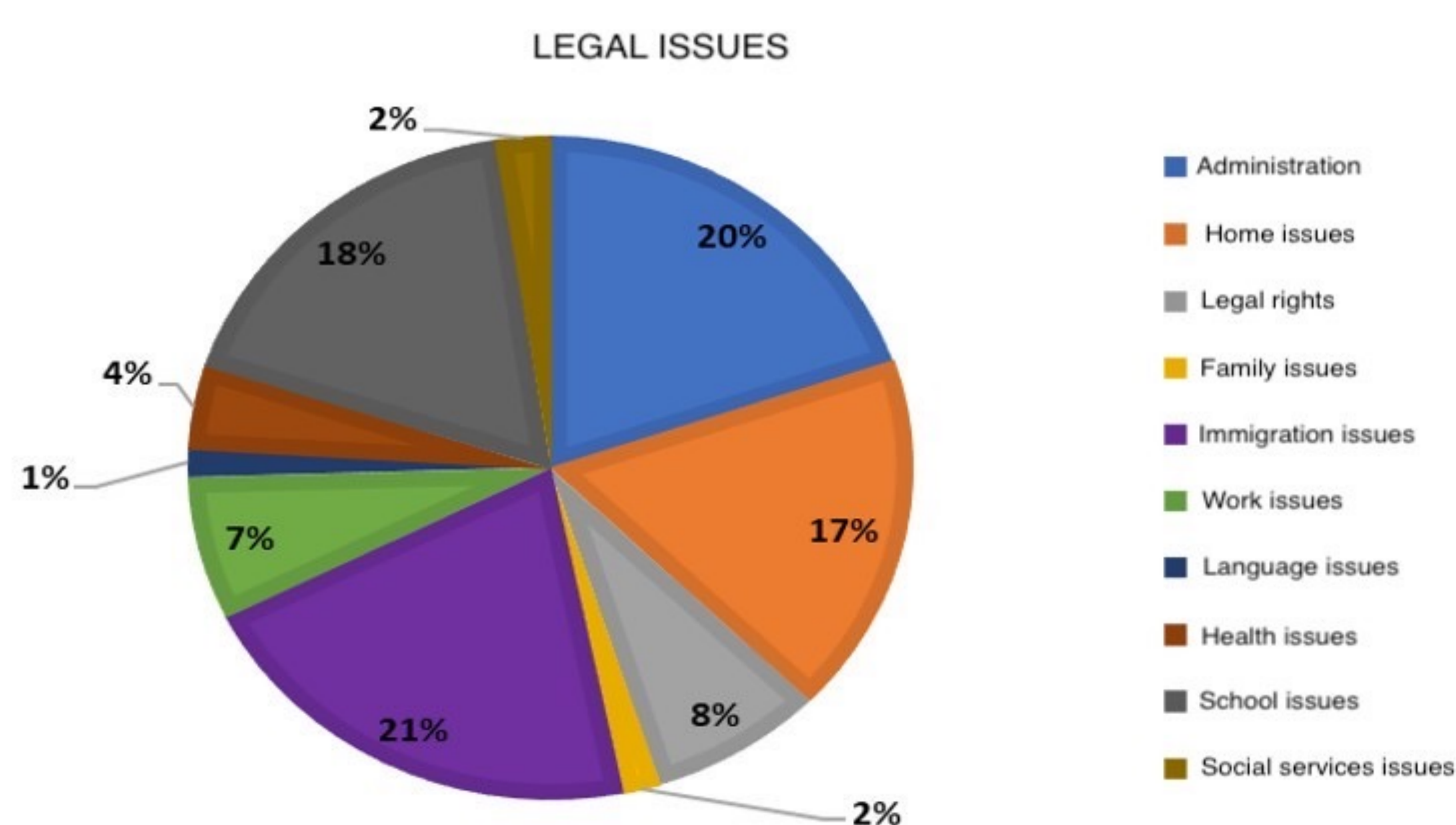
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## Aim of the project

- Offering free legal support to vulnerable individuals.
- Promoting social inclusion and broader recognition of rights.

## Introduction

- Established in November 2019, the San Siro Legal Clinic operates every Thursday in Milan, Via Giacinto Gigante.
- Students, along with professors and external experts, conduct interviews and provide legal assistance to those seeking guidance on rights and interactions with public entities.
- They draft legal documents and conduct research on complex cases, often with support from experienced lawyers.



Distribution of assistance interventions by category of legal issues (January 2023–March 2024)

## Activities

- Periodic training meetings on immigration law held by lawyers with experience in this field.
- Two meetings aimed at supporting practitioners and students working with vulnerable populations were held by the EMDR Association Italy.
- From January 2023 to March 2024, 33 students participated, with approximately 250 individuals seeking assistance at the legal clinic.

## Foreseen impact

- Standardizing best practices for legal clinics' beneficiaries and academic researchers through the publication of a vademecum.
- Enhancing coordination with local social service providers.
- Cultivating professional skills in students.
- Empowering San Siro residents in understanding their own rights.

## Collaborations & Cooperation

- Collaboration with other universities (University of Milan, University of Milano Bicocca, Politecnico of Milan)
- Law firms, associations
- Private and public institutions (e.g. Aler Milano, Milan Municipality, Questura, Prefettura, schools, Consulates)
- An active and constructive interaction offers a valuable opportunity to play a significant role in advocacy

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