

CAPITAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michelle Haskin, Esq.

Hope. Inspiration. New beginnings. That's what many of us are surely thinking about right now. It is a New Year. Not only is there a new President, but we are about to have a new Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and a new junior Senator from New York. Maybe, if we are lucky, we will even get a break from the cold, and spring will be here before we know it.

Despite all of the problems in our nation and our economy, many of us feel a sense of excitement and optimism flowing from the new beginnings in leadership. We all watched the inauguration, as our children watched it in school. No matter what your political views, the momentousness of this particular transition in presidential power touches all of us.

While we are excited that our State's high court also enters a new era with a new Chief Judge, we feel a sense of sadness at the loss of the remarkable Chief Judge who has just ended a quarter-century on the bench. The *New York Times* put it well in a tribute on December 28: "Besides knocking down the last major hurdles for women in the judiciary, Judge Kaye left a record of successes in her stewardship of the Court of Appeals and her role as chief executive of one of the largest state court systems in the country. She became one of the country's most highly regarded judges."

As one of her many missions, Judge Kaye embraced equal access to justice and pro bono service. With our New Year's resolutions, let's make sure that one we keep is for our commitment to pro bono services. With the grave problems in our economy, it is particularly important this year that we are able to assist those who desperately need legal help and are unable to afford it. Perhaps you can donate an hour of your time to a legal clinic; or to take a new case; or if you do not have the time, make a financial donation to an organization which provides civil legal services.



With all of these new beginnings, we hope and encourage your involvement with CDWBA. It is time to renew your membership if you have not done so. We are now just shy of 300 members strong and continue to grow every day. We have six delegates at the WBASNY level and are a strong influence throughout the state. We need to keep the momentum going.

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The Legal Project

Pro Bono Corner February 2009
Lisa A. Frisch, Executive Director

Update: Funding Crisis of 2009

I am pleased to report that, thanks to you and the many supporters of civil legal services across the state, New York has taken its first step toward ameliorating the funding crisis as reported in our last newsletter. In his 30-day amendments, Governor Paterson included a \$1 million restoration of funding for civil legal services, one of only two funding restorations made. While we still have a long way to go to meet our goal of \$11.4 million dollars (which is 75% of the 2007 funding level for civil legal services) the legal services community takes this move as a sign of the Governor's commitment to justice issues. We are hopeful that as the Governor and Legislature begin to negotiate the budget, he will join with both the Senate and the Assembly to get us to our goal.

As reported in the CDWBA Weekly Highlights, the original proposed budget eliminated all state funds for civil legal services programs. It will be critical for us to continue to work together to restore ALL of the funding, particularly at this time when our clients need us even more. It is alarming to imagine how we will provide those critical services across the state – with no support from the state. Our programs have relied on state support for many years as the core of our funding, to provide housing, employment, domestic violence, immigration, and social security representation. As we face the mountain of foreclosures and bankruptcies in our current economy and the related representation needs, it will be virtually impossible for us to replace or plan our programs without these funds.

Please take a moment to reach out to the Governor and thank him for his commitment and to reiterate how essential it is him to partner with the legislature to restore civil legal services funding to \$11.4 million in the final budget. We will be providing sample

letters that can be sent to the Governor and the Legislature through the *Weekly Highlights* or you can obtain one by contacting me at lfrisch@legalproject.org. Thank you in advance for your help – hearing from you and your concerns has already made a difference – but more needs to be done to avoid a crisis for our programs and clients.

New Programs and New Funding

At the same time that our base program is at significant risk of funding cuts, we do have some exciting news to report. We met the first phase of a matching grant challenge through a wonderful anonymous donor. Through the Millennium Fund of the Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region, this donor is providing \$25,000 annually over a three-year period. This grant will help us fund a Spanish Speaking Legal Services Coordinator to assist us in doing more effective outreach of our programs in the Hispanic community in the Capital Region, and will allow us to continue the important work of reaching out to the immigrant community, particularly in the area of domestic violence. Our first phase of the match was met this year by two generous grant sources: The New York State Bar Foundation, which provided us with \$7,500, and the Community Foundation's Barry Alan Gold Memorial Fund, which awarded us \$17,500.



Legal Project Board President Ron Orlando and NYSBA Foundation Board Member Cristine Cioffi.

We were thrilled with these wonderful grants, provided at a time when private foundation funds are also being challenged by this economy. Our matching challenge is asking for an additional \$25,000 to go toward this program in 2009. However, we are able to begin this important program now with the

funds that have been provided. If you are able to help with this challenge, please indicate "Matching Grant" on any donation that you make to ensure that your donation will be allocated toward this program. This match will continue for 2010 to 2011. Thanks to all of our contributors to this great project!



**Ron Orlando, Community Foundation President/CEO
Kristen Frederick, and Community Foundation
Board Member Robin Wood.**

The Legal Project is Moving

As of February 1, we are moving to the rear of Stuyvesant Plaza, into a beautiful space that will accommodate our new programs and staff. We will be located next to the Security Office, two doors down from Tynan's Dance Studio, directly across from the parking area we have been using in Executive Park. You should continue to use that same parking lot when you come to our office. Our phone, email, and fax numbers remain the same. We are planning an Open House on the evening of Monday, March 30th, so save the date!

Thank you for the Donations

Thank you to the Law Firm of Hiscock & Barclay for the generous donation of \$5,000 and to the Albany County Bar Association for its grant of \$2,500. Thank you to the former firm of Gordon Siegel for the donation of a "state of the art" copier to our offices. This is greatly appreciated as we move into our new offices! A special thanks to Barbara King and Chris Galvin for making that happen. Speaking of the new office space, the law firm of McKenna Long & Aldrich LLP donated beautiful furniture, which fits perfectly in the new offices – we are just thrilled! These donations, along with the contributions so many of you have

made to our Winter Appeal, are appreciated and each one makes a tremendous difference to us! Thank you!

Domestic Violence and the Military

Last issue we announced our exciting new program to provide free civil legal assistance to military families affected by domestic violence and technical assistance to civil attorneys and advocates providing representation. We are thrilled to announce the return of Ellen Schell, to the role of Legal Director and Director of this program. As most of you know, Ellen was our Legal Director from 2001 to 2006, when she took a position with the Essex County District Attorney's Office.



Ellen has returned to head up this new program and to provide her leadership as we enter new waters. We received many excellent resumes for this position and appreciate the interest that so many expressed in coming to The Legal Project. We believe that Ellen is the right person for this job, and we are delighted about her return. Watch for more updates on this program in the months to come.

Seeking Pro Bono Attorneys for Help With the Foreclosure Crisis

Under a grant through State Division of Housing and Urban Renewal, in collaboration with Legal Aid of Northeastern NY and the Empire Justice Center, The Legal Project will be organizing a panel of pro bono attorneys to represent clients in mandatory settlement conferences in foreclosure cases involving sub-prime loans. Training and mentoring will be available. Please contact Gina Marie at gcannistraro@legalproject.org if you are interested in helping.

MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations Twice to Sievers

Congratulations to Lori Sievers and her husband Eric on the birth of Jason Douglas, born November 4, and to Lori on being named a partner at Hinman Straub, PC, 121 State Street, Albany 12207 (436-0751). Lori's practice focuses on health care, assisted living, and long term care.

Copps, Sternheimer Do CLEs

Anne Reynolds Copps and Joann Sternheimer took part in NYSBA's "Hot Topics in Real Property Law and Practice" on November 17. Anne moderated the session, while Joann addressed Loan Guarantees from a Lender's Perspective.

Kosich Earns LLM

Veronica M. Kosich has obtained her LLM in Estate Planning and Elder Law from Western New England College School of Law.

Teal Lectures at College

Kathryn Lamont Teal was recently a guest lecturer on Estate Planning for a class on Women and Wealth at Russell Sage College in Troy.

Julie Perez Takes New Post

Julie Perez is now an attorney at Balzer & Leary, PLLC, 275½ Lark Street, Albany 12210 (432-9700).



Joslin Named Partner

Lisa Joslin has been named a partner at Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O'Shea, 40 Beaver Street, Albany 12207 (432-7511). Lisa focuses on civil and commercial litigation and labor and employment law.

Ann Sharpe on Advisory Group

Ann Sharpe is now a member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Community Foundation for the Great Capital Region, which manages more than 325 charitable funds and provides grants to nonprofits.

Hon. Rachel Kretser a VP

Albany City Court Judge Rachel Kretser was slated to be sworn in as Vice President of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges at the group's annual meeting on January 31 in New York City.

McGuirl Takes New Position

Kate McGuirl now serves as an Assistant Attorney for Schenectady's Corporation Counsel.

Condolences to Sternheimer

CDWBA sends its condolences to Joann Sternheimer on the death of her father Arthur Sternheimer on November 29. Donations can be made to American Lung Association, 3 Winners Circle, Suite 3, Albany.

Legal Project: Thanks for Volunteering in Nov./Dec.

Domestic Violence Legal Connection

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Jessica Norgrove

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OTHER NEWS

Domestic Violence Lunch

The CDWBA Domestic Violence Committee and The Legal Project are co-sponsoring a Domestic Violence Lawyers' Lunch on February 27 at noon at The Legal Project, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany. This will be a brown bag lunch, and beverages and a light dessert will be provided. If you handle domestic violence cases, please consider joining this informal gathering. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Susan Pattenaude at spattenaude@legalproject.org or 435-1770.

CDWBA Membership Grows

CDWBA's Membership Committee set a goal of 300 members by January 31, the cut-off date for chapters to certify their membership to WBASNY. The number of chapter members determines the number of delegates on the WBASNY Board the following year, with one delegate awarded for every 50 members. We have expanded our voice by increasing our delegates from five to six. Even if you missed the deadline, if you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so. Contact Ava Charne at ava.charne@byfi.org or 438-5511. You can also renew online at www.wbasny.org.

NCWBA Welcomes Articles

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations is putting together its next newsletter and welcomes articles from local organizations. This is a good way to get exposure for our organization and share our ideas with our colleagues around the country. Please submit your article submissions to Pamela Nicholson, pnicholson@ncwba.org or call her at (503) 657-3813.

Chamber Chat February 4

The next Chamber Chat will be held February 4 at 12:15 p.m. with Hon. Rachel Kretser in her chambers at 1 Morton Ave., Albany.

Board Highlights: December

Executive Director: Ava Charne reported that new member directories have been sent.

President: Michelle Haskin reported that Susan Pattenaude will assume the seat vacated by Kate Hedgemann. The WBSNY meeting in Albany dealt with increasing dues.

Long-Range Planning Committee will report to the Board on the budget. If committees have concerns regarding dues increase, they are invited to advise Michelle.

Awards: Ann Reynolds Capps was recommended for the Kate Stoneman Award. Cynthia Platt was recommended for the Marilyn Menge Award.

Convention: Will be in Canada this year. We need to lobby to have the next convention in New York State.

Programming: A Chamber Chat was scheduled with Judge Kramer.

Membership: We have reached an all-time high in members.

Public Relations: Ann Sharpe recommended press release for Christmas food pantry donations.

CLE: There will be a program in February on ethics.

Board Highlights: January

Executive Director: 292 members are certified as Class I.

President: Welcomed Susan Pattenaude to our Board, who is our Legal Project liaison. One more

person needed to fill the Nominations Committee; Ann Sharpe agreed to fill the position. The vote will take place at the January program. The Board was provided by documentation as to the increase of dues requested by WBASNY. If the vote passes for increase in dues, it will take effect June 1, 2010.

Programming: Mentoring Event in February at Albany Law School. Motion to approve Jill Dunn to reinstate her seat as a WBSNY delegate, seconded by Lea Ermides, all were in favor, no abstentions.

Legal Project: Legal Project hired Ellen Schell as Military Domestic Violence Program Director. They are moving their offices to a different location at Stuyvesant Plaza and are having an Open House Reception March 30.

Membership: Need eight people to join in order to obtain another delegate and reach our goal.

Judicial Reception: The date is March 26 at the State Room.

Awards: Cynthia Platt proposed for NYSBA award; vote will be at State Bar's annual meeting Jan. 31. We support Lisa Schonfield, Nassau County, for new lawyer award.

Two Clarifications

The last issue contained an article on family leave surveys. A catalyst for the survey was termination of part-time employees by then Nassau County District Attorney-Elect Kathleen Rice.

Deily, Mooney & Glastetter, LLP, winner of the Barry Gold Leadership Award, was the group shown at the bottom of page 3.

WBASNY CONVENTION

The 2009 WBASNY Annual Convention is scheduled to take place in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario Canada June 4 to 7. The convention will be held at the exclusive Queens Landing, a renowned inn and conference center. Information regarding Queens Landing and other vintage inns can be found at www.vintageinns.com.

The Convention Committee is planning the schedule of events, including the Friday and Saturday night receptions, CLE classes, and a variety of other events. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Natalie Grigg at nataliegrigg@gmail.com.

Niagara-on-the Lake is full of beauty and history. Its many attractions include parks, agricultural markets, the Shaw Festival, art galleries, antique shops, the marina, the shopping district, golf courses, and world-famous Niagara wineries. Come enjoy a relaxing carriage ride through Town, an exciting jet boat tour up the Niagara River, a decadent wine tour, or a relaxing massage at one of the Vintage Inn spas.

Niagara-on-the Lake has retained its 19th-century charm and is a wonderful place to explore with family and friends. Enjoy a walking tour of Fort George, where you and your family watch the staff recreate the lifestyles and activities of the period. For something a little different, take a guided tour of the

Great Mountain Ginseng Farms and learn firsthand how the ginseng plant is grown, or walk among the butterflies as you make your way through a network of paths in the Butterfly Conservatory.

For those who seek the outdoors, Niagara-on-the-Lake is small enough to inspire walkers, hikers, and cyclists to explore the area at their leisure. The adventurers among us can take a self-guided walking tour of the area and experience the scenery, as well as a variety of historical sites. The Niagara River Recreation Trail has its northernmost point at Fort George and is used as a walking, cycling, and rollerblade path. Pick up a lunch at one of the area country markets or gourmet marketplaces and enjoy a quiet picnic along the Niagara River.

In addition to the many activities offered within the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls, Canada is a mere 20 minutes away. Take a trip over to Niagara Falls, where you and your family can walk along the Falls, the Queen Victoria Park, and The Great Canadian Midway.

The surrounding area of Clifton Hill also includes many fun-filled activities including shopping, miniature golf, and an assortment of dining venues. You and your family can take a tour of the Movieland Wax Museum of the Stars, Ripley's Believe It or Not, or the Guinness

World Records Museum. If a little adventure is what you seek, dare to attend the Imax Movie Theater, the Ghostbusters dark theater ride, the FX Ride Theater or the Nightmares Fear Factory. Additional sites include the Niagara Casino, the Hard Rock Café, the Rainforest Café, and the Bird Kingdom, the World's largest, free-flying indoor aviary. So come and enjoy all that our friendly neighbors to the north have to offer. Stay tuned for additional details regarding the schedule of events and pricing.

Remember that passports are required to cross the border into Canada. Information regarding passports can be found at travel.state.gov/passport. You can apply for a passport at many Post Offices. Go to www.usps.com/passport.

In addition, State-Enhanced Driver Licenses are available and serve as proof of U.S. citizenship. This license can be used for land and sea board crossings only and is an accepted method of entry to and from the U.S. and Canada.

More information regarding the Enhanced Driver License can be found at nysdmv.com/edl-main.htm. For those traveling from outside the WNY region, the following travel links may be useful: www.jetblue.com and www.amtrak.com.

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

By Kirsten Keefe

Foreclosure rates continue to rise across the nation, and New York is no exception. According to a report issued by HALT, the Governor's Interagency Task Force to Halt Abusive Lending Transactions, over 32% of the subprime adjustable rate mortgages in New York were seriously delinquent (over 90 days in default) in the third quarter of 2008. We are fortunate, though, because to stem the tide, New York has taken unprecedented steps to help distressed homeowners.

The first measure was the allocation of \$25 million in last year's budget to create the Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services Program. Administered by the Housing Trust Fund/Division of Housing and Community Renewal, the program has provided at least 53 grant awards to housing counseling and legal services organizations in every region of the state to increase direct services to homeowners with subprime and non-traditional home loans.

This critical funding has allowed many legal services offices to allocate lawyers to represent homeowners facing foreclosure – a legal area which previously had little to no funding. As a result of this grant process, stronger partnerships have been fostered between housing counselors and lawyers thus, providing a more seamless delivery of services to homeowners.

Another measure taken was the passage of what has become known as the Foreclosure Prevention and Responsible Lending Act of 2008. This law provides added consumer protections, including a requirement that notice be sent to homeowners with high-cost, subprime and non-traditional home loans (defined in the law) at least 90 days prior to the initiation of a foreclosure lawsuit. The notice must provide the amount due, contact information for the mortgage servicer, and most importantly, referrals to housing counseling agencies in the homeowner's area.

Another significant protection provided in foreclosure proceedings is the added requirement that, within 60 days after initiation of the lawsuit, settlement conferences must be held in all cases involving high-cost, subprime and non-traditional home loans. It has been estimated that over 90% of foreclosures end in default judgments – a staggering statistic.

The purpose of the settlement conferences is to determine “whether the parties can reach a mutually agreeable resolution to help the defendant avoid losing his or her home. . .” (CPLR 3408, added by Laws 2008, ch 472, § 3).

There are additional sections of the new law, including prospective regulations for lending, new requirements for mortgage brokers, registration requirements for mortgage services and regulations for “distress property consultants,” but the best hope for stemming the foreclosure crisis lies in the new settlement conference procedure.

OCA has given approval for lawyers to assist homeowners in foreclosure for the limited purpose of representing them at the settlement conference. The Empire Justice Center, a statewide legal services program with offices in Albany, Rochester, White Plains and Central Islip, has received funding through the Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services Program and DHCR to train lawyers in these proceedings.

Upcoming training sessions will be held in Albany on February 13. The Empire Justice Center, in conjunction with The Legal Project, will hold a half-day training for lawyers interested in representing homeowners pro bono at the settlement conferences. The training is free, and CLE credit will be available. For more information, contact Lisa Frisch at 435-1770.

For those interested in more in-depth training, a program will be held on February 26 and 27. The Empire Justice Center will conduct the session on Representing Homeowners in Residential Foreclosure Cases. Topics will include an overview of subprime lending, state and federal claims and defenses, loss mitigation options, and the new settlement conference process. The training will be free to all participants, and CLE will be provided. For more information, contact Saima Akhtar at Empire Justice at 462-6831 or by email, sakhtar@empirejustice.org.

Kirsten Keefe is a senior staff attorney at the Empire Justice Center and has been involved in subprime mortgage lending advocacy for more than 10 years. Call 462-6831 or email, kkeefe@empirejustice.org.

CDWBA AWARDS

CDWBA seeks nominations for its annual awards to be given at the Installation Dinner in June. Nominations must be submitted in duplicate to the CDWBA Awards Committee Chair, Susan Dautel, 24 Amity Pointe, Clifton Park, NY 12065, postmarked no later than February 27. The CDWBA Board will vote to approve the awards' recipients at its March meeting. Contact Susan Dautel with any questions at 455-7701. A nomination form is included on pages 9 to 10 of this issue. A brief description of each award follows.

Hon. Judith S. Kaye Distinguished Member Award

This award honors an outstanding attorney member who has achieved professional excellence and distinguished herself or himself by service to CDWBA and the community. The criteria for the award are: member of CDWBA; a provider of significant service to CDWBA; a provider of significant service to the community; some degree of leadership in the community or CDWBA; a mentor to young people and newly admitted attorneys; and an advocate of women in society and in the legal profession. This is the highest award bestowed by CDWBA on a member.

CDWBA Distinguished Non-Attorney Member Award

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CDWBA Pro Bono Award

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CDWBA Outstanding New Lawyer Award

This award is to be given to a CDWBA member who, as of December 31, 2008, has been a member of the bar for not more than five years, and who has made noteworthy contributions to CDWBA and outstanding achievements within the profession and/or outstanding contributions to the community.

Kimberly A. Troisi-Paton Leadership Award

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an enduring commitment to CDWBA and/or the community through consistent leadership, perseverance,

and dedication to the greater good. The recipient is typically an "unsung hero" among us, one who leads by example in a steadfast manner, and whose contributions provide sustainability to the organization, to the community and/or to women in general. The recipient's volunteer, civic or community activities are often undertaken in balance with an unfailing devotion to family and friends, and the recipient is typically someone whose impact is far greater or wide-ranging than the recipient expected it to be.

The nominee may be either a lawyer or a non-lawyer. Preference will be given to nominees who are women and members of the CDWBA. However, consideration may be given to a nominee who is not a member of the CDWBA, provided she or he meets the award criteria and volunteer activities and contributions to the community are particularly exemplary and/or have benefitted women in general or CDWBA and its membership.

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Whether your ideas are jazzy, pithy, witty or clever, we seek your help in naming this Newsletter so that it will reflect the character of our organization. All ideas will be considered. Send all submissions to the editors. A spa gift certificate will be awarded to the winner.

CDWBA 2009 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award Categories (Please Check One):

CDWBA 2009 Hon. Judith S. Kaye

Distinguished Attorney Member Award

This award honors an outstanding attorney member for a singular outstanding achievement, longstanding significant involvement, or a lifetime of constancy of purpose in advancing the status of women in the law and in society. Please keep in mind the following criteria for the award: member of CDWBA; achievement of professional excellence or a provider of significant service to CDWBA and/or the community; some degree of leadership in the community or CDWBA; a mentor to young people and newly admitted attorneys; and an advocate of women in society and in the legal profession.

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CDWBA 2009 Kimberly A. Troisi-Paton Leadership Award

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Required Information for Each Award

Your name: _____

Your contact information: Phone _____

Email _____

Name and address of the nominee:

Please describe your relationship, if any, to this nominee.

On a separate sheet, please describe in specific detail the qualities that qualify this person for the Award. Please attach any other materials that may be of use to the committee in reviewing the qualifications of the nominee, including but not limited to, nominee’s resume, biography, supporting letters of recommendation, awards received, and news items. Please mail all nomination materials in duplicate to: Susan Dautel, 24 Amity Pointe, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Nominations must be postmarked by February 27.

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