



# Legal Advocacy Dynamics: A Theoretical Framework for Legal Aid Clinics Among HIV+ Patients in South Africa, 2009

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## Abstract

Legal aid clinics have emerged as a critical component in ensuring access to justice for marginalized populations, particularly those living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa. Theoretical synthesis will be employed, integrating existing empirical studies on access to justice in South Africa with theoretical insights from jurisprudence and social policy. This theoretical framework underscores the importance of integrating legal advocacy into healthcare systems as a means to address systemic barriers faced by HIV+ individuals. Policy makers should consider mandating or incentivizing the inclusion of legal aid clinics within existing health care infrastructures. Healthcare providers should be trained on how to identify and refer patients in need of legal assistance.

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