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**PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FOR NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR
ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

New York, NY, March 3, 2006. The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations has chosen the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation, Inc. as recipient of its 2006 Public Service Award, for the Foundation's pro bono fellowship program. The award honors innovative programs that primarily benefit women and children in the legal system, and that can be adopted by other women's bar associations. The NCWBA presented the award at its Mid-Year Summit Meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 3.

The Foundation's programs exemplify the best kind of service that women's bar associations provide to the community. The Foundation provides fellowships for law students at local pro bono agencies that assist domestic violence victims, immigrants, and other individuals for whom legal services are otherwise not available.

Christina Kallas, president of the NYWBA, said, "We are very proud of the Foundation's Board for accomplishing so much on behalf of the women and children in New York. It was my great pleasure to nominate this program for the Public Service Award of the NCWBA."

Founded in 1995, the Foundation supports the work of the NYWBA and other projects to eliminate gender bias and other forms of discrimination from the legal system and legal profession, promote the social and economic equality, safety and well-being of women and children, and address their unmet legal needs. The fellowship program affords law students in New York City a paid internship in this critical work.

The Foundation supports fellows each year from the law schools of Columbia, Fordham, and New York University, each selecting its own recipient, based on agreements between the Foundation and agencies such as Human Rights First, InMotion, Inc., and Sanctuary for Families.

Tamara Stephen, a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors and an officer in the Career Development Office at Hofstra University School of Law, helps coordinate the Fellowship Program. "The agencies we work with are thrilled to have this additional staff support and have found our fellows to be of exceptional quality," Ms. Stephen said. "We are doing a valuable service for the students and the agencies, as well as the women and others who would otherwise not have quality legal representation."

The Foundation raises funds for these fellowships through "dues check-offs," a broad-based annual giving program, and a breakfast speaker series featuring well-known authors. According to Katherine Posner, President of the Foundation and partner at Condon & Forsyth LLP, "A program like this takes a lot of work and a lot of cooperation by the Board of Directors, especially when it is an organization with no paid staff. I am very happy that our Board has been able to initiate and maintain programs as well received as the speaker series and fellowships."

The Foundation also provides program support, through a grant application process, to committees of the NYWBA, and to other organizations, assisting with Take our Children to Work Day in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the District Court for the Southern District of New York, and Children's PressLine, for a project in which teens interviewed other teens currently serving on death row.