

2024 Annual Report



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MISSION STATEMENT

The following Mission Statement was adopted by the Board on November 11, 2003: The Association is organized and shall be operated as a bar association exclusively for charitable and educational purposes with the primary object of promoting the public interest by:*

- ***Advancing*** the science of jurisprudence
- ***Promoting*** the administration of justice and reforms in the law in the public interest
- ***Elevating*** the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession and fostering the spirit of collegiality among members of the Association and throughout the bar
- ***Applying*** its knowledge and experience in the field of law to the promotion of the public good;
- ***Arranging*** for the provision by its members of free legal services for indigent, low income and other persons in need
- ***Ensuring*** access to justice for all
- ***Advocating*** for a strong and independent judiciary
- ***Encouraging*** diversity throughout the legal profession
- ***Maintaining*** high ethical standards for the bench and bar
- ***Promoting*** high-quality legal education and other resources for law students and lawyers; and such other charitable and educational activities appropriate to a bar association as will primarily promote the public interest.

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Letter from the President

Adrienne B. Koch

President

New York County Lawyers Association

Reflecting on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the collective hard work and achievements of NYCLA's Members, whose efforts have enabled NYCLA to make significant strides in advancing its mission. Encouraging diversity throughout the legal profession, ensuring access to justice, delivering high quality legal education, and promoting reforms in the law are not just words in a mission statement. Your volunteerism, your *time* - whether it is to co-chair a committee, create a CLE, review contest essay submissions, or staff our Ethics Hotline - is what makes the programs that support this mission come to life. Our Members are NYCLA's "secret sauce," and this annual report is a celebration of you.

Here are just a few highlights:

We have spoken out against hate crimes, in support of voting rights, and in solidarity with transgender people. We submitted testimony urging fair compensation for our state judges, and supported legislation designed to help ensure the safety of all members of the judiciary. We supported the code of conduct recently adopted by the Supreme Court, had a voice on the issue of gubernatorial succession in New York State, and led a consortium of bar associations that spoke with one voice in reaffirming our commitment to promoting diversity in the judiciary following the Supreme Court's decision to end affirmative action in college admissions.

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In addition, after the Supreme Court granted certiorari in [U.S. v. Zachey Rahimi](#) (as NYCLA had urged in an [amicus brief](#) in support of that petition), NYCLA submitted an [amicus brief](#) urging the Court to permit states like New York to protect their citizens by keeping firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers. We are grateful to **Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP**, for their excellent work on these briefs, which they prepared on a pro bono basis.

Please visit the [RESOURCE](#) section of our website for more information on these and NYCLA's numerous other public statements and reports.

The educational programs and networking events we hosted have provided invaluable opportunities for professional growth and development. We have embraced innovation, adapting to a hybrid model of in-person and virtual engagements, ensuring accessibility and convenience for all our members. Our CLE Institute, led by Bari Chase, delivers of-the-moment, best-in-class legal education led by experts. Many of these courses, such as [Freedom from the Inner Critic & Self Compassion for Women](#), [Deceptive Investigative Techniques](#), and [Cybersecurity, Risks, Insurance, Employee Conduct, AI: What Does it All Mean for Lawyering in a Cyberworld](#), put NYCLA's programs at the forefront of legal education.

All of our volunteer facilitators deserve a big thanks for sharing their expertise. You can view a current calendar of events [here](#), and you can search our robust on-demand library [here](#).

Committees, the lifeblood of the association, are the voices of many lawyers amplified to challenge laws or celebrate them. Our Family Court and Child Welfare Committee produced a [statement](#) opposing the transfer of funds out of Indigent Legal Services, our Federal Courts Committee submitted [comments](#) in support of proposed changes to the local rules for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, our Tort Law and Civil Rights & Liberties Committees teamed up to [support the Grieving Families Act](#), and our Voting Rights Task Force collaborated with our Criminal Justice Committee to produce a [memorandum](#) urging the legislature to end New York's permanent bar on jury service for people with a past felony conviction.

These hard-working volunteers also worked with our CLE Institute to deliver programs that are as entertaining as they are educational. One of our flagship programs, [the Art Law Institute](#), is sponsored by our Art Law Committee and is now in its 16th year; it is facilitated by leading authorities and brings together a diverse roster of speakers representing multiple sectors of the art world. Our Law & Technology Committee teamed up with the Entertainment, Media, Intellectual Property and Sports Law Section to dive into the dynamic world of [Generative AI](#) and its profound impact on copyright, data privacy, and liability.

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NYCLA's [Justice Center](#) delivered the hybrid event [NYC Housing Court at 50: A Mid-Life Crisis?](#), and our [Center for Corporate Governance](#) conducted an all-star panel event on [Diversity in the Law Firm, in the Corporate Legal Department & in the Courts](#). NYCLA's Committees on Appellate Courts, Law & Literature, Law Related Education, and Real Property Law Section have also collaborated with our CLE Institute to deliver meaningful, informative content; you can read more about that in this report.

You can also find a full listing of our committees – together with a description of each committee's work and contact information for its leadership – [here](#).

NYCLA's [Special Masters Program](#), a collaboration with the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, is in its fourth year. Currently under the direction of Onya Brinson (who succeeds Hon. L. Austin D'Souza in that role), the program continues to provide the courts with meaningful assistance while offering attorneys from underrepresented communities an opportunity to volunteer in the court system. Our 2024 "class" of special masters includes 27 attorneys, whose efforts are helping to relieve the enormous burdens on our court system.

The [Hon. Harold Baer Jr. and Dr. Suzanne Baer Equity & Inclusion in the Judiciary Internship Program](#), now in its 35th year, offers similar opportunities to diverse law students by funding summer internships. I'd like to recognize the judges who have helped to sustain this worthy program by volunteering to create those internship opportunities for 2024: **Hon. Stewart Aaron, Hon. Barbara Moses, Hon. J. Paul Oetken, and Hon. Richard Tsai.**

Our Pro Bono department, led by Anthe Bova, has improved the lives of **over 5,500 New Yorkers** in the past 12 months through numerous programs providing both in-court representation and other types of counseling. Our **Volunteer Lawyer for the Day** program **reduced debt for clients by a collective \$1,428,848.**

Relatedly, our [18B litigation](#) – in which NYCLA successfully sued for an increase in the rates paid to assigned counsel for children and indigent defendants in criminal and family court cases – concluded with NYCLA winning an appeal in which the City of New York challenged the retroactivity of the rate increase. We are proud of these successful efforts to ensure adequate compensation for assigned counsel, which are part and parcel of our efforts to assure equal access to justice for all. We are especially grateful to **Michael Dell of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP**, who represented us pro bono.

As a community we've celebrated our peers many times over the past 12 months, coming together in person to recognize accomplishments, network, and yes, even party a little. Big thanks to our dedicated Executive Director, Sophia Gianacoplos and her team, for managing our signature events so seamlessly, and for the substantial role they play in managing everything we do. In October, we hosted our **Weinfeld Awards Luncheon** where we presented that award to Hon. Reena Raggi. In March, we held our Annual Gala at the Pierre Hotel to honor the **Judges of the State and Federal Appellate Courts in New York State** and to present our William Nelson Cromwell Award to Hon. Rolando Acosta. On May 21st, we will hold our **Law Day Luncheon** where we will present the Justice Louis J. Capozzoli Gavel Award to Hon. Andrea Masley. These events and the numerous others we've held throughout the year embody the spirit of collegiality that is in fact another of NYCLA's core values.

Our Membership department, led by Toni Valenti, has been busy refining and delivering more content on our new [website](#), including a new research area accessible only by Members. Committee support, Member communications, media relations, and Member support come from this team of dedicated professionals.

I want to reiterate NYCLA's heartfelt appreciation for your volunteerism and continued membership and support. Your contributions have not only upheld the principles of justice; they have also illuminated the path for future generations of legal professionals. As we look ahead, I am confident that NYCLA will continue to lead with integrity and purpose. Together, we will navigate the evolving legal landscape, championing the causes that matter most to our Members and the communities we serve. Together, we will reaffirm and reenforce the power of the legal system to enact positive change. Let's keep it going!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrienne B. Koch', written in a cursive style.

Adrienne B. Koch
President



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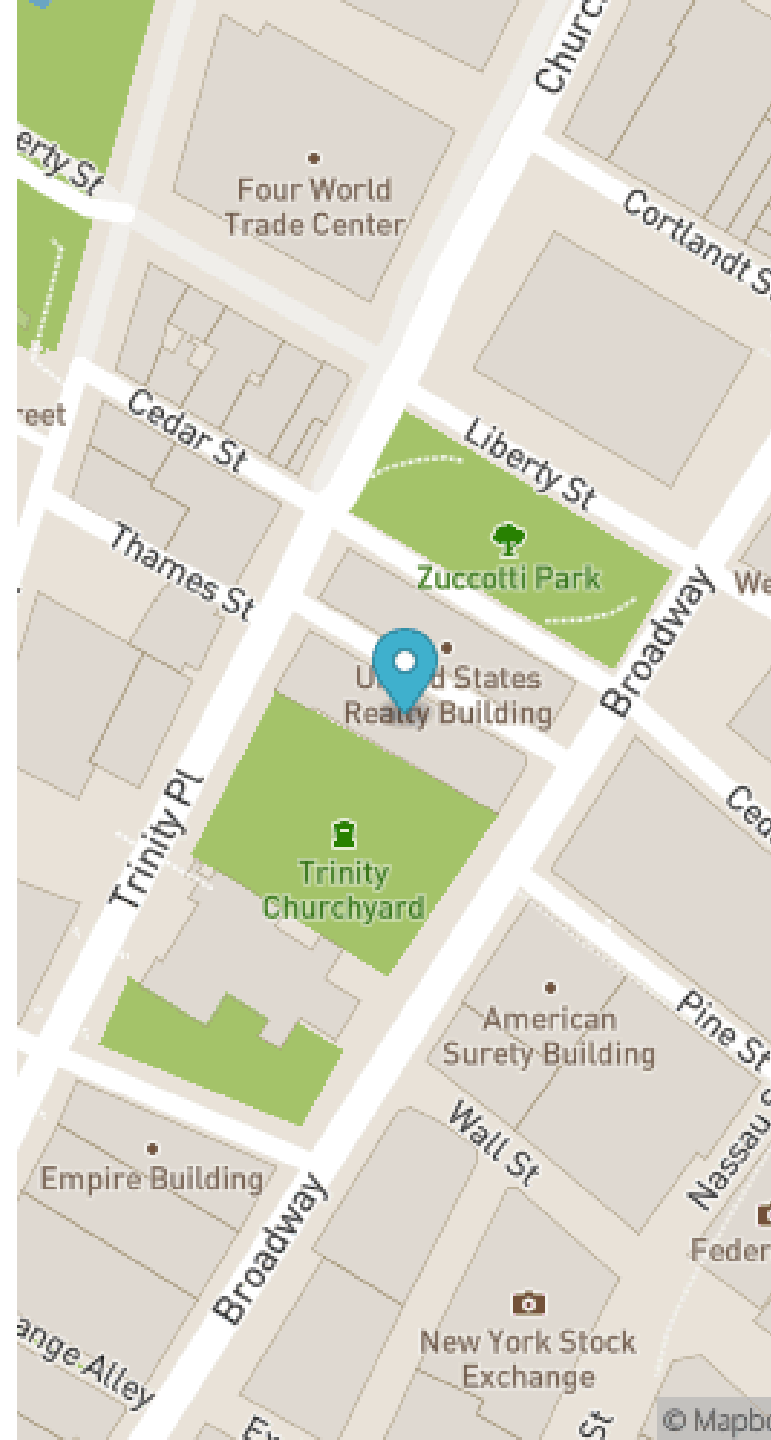
Technologically Advanced

Our space is equipped with the newest technology and features to enable Members to connect, participate and get real value from their NYCLA membership, by allowing us to host virtual, in-person, and hybrid events.



NYCLA Home of Law

Watch your inbox for details on Hybrid & In-person Events, CLE's, and Committee Meetings!



“ NYCLA's Home of Law is a state of the art facility equipped with the technology that allows us to host virtual and hybrid events, thereby giving Members more opportunities to participate. But it's also a place where we can enjoy getting together in person to experience the fellowship and collegiality that are a big part of NYCLA's character. We hope you will come by and see it for yourself! ”

Adrienne B. Koch
NYCLA President

Public Policy & Legal Initiatives

Statements, Letters, Board Reports



June 2, 2023

NYCLA REITERATES SUPPORT FOR S. 51262 AMENDING CPLR 2106, AND URGES THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN IT INTO LAW



June 6, 2023

NYCLA ISSUES STATEMENT ON PRIDE MONTH TO CELEBRATE THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AND HONOR ITS LGBTQ+ ATTORNEY MEMBERS



June 14, 2023

NYCLA ANNOUNCES ANOTHER WIN FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAY



June 16, 2023

NYCLA SUPPORTS SCERT ACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR A SCOTUS CODE OF CONDUCT



June 28, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS SCOTUS REJECTION OF INDEPENDENT STATE LEGISLATURE THEORY



June 29, 2023

NYCLA STATES GAP IN HEALTH, WEALTH AND EDUCATION SUPPORTS CONTINUED NEED FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION



June 30, 2023

NYCLA WELCOMES THE SUPREME COURT DECISION TO GRANT CERTIORARI IN *UNITED STATES V. RAHIMI*



August 5, 2023

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL RE: "SAMUEL ALITO, THE SUPREME COURT'S PLAIN-SPOKEN DEFENDER"



August 7, 2023

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL RE: CITY BAR'S REJECTION OF JUDGE CIPARICK

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August 23, 2023

THE NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS COLLEAGUE BAR ASSOCIATIONS FOR JOINING CALL TO SUBJECT UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT TO CODE OF ETHICS



August 30, 2023

JOINT STATEMENT OF TWELVE BAR ASSOCIATIONS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A DIVERSE JUDICIARY



October 5, 2023

THE NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON JUSTICE ENGORON AND THE TRUMP GAG ORDER



October 13, 2023

TESTIMONY OF NYCLA PRESIDENT, ADRIENNE B. KOCH, AT THE HEARING OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION



November 14, 2023

NYCLA STATEMENT ON THE NEW SUPREME COURT CODE OF ETHICS



November 15, 2023

STATEMENT BY NYCLA OFFICERS CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM, HATE SPEECH, AND HATE CRIMES



December 5, 2023

NYCLA APPLAUDS NY STATE COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION SALARY INCREASE FOR THE JUDICIARY



December 15, 2023

NYCLA VOTING RIGHTS TASK FORCE STATEMENT ON PRIVATE ACTIONS UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965



December 19, 2023

NYCLA APPLAUDS THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM'S PLAN TO ELIMINATE IDENTITY-BASED HATE AND BIAS

Public Policy & Legal Initiatives

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January 2, 2024

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ASSEMBLY BILL A7600, THE JUDICIAL SECURITY ACT



January 17, 2024

NYCLA & NYCLA'S SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ENDORSE NEW YORK CITY BAR REPORT "REPEAL THE CAP, DO THE MATH"



February 1, 2024

NYCLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ISSUES STATEMENT OPPOSING TRANSFER OF \$100 MILLION FROM THE IOLA FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND



February 12, 2024

NYCLA IOLA CIVIL LEGAL SERVICE FUNDING RESOLUTION



February 20, 2024

NYCLA STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNOR'S RESCISSION OF TRANSFER OF \$100 MILLION FROM THE IOLA FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND



March 8, 2024

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OBJECTS TO NYPD POST CALLING OUT THE WRONG JUDGE AND CALLS FOR MORE MEASURED DEBATE



March 14, 2024

NYCLA COMMENTS ON THE FY 2025 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL SECURITY ACT ASSEMBLY BILL A7600



March 28, 2024

JOINT BAR ASSOCIATION STATEMENT FY 2025 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL SECURITY ACT ASSEMBLY BILL A7600



April 1, 2024

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ATTACKS ON JUSTICE MERCHAN'S FAMILY MEMBERS

Public Policy & Legal Initiatives

Statements, Letters, Board Reports



April 10, 2024

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS ASSEMBLY
BILL 9143



April 12, 2024

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS ESSA - THE
EQUITY FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES
ACT



April 17, 2024

NYCLA OFFICERS ISSUE STATEMENT
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED SWEEP
OF \$55 MILLION FROM THE IOLA
FUND



May 8, 2024

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND VICE PRESIDENT
ISSUE STATEMENT ON DECISION BY 13 FEDERAL
JUDGES NOT TO HIRE JUDICIAL CLERKS FROM
COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL OR COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Other Statements



June 14, 2023

NYCLA APPLAUDS GOV. HOCHUL'S APPOINTMENT OF SETH MARNIN TO THE COURT OF CLAIMS



June 21, 2023

NYCLA CONGRATULATES JUSTICE RENWICK ON HER APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST DEPARTMENT



December 1, 2023

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR



January 4, 2024

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE E. LEO MILONAS



January 24, 2024

HON. ROLANDO T. ACOSTA TO RECEIVE NYCLA'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE WILLIAM NELSON CROMWELL AWARD, AT NYCLA'S MARCH 6TH GALA



February 1, 2024

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF NYCLA PAST PRESIDENT KLAUS EPPLER

NYCLA Committee Statements & Reports



June 20, 2023

NYCLA TORT LAW AND CIVIL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES COMMITTEES SUPPORT THE GRIEVING FAMILIES ACT



June 30, 2023

NYCLA OFFICERS & NYCLA'S LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER ISSUES IN THE LAW COMMITTEE SPEAK OUT AGAINST SCOTUS RULING ALLOWING BUSINESS OWNERS TO REFUSE SERVICE TO LGBTQ+ CUSTOMERS



November 15, 2023

NYCLA OFFICERS & NYCLA'S LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER ISSUES IN THE LAW COMMITTEE CELEBRATE TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK



November 17, 2023

NYCLA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE CLEAN SLATE LEGISLATION IN NEW YORK



December 14, 2023

NYCLA COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONALISM AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE LETTER TO GOV. HOCHUL IN SUPPORT OF THE REPEAL OF SECTION 470 OF JUDICIARY LAW



January 2, 2024

NYCLA SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL OF STATE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIR HOYLMAN-SIGAL AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE CHAIR HEVESI TO INCREASE THE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE PARENTAL REPRESENTATION



January 4, 2024

NYCLA FEDERAL COURTS COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO EDNY-SDNY JOINT LOCAL RULES



March 27, 2024

NYCLA FAMILY COURT AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUND

Amicus Briefs 2023 - 2024

Friend of the Court



The New York County Lawyers
Association Files Amicus Brief in
United States of America v. Rahimi

No. 22-915

**In the Supreme Court
of the United States**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Petitioner,
v.

ZACKEY RAHIMI

On Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

**Brief of New York County Lawyers
Association as *Amicus Curiae*
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August 23, 2023



NYCLA Committees

NYCLA Committee on Committees co-chairs Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme and Richard P. Swanson collaborated with NYCLA committee leadership throughout the year. They joined the Committee Chairs who came together on November 28, 2023, to discuss the importance of their roles in advancing access to justice, galvanizing Members around legal issues of importance, building membership, and developing legal policy to influence laws and legislation.



Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme
Co-Chair
Committee on Committees



Richard P. Swanson
Co-Chair
Committee on Committees

NYCLA would like to thank the co-chairs of the Committee on Committees, Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme & Richard P. Swanson, for their support throughout the year.

Membership And Communications

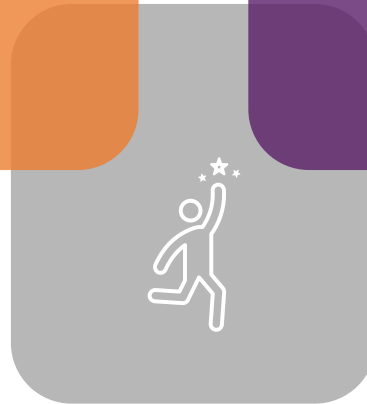
The NYCLA Membership and Communications Department develops and manages programs and services for the NYCLA community, made up of more than 7,000 attorneys, judges, academics, and law school students. Through Member benefits, events, communications, publications, and more, NYCLA helps Members keep learning, stay competitive, expand their professional networks, and elevate their professional brand.

Professional Development, CLE, & Networking

NYCLA is an Accredited Provider of CLE in New York & New Jersey. NYCLA Members receive reduced Member pricing for CLE and Networking events – and some networking are complimentary to Members.

Library Services

Open Monday – Friday, NYCLA’s Library is where NYCLA Members can access variety of legal and business databases, including Westlaw.



Open Committee Structure

NYCLA Members have access to over 50 committees & sections that share practice knowledge and influence the law through their work.

Member Benefits

Planes, trains and automobiles, gyms, shipping, life insurance and more. NYCLA Member benefits include travel, UPS, Geico, Crunch & Equinox. Take full advantage of your membership with these great benefits.

Career Support

Changing jobs, need a resume refresh, haven’t been on an interview in a long time and need to polish your skills? NYCLA can help you package your personal brand for success.



NYCLA Members Connect Globally

Engagement happens here and across the globe; location no longer limits connection with your peers and colleagues throughout the world. There is no better indication of this reality than the NYCLA Members who engage and participate in various CLE programs, Committees, and events which feature hybrid/virtual experiences made available by using State-of-the-Art technology. Our Membership includes Members from 17 Countries!

Where Connection Happens

**New York, Home of Law
United States of America**

**Afghanistan
Australia
Belgium
Canada
China
Finland
France**

**Georgia
Hong Kong
India
Israel
Japan
Mexico
South Korea
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom**

Congratulations!

2024 Hon. Harold Baer Jr. and Dr. Suzanne Baer Equity and Inclusion in the Judiciary Interns

Interns are evaluated & selected by Members of NYCLA's Racial & Ethnic Diversity Committee.

Nick Cipriani 1L
Cardoza
School of Law

Job Ferguson 1L
New York
Law School

Iris Park 1L
Brooklyn
Law School

Ella Sabiduria 1L
New York
Law School

Thank You to our Participating Judges!

Hon. Stewart Aaron
U.S. Magistrate Judge
SDNY

Hon. Barbara Moses
U.S. Magistrate Judge
SDNY

Hon. J. Paul Oetken
U.S. District Judge
SDNY

Hon. Richard Tsai
NY Supreme Court Judge
New York County



Hon. Richard L. Price Public High School Essay Contest

Co-Sponsored by NYCLA's Law -
Related Education Committee



This year New York Public School Students submitted essays on the topic of disinformation and were tasked with responding to the following question: Does the government banning books violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution? After review of all submissions, by the Committee on Law - Related Education, four students were selected to receive monetary awards for first, second, third and fourth place and five students were selected to receive special recognition awards.

NYCLA Communications

Members stay connected to NYCLA through the weekly e-newsletter #NYCLAnews, Court Notices, and Job Opportunity Emails. NYCLA shares articles of interest to the legal community, upcoming CLE programs and events, featured jobs, Committee/Section meetings, Member benefits, and more. NYCLA Communications aim to inform, engage, and support our Members with access to valuable curated information to assist in their professional pursuits and daily lives.



Court Notices

Members continued to be kept abreast of the happenings of the NY Courts through the NYCLA Court Notices.

New York County Lawyers Association
JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU, NYCLA MEMBER
New York State Office of the Attorney General
LEGAL RECRUITMENT BUREAU

Assistant Attorney General
Division of State Counsel
Claims Bureau, Medical Malpractice Section – New York City
Reference No: CLAMM_NYC_AAG_3683
Application Deadline is May 24, 2024

Section Chief – Public Health Agencies Section (Section A)
Division of State Counsel
Litigation Bureau, Health and Human Services Practice Group – New York City
Reference No: LIT/HHSPG_NYC_SC_3682
Application Deadline is May 10, 2024

Special Counsel for Federal Initiatives – New York City
Executive Division
Reference No: EXEC NYC SC 3681



#NYCLAnews

Members stay connected to NYCLA through the weekly e-newsletter #NYCLAnews. Each Issue contains upcoming CLE programs and events, featured jobs, Committee/Section meetings, Member benefits, and more.



Member Job Opportunities

When a New Job is Your Priority, NYCLA Shares the Latest Career Opportunities Directly to Your Inbox.

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2013-2017

**ETHICS & THE U.S.
SUPREME COURT**



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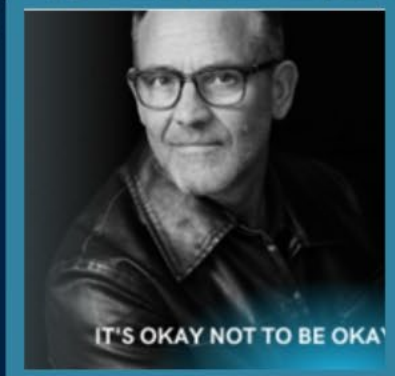
HON. DIANNE T. RENWICK
PRESIDING JUSTICE
NEW YORK SUPREME COURT
APPELLATE DIVISION, 1ST DEPT.

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JAMIE HOXIE SOLANO
PARTNER, FORD O'BRIEN LLP

**MENTAL HEALTH
& THE LEGAL PROFESSION**

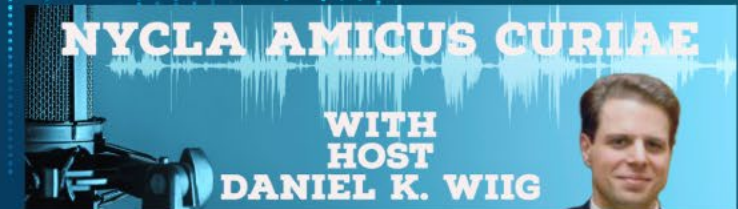


JASON WARD
FOUNDER, WARD LAWYERS PC.
AUTHOR & SPEAKER

INSPIRING OTHERS TO DREAM



HON. JOSEPH A. ZAYAS
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM



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By The Numbers

1,891
Followers



4,068
Followers



Honors & Recognitions

The Boris Kostelanetz President's Medal is being presented to Carol A. Sigmond, Partner, Greenspoon Marder LLP.

The Boris Kostelanetz President's Medal was established in honor of Boris Kostelanetz (1911-2006), the 33rd president of the New York County Lawyers Association and a founding partner of Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP. The Medal is conferred upon a NYCLA member whose record of dedication and service to the Association and legal profession comport with the highest standards



Carol A. Sigmond, Partner, Greenspoon Marder LLP

Honors & Recognitions

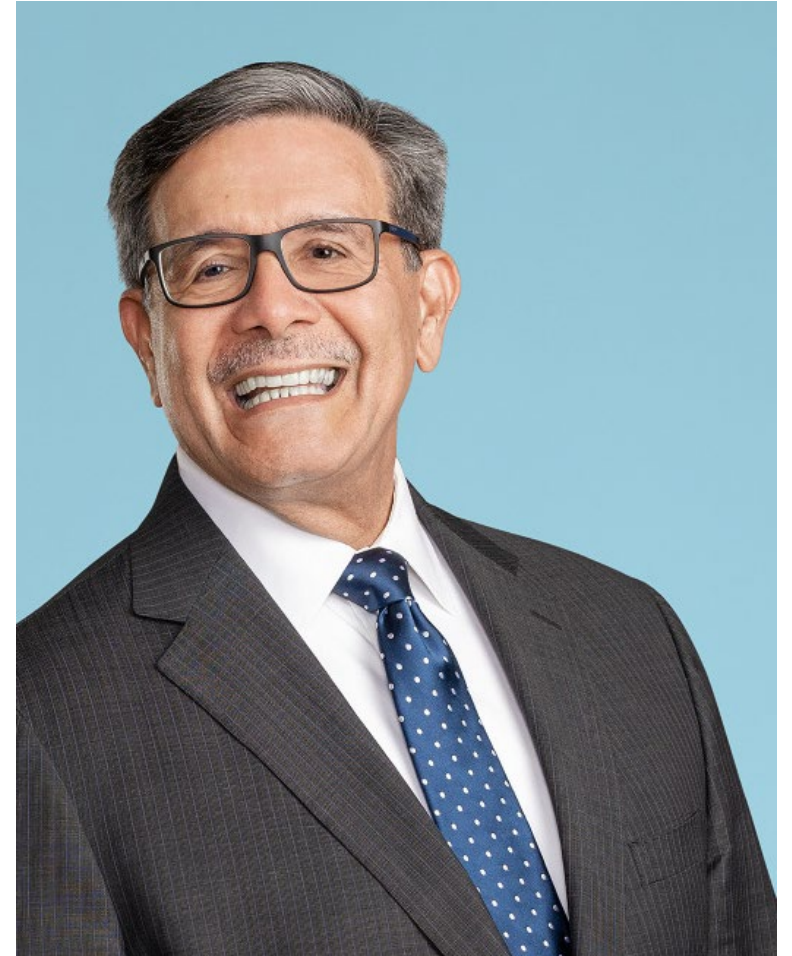
The Eppler Award is being given to **NYCLA's Criminal Justice Committee**, for their collaborations with our Voting Rights Task Force in Support of the Jury of Our Peers Act to produce a Legislative Memorandum and **NYCLA's LGBTQ Committee** on a Statement in Support of Stop the Violence in the Sex Trades Act.



Honors & Recognitions

The William Nelson Cromwell Award was presented to Hon. Rolando T. Acosta, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department (2017 - 2023).

The William Nelson Cromwell Award was established in 1964 under NYCLA President Leo Gottlieb, partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. This award is conferred in honor of William Nelson Cromwell, one of NYCLA's earliest and most esteemed leaders, for "unselfish service to the profession and the community." Mr. Cromwell's dedication to public service was renowned.



Hon. Rolando T. Acosta, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

NYCLA: A Stalwart Defender of the Judiciary

NYCLA Rejects City Bar's Criticism of Appointing Retired Judge as Monitor on Court System Bias Reforms

The New York City Bar Association's criticism of Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick as an independent monitor for the New York court system's efforts to combat racial bias in its venues could undermine public confidence in the process, the leaders of the Manhattan-based **New York County Lawyers Association** write. | Law.com

Manhattan Lawyers' Group Condemns Donald Trump's Verbal Attacks on Judge, Court Staff

The New York County Lawyers Association on Thursday issued a statement condemning Donald Trump's continual attacks on Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Arthur Engoron, who is overseeing his business fraud trial. "As the Trump real estate valuation fraud trial enters its fourth day, we are compelled to speak in defense of Hon. Arthur F. Engoron, who has been subject to repeated attacks by former President Donald Trump," said NYCLA. | Law.com

Judicial Advocates Push Lawmakers for Removal of Death Benefits 'Gamble' Anomaly in Retirement Law

Both the New York County Lawyers Association and the Associations of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York have expressed support for the measure. | Law.com

The New York County Lawyers Association continues to be a stalwart defender of judicial independence and the separation of powers, both of which are necessary to ensure the non-politicization of the Judicial system, and the public's faith in its integrity.

As Threats to Judges Spike, Legislative Response May Be Jump-Started

The New York County Lawyers Association recently issued a statement in support of the passage of the proposed legislation: "The safety of our judges, other court personnel, and their families is essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice. An independent judiciary in which judges can render decisions and court personnel can carry out the business of our state and federal courts without fear of harassment, retribution or violence is essential to the integrity of our democracy. Indeed, the targeting and intimidation of judges undercuts the very pillars of the rule of law." | Law.com

State Commission's Recommended Judicial Pay Raises Are Laudable. But They Won't Keep Parity With Federal Bench For Long

The New York County Lawyers Association was pleased to see that New York State's Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation voted unanimously last week to recommend a 10.3% salary increase for the judiciary. The increase is effective April 1, 2024 (the start of the state's next fiscal year) and takes effect automatically unless the state legislature passes a bill to reject the commission's recommendation. This is the first raise our state's judges and justices have received since 2019, during a period of significant inflation. We testified in favor of such an increase on Oct. 13 at a hearing before the commission. | Law.com



These articles represent a reach of 5,778,075 potential viewers.

June 2023 thru 2024 NYCLA Statements re: Judiciary

Promoting Ethical Standards of the Profession

ChatGPT: To Use or Not To Use—That Is The Question!

New York County Lawyers Association Formal Op. 749 (2017) sets forth guidance regarding a lawyer’s ethical duty of technological competence with respect to, for instance, cybersecurity risk and the handling of eDiscovery. The NYCLA opinion provides that the “duty of competence expands as technological developments become integrated into the practice of law” and lawyers “should possess the technological knowledge necessary to exercise reasonable care with respect to maintaining client confidentiality.” | Law.com



[View NYCLA Statement Supporting SCERT Act Legislation to Provide for a SCOTUS Code of Conduct](#)

[View Letter to the Editor of the Wall Street Journal re: “Samuel Alito, the Supreme Court’s Plain-Spoken Defender”](#)

On Gun Regulation



Manatt Files Amicus Brief for NYCLA in Domestic Violence and Gun Ownership Case

Manatt filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in United States v. Rahimi on behalf of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) urging the Supreme Court to reverse a Fifth Circuit opinion striking down a federal law banning a person subject to a court-ordered domestic violence restraining order from possessing a firearm. | Manatt.com

[View NYCLA Amicus Brief](#)

Leading Charge on 18B/Assigned Counsel Pay Parity

NY State Bar Association Files Lawsuit to Double Pay for Court-Appointed Counsel
The lawsuit, which names New York the sole defendant, comes after the **New York County Lawyers Association** and nine other bar associations won a judgment in a Manhattan trial court in July that yielded raises to \$158 an hour for assigned counsel in New York City, more than doubling their compensation from \$60 per hour for misdemeanor cases and \$75 for felony cases, dating to 2004. | Law.com

[View NYCLA Statement: New York County Lawyers Association Announces Another Win for Assigned Counsel Pay](#)



Encouraging Diversity throughout the Legal Profession

SCOTUS' Blow to Affirmative Action in Higher Ed Is 'Threat' to Diverse Judiciary, Bar Coalition Warns

NYCLA President Adrienne B. Koch, speaking as a member of the coalition, said...: "Our Bar Associations will continue to be vigilant monitors and advocates to ensure that our judiciary is diverse and inclusive, thereby reinforcing both the courts' legitimacy and the public's confidence in the judicial system." Koch said the coalition believes "there is additional strength in our numbers, and we will continue to work together to maximize those synergies." | New York Law Journal

12 Bar Associations Call for Bench Diversity in Light of Supreme Court Ruling

NYCLA issues Joint Statement on behalf of Bar Association Coalition: In the wake of U.S. Supreme Court decisions sidelining affirmative action in higher education, a clarion call has sounded from twelve esteemed bar associations emphasizing the pressing need for diversity on the bench. | Yahoo!Finance

[View NYCLA Officer Statement: New York County Lawyers Association States Gap in Health, Wealth and Education Supports Continued Need for Affirmative Action](#)

[View Joint Statement of Twelve Bar Associations About the Importance of A Diverse Judiciary](#)

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Ensuring Access to Justice for All

NYC Lawyers to Battle Bias, Boost Skills in Upcoming ADR Training Sessions

The New York County Lawyers Association, in collaboration with the Statewide ADR Office, has scheduled full-day training sessions for new arbitrators. The training sessions were designed to equip trainees with essential arbitrator skills and included live anti-bias training, supplemented by video and on-demand content. | Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Fines and Fees are an Impediment to Justice, Experts Say

State and local court fees disproportionately affect people of color and when people can't pay them, they can face additional fees and ruined credit, making it hard to rent a home, or buy a car, and in some scenarios can even lead to incarceration.

A co-presented event by the National Center for Access to Justice, the New York County Lawyers Association, and Fordham Law's Access to Justice Initiative. | Fordham University School of Law

Port Chester-Rye Brook Library Hosts Free Immigration Legal Clinic

NYCLA partnered with Westchester-based U.S. Pathway during a day long immigration legal clinic to help those with asylum, refugee, victim of domestic violence, and DACA status, to assist in addressing the need for legal and financial assistance as students balanced the pursuit of educational, professional and personal dreams in the U.S. | Patch.com

Continuing Legal Education

NYCLA's CLE Institute continued to educate and train attorneys in skill building; ethics and professionalism, law practice management, professional practice, diversity, inclusion and the elimination of bias (DIEB) and the new category of CLE credit which become effective July 1, 2023, cybersecurity. Many new programs were developed to deal with changes to the legal profession in the aftermath of COVID, including the increased importance of cybersecurity, the rise of artificial intelligence (AI), the ever-changing work environment, impact of social media, and an increased awareness of seeking personal fulfillment, well-being and focus on mental health.



NYCLA's CLE Institute is accredited in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut as a provider of live programs, interactive webinars, hybrid programs (live and webinar) and on demand programs. Many of the live programs have been preceded by networking receptions, where attendees can mingle with their peers and speakers, and make and renew old connections.



The CLE Institute continued to provide substantive programs, as well as interactive training programs that taught attorneys not only how to sharpen their skills, but also how to incorporate technology into their practice and be prepared for the ever-changing legal landscape.

CLE Institute Highlights

Updated Annual Programs, Co-Sponsored Programs & Partnerships

Updated Annual Programs Address New Challenges, Court Decisions and a Changing Climate

- *15th Art Law Institute: New Insights in Art Law*
- *Animal Rescue Law 2024 sponsored by NYCLA's Animal Law Committee*
- *47th Civil Trial Practice Institute*
- *Cybersecurity: Risks, Insurance, Employee Conduct, AI: What Does it All Mean to Lawyering in a Cyberworld*
- *How to Conduct a Deposition in a Post-Pandemic World*

Trainings

- *OCA Part 137 Attorney/Client Fee Dispute Trainings: 3 Regional Trainings*
- *4 Half Day Part 146 Advanced Personal Injury Mediation Training*
- *4 Half Day Part 146 Divorce Mediation Training Program*
- *Certified Guardian, Court Evaluator and Counsel for AIP Training*
- *CLARO Training*
- *Special Masters Training*

NYCLA Justice Center Collaborations

- *The Price People Pay: Fines and Fees in New York, co-sponsored by Fordham Law School*
- *NYC Housing Court at 50: A Mid-Life Crisis*

Co-sponsored Committee Programs

- *An Evening with Hon. Richard J. Sullivan, co-sponsored by NYCLA's Federal Courts Committee & Appellate Courts Committee*
- *A Conversation with Hon. Debra Ann Livingston, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, co-sponsored by NYCLA's Federal Courts Committee & Appellate Courts Committee*
- *Generative AI and the Law, co-sponsored by NYCLA's Law & Technology Committee & The Entertainment, Media, Intellectual Property & Sports Law Section*
- *Committee Chairs Networking Event & Discussion*

Other Collaborations

- *Rent Regulations Update: S2980C, Chapter Amendments & DHCR Amendments, co-sponsored by Rent Stabilization Association (RSA)*
- *Hot Topics in eDiscovery, co-sponsored by Federal Bar Association SDNY Chapter, and Women's White Collar Defense Association*
- *Legal Barriers to Tribal Project Development, co-sponsored by the Beverly Hills Bar Association*

NYCLA Center for Corporate Governance

- *Diversity in the Law Firm, in the Corporate Legal Department & in the Courts: A Crucial Component for a Better Legal System*
- *The Basics of Corporate Governance co-sponsored by NYCLA's Corporations, LLCs, and Partnerships Committee*

CLE Institute Highlights

Committee Partnerships and Innovative Programs

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

- *The Business of ADR*
- *Meet the ADR Coordinators Networking Event and Program*

NYCLA Bankruptcy Committee

- *The Basics of Chapter 7, Chapter 11 and Chapter 13: What You Need to Know*
- *The Sale of Real Property and Commercial Leases in Bankruptcy Proceedings*

NYCLA Law-Related Education Committee

- *Ensuring Free, Fair and Accessible Elections: What Every Attorney Can Do*

NYCLA Committee on Professionalism & Professional Discipline

- *Deceptive Investigative Techniques: Civil & Criminal*

NYCLA Real Property Section

- *NYS 2023 Notary Public and Remote On-line Notarization Regs: The Basics & Applications to Real Estate Transactions*
- *Getting Noticed and Developing Your Own Personal Brand: Networking, Interviewing and Using Social Media Effectively and Ethically*
- *NYC Building Compliance and Understanding Local Law 97*

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues in the Law Committee

- *First Amendment: Friend or Foe? The Pending 303 Creative v. Elenis Decision: Where are we Headed?*

NYCLA Committee on Women in the Law

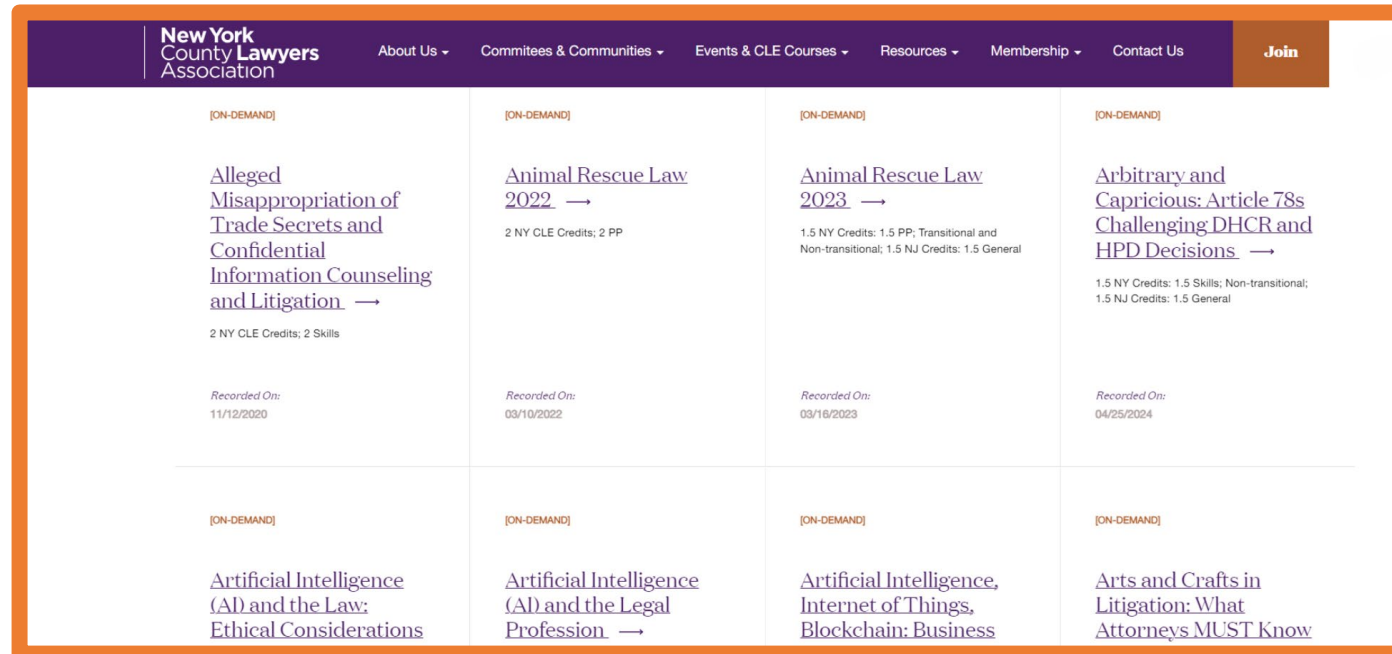
- *Considerations for Going In-House*
- *Non-traditional Careers in the Law*
- *Freedom from the Inner Critic & Self Compassion for Women*

NYCLA Continuing Legal Education

Educating and Training Attorneys

Unlock New Skills with Our On-Demand Library

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NYCLA Center for Corporate Governance



NYCLA's Center for Corporate Governance is Chaired by Gregory Markel

Our Mission

NYCLA's Center for Corporate Governance is dedicated to educating legal practitioners, their clients, and others with an interest in corporate governance, in the best practices for corporations, their officers, and particularly their boards. The principles of corporate governance are evolving and in recent years quite quickly. Officers and board members need to be aware of their responsibilities and duties as the legal and practical landscape of what is acceptable and unacceptable conduct for boards and officers changes.

NYCLA Justice Center



Seymour James and Stephen C. Lessard, Co-Chairs of the Justice Center Advisory Board

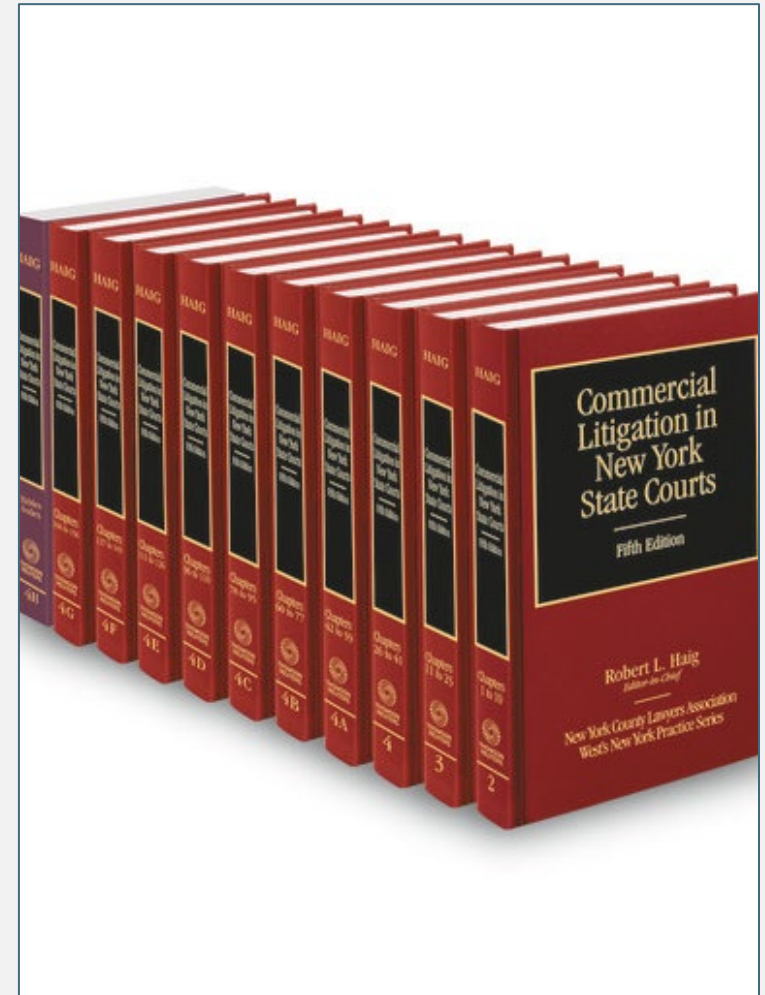
Our Mission

The mission of the Justice Center is to combine the resources, position and membership of the New York County Lawyers Association with those of academia, the bench and the bar, and to partner with nonlawyer community leaders and groups to identify and understand legal and social justice issues, promote access to justice, and act as a catalyst for meaningful improvement in, and a positive perception of, the administration of justice in New York State.

NYCLA Publications

Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts

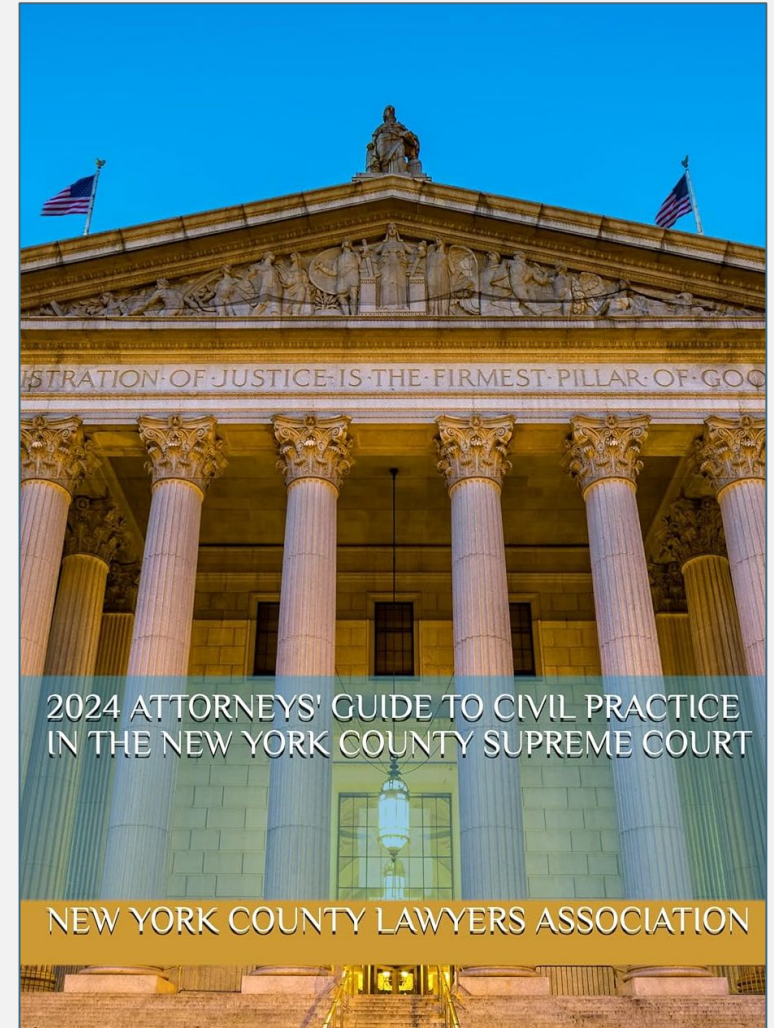
The Fifth Edition of the treatise *Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts*, a highly successful joint venture between NYCLA and Thomson Reuters, was published in October 2020. Pocket Parts have been published each year since then to keep the treatise up to date. This treatise features the work of 256 principal authors, including many of New York's best known and most-respected commercial litigators and judges. The ten-volume, 13,076-page treatise contains 156 chapters and covers all aspects of civil procedure in New York State courts. The Fifth Edition also contains 64 substantive law chapters that cover the subjects most encountered in commercial cases. In addition to the print edition, the entire treatise is available on Westlaw. It has been estimated that the authors and their law firms have invested more than 60 million dollars of their own billable time in working on the five editions of this treatise and its annual Pocket Parts. This treatise has been widely recognized as a unique and invaluable resource since it was first published in 1995, and it has become the definitive reference work in its field. More than 30 book reviews of the Fifth Edition have been published in legal newspapers, bar journals, and other publications throughout the State of New York. The critical acclaim has been extraordinary. In addition, the treatise continues to generate substantial annual royalties for NYCLA. NYCLA Members can purchase this treatise at a 40% discount.



NYCLA Publications

Attorneys' Guide to Civil Practice in the New York County Supreme Court

The Attorneys' Guide to Civil Practice in New York County Supreme Court, available now, serves as a valuable tool for all attorneys engaged in civil litigation in Manhattan. In its 29th edition, the latest edition of the Attorneys' Guide includes summaries of the many recent changes to the rules and is also a concise resource for details about judges, court personnel, and procedures in the New York County Supreme Court. Special pricing is offered exclusively to NYCLA Members.



NYCLA Publications

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York: A Retrospective (2010-2020)

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York: A Retrospective (2010-2020) is the third in a series of New York County Lawyers Association retrospectives covering the history of the “Mother Court,” as the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is affectionately known. The 171-page Retrospective, authored by NYCLA’s Committee on the Federal Courts, was completed after two-and-a-half years of research, including interviews with many active and senior judges. The Retrospective presents the history of the Court’s most significant matters from 2010 to 2020, including a brief history of the Court, its key developments from 2010 to 2020, and its most notable cases, trials, and decisions in various areas of the law. You can download this remarkable work [here](#).

**The United States District Court
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Lectures, Special Events, & Award Recognition

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The following forums, lectures, special events, and award ceremonies were held in 2023-2024. We thank our Committees and Sections for organizing many of these valuable programs and events and appreciate the unwavering support by Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme and Richard P. Swanson, Co-Chairs of the Committee on Committees, whose dedication to NYCLA's Committees and Sections has been invaluable.



June 1, 2023

Committee on the Supreme Court 2023 Law Day Luncheon

On June 1st, 2023, at the View at Battery Gardens, NYCLA welcomed members of the Bench and Bar in celebration of Law Day 2023. The Louis Capozzoli Gavel Award was presented to Hon. Anthony Cannataro, Associate Judge, New York Court of Appeals, for his work as an outstanding jurist. Justice Salliann Scarpulla, New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, shared remarks and presented the award.



June 7, 2023

Implicit Bias: Deal with It!

Implicit bias is real, has real world consequences and at times can even be deadly. The program focused on whether an individual can gain insight into his or her own biases, if having implicit bias necessarily means an individual will act in a biased manner and what does and doesn't work to curb implicit bias.



June 8, 13, 20, 27, 2023

**Commercial Division
Advisory Council Lunch &
Learn Lecture Series**

NYCLA Members received a special invitation to attend, along with their interns and summer associates, the Commercial Division Advisory Council lunchtime lecture series.



June 8, 2023

Hot Topics in eDiscovery

NYCLA partnered with Federal Bar Association SDNY Chapter and Women's White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA) for a discussion of Hot Topics in eDiscovery.



June 13, 2023

**NYCLA Judicial Summer Intern
Kickoff Reception**

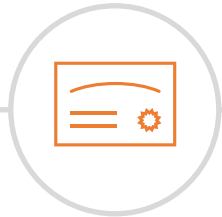
NYCLA's Summer Judicial Intern Reception was organized by NYCLA Membership Chair and Board Member Thomas Maroney. The event kicked off the Summer judicial internship season. The highlight of the event was a speech presented by Hon. Suzanne Adams, Acting Supreme Court Justice, New York County.



June 14, 2023

How to Handle a Securities Regulatory Investigation

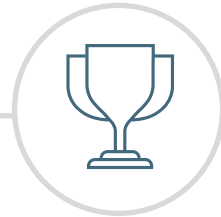
The Securities and Exchanges Committee hosted a lunchtime discussion focusing on the need to be very well prepared and mindful of ethical obligations when handling a securities regulatory investigation for a client.



June 15, 2023

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration

NYCLA's Asian Practice Committee honored Hon. Lillian Wan, Associate Justice, NYS Appellate Division, 2nd Department. Hon. Randall Eng, Retired Presiding Justice, NYS Appellate Division, 2nd Department provided introductory remarks.



June 22, 2023

Hon. Richard L. Price Public High School Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

Co-Sponsored by NYCLA's Law - Related Education Committee, the awards program issued prizes to NY's winning high school essayists. Special thanks to Essay Contest Subcommittee Chair Larry Carbone.



July 19, 2023

Appellate Division First & Second Judicial Departments, Office of Attorneys for Children, 'Meet and Greet'

NYCLA, in conjunction with Appellate Division, First & Second Judicial Departments, Office of Attorneys for Children, hosted the first 'Meet and Greet' at the Home of Law to discuss how to apply to the Attorneys for Children and Assigned Counsel Panels, and other program requirements.



July 25, 2023

Midsummer Judicial Intern Reception

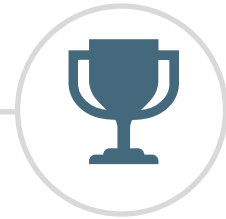
NYCLA Midsummer Judicial Intern Reception was held at the NYCLA Home of Law and included welcome remarks from NYCLA President Adrienne B. Koch and a special presentation and Q & A session by Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge, New York State, New York State Court of Appeals.



September 14, 2023

A Conversation with Hon. Debra Ann Livingston

NYCLA's Appellate Court and Federal Court Committees welcomed the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to provide an update on what's happening in the court, civic education, the rule of law and more.



October 19, 2023

2023 Edward Weinfeld Luncheon

NYCLA's Federal Courts Committee held its Edward Weinfeld Luncheon honoring the Federal Courts in New York City. It was held at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. The Edward Weinfeld Award was presented to the Hon. Reena Raggi by the Hon. Carol Bagley Amon.



October 19, 2023

2023 Celebrate Pro Bono Awards

A joint ceremony was held in the Rotunda of the Manhattan Surrogate's Court to honor volunteers for their outstanding pro bono service throughout the year and to spotlight the difference lawyers can make in their communities. NYCLA's President Adrienne B. Koch provided welcome remarks and presented awards to the exceptional group of NYCLA volunteers.



November 28, 2023

NYCLA Committee Chair Networking Event & Collaborative Discussion on Engagement

Spearheaded by Gerard Mantese, Chair of NYCLA's Corporations, LLCs, and Partnerships Committee, Committee Chairs, Section Chairs and Co-chairs attended a networking event and exchanged ideas on how NYCLA Committees and Sections can collaborate on programs, events and other endeavors.



December 12, 2023

Housing Court at 50: A Mid-life Crisis?

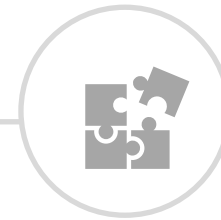
NYCLA's Justice Center presented a 2-panel discussion about the status of the housing court on its 50th anniversary. The first panel looked at some of its missteps as well as major milestones, as well as what lessons can be learned from history. Panel 2 focused on how the court will meet new challenges in the future.



January 22, 2024

In House Counsel Collecting Attorneys' Fees: A Primer?

Recently it has been suggested that in-house counsel are morphing into the role traditionally held by outside lawyers. Recovering attorneys' fees when authorized by statute or contract is that extra win for the victorious litigant.



January 23, 2024

NYCLA Presidential Leadership Event

Adrienne B. Koch, NYCLA's 56th President, invited leaders of NYCLA for a special kickoff event to discuss her vision for 2024 and share her gratitude for all the volunteer leaders of the NYCLA have contributed to our organization and continue to do to make NYCLA strong, productive and collegial.



March 6, 2024

2024 NYCLA Annual Gala Honoring Judges of the State and Federal Appellate Courts in New York State

NYCLA held its Annual Gala at The Pierre Hotel honoring the judges of the State and Federal Appellate Courts in New York State. The William Nelson Cromwell Award was presented to Hon. Rolando T. Acosta. New York Governor Kathy Hochul was given Honorary NYCLA Membership.



March 7, 2024

Meet the ADR Coordinators: Networking Event and Program

Sponsored by NYCLA's ADR Committee, attendees and the 10 participating coordinators began the evening with a Meet and Greet, followed by a discussion by the coordinators about their roles and expectations and closing with a lively question and answer session.



April 1, 2024

Local Law 97 and Reducing GHG Emissions from NYC Buildings

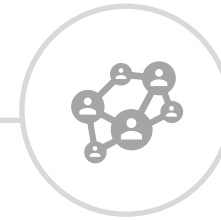
NYCLA's Real Property Section welcomed Laura Popa, Deputy Commissioner of Sustainability at NYC Department of Buildings, for hybrid program to provide a comprehensive review of Local Law 97, as well as to answer numerous questions from both our live and remote audiences.



April 3, 2024

NYCLA Reception Honoring the Judiciary

Sponsored by the Committee on the Supreme Court. NYCLA held its Reception honoring the Judiciary at Sixty Pine Street. We honored newly elected, newly appointed, re-elected, and re-appointed judges of New York County. Welcome Remarks were presented by Hon. Dianne T. Renwick, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department.



April 19, 2024

Cybersecurity Risks, Insurance, Employee Conduct, AI: What Does it All Mean to Lawyering in a Cyber World

For the 9th year, Program Chair Mark Rosen and a panel of experts discuss the latest developments in the field of cybersecurity and its impact on the legal profession, their clients and their employees that are too important to ignore.

April 25, 2024

Special Reception to Celebrate the Publication of *The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York: A Retrospective (2010-2020)*

At a reception at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Scott B. Klugman presented the New York County Lawyers Association's Retrospective of the SDNY to Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain.

May 21, 2024

Committee on the Supreme Court 2024 Law Day Luncheon

NYCLA will welcome members of the Bench and Bar in celebration of Law Day 2024. The Louis Capozzoli Gavel Award will be presented to Hon. Andrea Masley, Justice, Supreme Court, New York County. Certificates for 25 Years of Distinguished Judicial Service will be presented to Hon. Lizbeth González and Hon. Shlomo S. Hagler.

May 23, 2024

NYCLA Annual Meeting Election and Induction of Officers

In addition to the election and induction of Officers and Directors, NYCLA will hold a Special Commemoration in honor of former NYCLA President Klaus Eppler and present the Boris Kostelanetz President's Medal to Carol A. Sigmond.

New York County Lawyers Association Honors Judges of the State and Federal Appellate Courts in New York State

On March 6, 2024, NYCLA held its Annual Gala at The Pierre Hotel honoring the judges of the State and Federal Appellate Courts in New York State. NYCLA opened the sold-out event with welcoming remarks from Event Chair Robert L. Haig, Partner, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, and NYCLA President Adrienne B. Koch, Partner, Katsky Korins LLP. The William Nelson Cromwell Award was presented to Hon. Rolando T. Acosta, Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department (2017 – 2023), by Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Unified Court System. New York Governor Kathy Hochul was given Honorary NYCLA Membership, an honor only granted 15 times in the association’s 116-year history. Remarks were presented by the Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the State of New York; and the Hon. Debra Ann Livingston, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.



Pictured from L-R: Honorable Rolando T. Acosta, Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department (2017 – 2023); Honorable Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Unified Court System; Adrienne B. Koch, President of the New York County Lawyers Association; Honorable Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the State of New York; Honorable Debra Ann Livingston, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Robert L. Haig, Gala Chair. (Photographed by Marian Goldman)



Pictured: New York State Governor Kathy Hochul and Gala attendees. (Photo: Marian Goldman)

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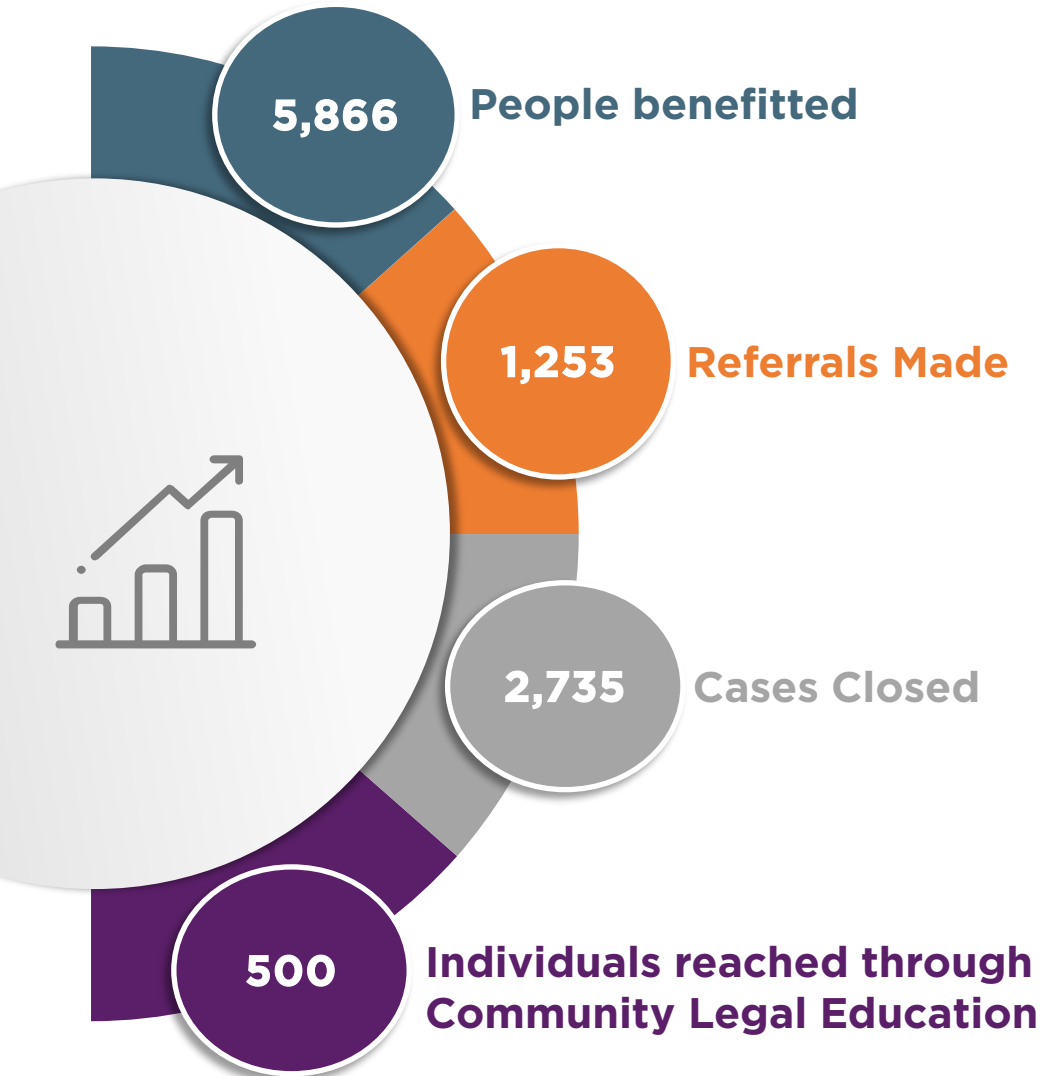
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Let's Talk About NYCLA Pro Bono Programs

4 Key Metrics - NYCLA Pro Bono By the Numbers from April 15, 2023 to April 15, 2024



A core part of NYCLA's mission is its commitment to ensuring access to justice for New Yorkers in the form of free civil legal services. NYCLA has been able to expand its programming since the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that individuals in need of legal assistance are reached. This includes piloting new Pro Bono Programs, increasing the scope of our existing programs, and making it easier for New Yorkers to access our services online and through community organizations. Our volunteers continue to step up to meet the needs of indigent New Yorkers in a variety of areas of law, both through limited scope and full scope representation. NYCLA's Pro Bono Department has also increased its civil legal education efforts and expanded its community partnerships. NYCLA is grateful to the members of its Pro Bono Committee, led by Chair Lisa E. Cleary, whose commitment to civil legal services ensures the success of NYCLA's programming.

Pro Bono Reception & NYCLA Member Honorees

In celebration of National Pro Bono Week, the New York County Lawyers Association, in partnership with the NYSBA, and the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program held an in-person reception in October 2023, to honor dedicated volunteers for their pro bono service, some of whom are highlighted on this page.



Adam Drake

Adam Drake is an associate with White & Case LLP, he has worked on two cases as part of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) State Central Registry Project, both cases were resolved with positive outcomes for his clients. The NYCLA State Central Registry Project program represents individuals who have been wrongfully or unfairly reported to the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR).



Sonia Griffin

Sonia Griffin has been a committed volunteer for the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) Legal Counseling Project, This program offers free phone consultations to New Yorkers with issues related to landlord/tenant law, family law, and employment law. During her time with NYCLA, she provided over 60 consultations and gave crucial information about legal rights and options to people who can't afford representation.

NYCLA's Pro Bono Program Awarded Multiple Grants



**Awarded 2022-2026
Judiciary Civil Legal
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**Supports All NYCLA
Pro Bono Programming**

NYCLA continues to improve and expand its assistance to New Yorkers by providing a broad range of services from limited-scope to full-scope representation. Whether its helping tenants understand their rights, advocating for people with disabilities, or assisting the formerly incarcerated, NYCLA's Pro Bono Programs meet a wide variety of needs. These grants go a long way to helping NYCLA do even more for New Yorkers. Thank you to our NYCLA pro bono community of attorneys, law graduates, law students, and other volunteers who demonstrate the importance and power of public service.



**Awarded 2022-2026
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**Supports the NYCLA Volunteer
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**Grant Renewed
2024-2025**

Part 137 Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Program

NYCLA Hosts 3 OCA-Sponsored Statewide Training Programs in Winter/Spring 2024



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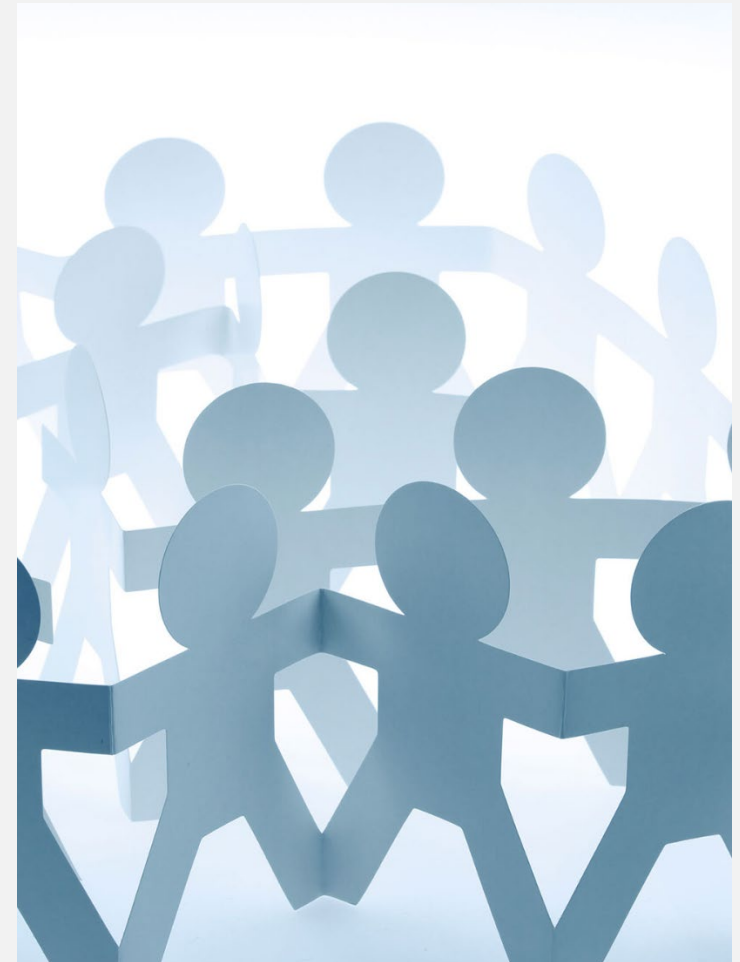
**NYCLA Part 137 Staff
Speak at New York
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Conference on
October 25, 2023**



NYCLA continues to administer the Part 137 Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program, under the auspices of the Office of Court Administration, which provides for the informal and expeditious resolution of fee disputes between attorneys and clients through arbitration or mediation. NYCLA's shift to virtual programming through electronic collection and dissemination of documentation through Zoom has served as an example for the entire State. NYCLA operates one of the most active programs in the State, opening 154 new cases in 2023. In recognition of NYCLA's leadership in the Part 137 Program, Anthe Maria Bova (NYCLA's General Counsel who supervises the Part 137 Program) and Federica Romanelli (NYCLA Part 137 Program Administrator) were invited to speak at the New York Dispute Resolution Association's Mediation Conference on October 25, 2023. NYCLA's CLE Institute continues to be the provider of statewide training for Part 137 neutrals, hosting 3 additional trainings this past program year. Lewis Tesser, Chair of the Part 137 Program, and Part 137 supervisor Anthe Maria Bova, are thankful to the NYCLA CLE Institute and the NYCLA ADR Committee for their key involvement in the preparation of these trainings.

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Under the leadership of Board Chair Megan P. Davis and Foundation President Richard P. Swanson, the members of the board of the New York County Lawyers Association Foundation gave generously of their time to both governance and fundraising. The Foundation's Second Century Campaign helps support NYCLA projects, including the Justice Center, NYC High School Essay Contest, pro bono programs, CLE programs, Edith I. Spivack Fund for Women in Law and Society, and Hon. Harold Baer, Jr. and Dr. Suzanne Baer Equity and Inclusion in the Judiciary Internship Program as well as various operations and capital initiatives.





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