



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

NYWBA is proud to support OCA's **Mediation Settlement Day Kick-Off Event** ~ 1.5 Free CLE Credits ~ Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, Admin. Judge for Civil Matters, First Judicial District, will moderate a discussion on a new pilot program, in which one out of every five new cases in the Commercial Division will be referred to mediation. Panelists include: **Michael W. Leahy**, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Head of Litigation, AIG, and **Simeon H. Baum**, President, Resolve Mediation Services.

Kenneth Andrichik, Senior Vice President, Chief Counsel and Director of Mediation and Strategy, FINRA Dispute Resolution, will receive the Frontline Champion Award. **Hon. Sol Wachtler**, Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Constitutional Law and the First Amendment, Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, will give the Honorary Chair Address.

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014
Time: 4:30-7:00 p.m.
Location: New York Law School, 185 W. Broadway, NYC
CLE: 1.5 CLE Credits (Skills)
Cost: FREE
RSVP: Email sgraham@nycourts.gov
Info: Click on MSD link at www.nycourts.gov/adr

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JUDGES AND LAWYERS BREAST CANCER ALERT

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THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL ELLEN P. HERMANSON MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM

Monday, October 6, 2014

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BREAKING NEWS - TWO NEW EXCITING EVENTS

Oct. 21 - Epidemic of Sex Abuse in our Schools

- featuring U.S. Congresswoman **Carolyn Maloney**,
Hon. Leslie Crocker Snyder & other Speakers

Oct. 23 - An Evening with U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

- hosted by NYWBA Foundation

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Celebrating the NYWBA Community

OCTOBER 2014



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As I finalize this column, we are about to kick off our 80th Anniversary with our sold-out **Installation and Award Dinner** on September 30. At this event, we install our incoming Officers and Directors, as well as our NYWBA Delegates to the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York Board.

We are also presenting the **Hon. Florence E. Allen Award** to **Roberta A. Kaplan**, whose zealous advocacy for marriage equality before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Windsor* has helped secure equal rights for same-sex married couples in dozens of states. Our next Newsletter will feature highlights and photos from this event. In the meantime, I want everyone to know how honored and excited I am to officially be installed as NYWBA President!

Our other major event in September was our annual **Membership Reception** on September 18 at the offices of Skadden, Arps in Times Square. We had the pleasure of welcoming new, returning and prospective members, and enjoying wine and refreshments while people mingled, networked, and learned more about the Association. The program included remarks by **Hon. Judith S. Kaye**, long-time NYWBA member and former Chief Judge of the State of New York; event Co-Chair **Jennifer P. Brown**; Membership Co-Chair and Director **Michael W. Appelbaum**; and myself. We especially thank everyone who brought a children's book to help support the **NYWBA's Hon. Judith S. Kaye Children's Book Club**. This year's donations—115 books, plus a cash donation—were sent to SafeHorizon's Children's Center in the Family Court. Many thanks to Reception Co-Chairs **Magnolia Levy** and **Jennifer P. Brown**, and to everyone who made this event such a success. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Upcoming Events (see also Committee News on p. 3)

- 10/6 - JALBCA Symposium / CLE - *Cancer Drugs* - p. 2
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- 10/7 - *Mediation Settlement Day Kick-Off* (4:30 p.m.) - p. 1
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 - 10/20 - Criminal Law Committee Meeting - p. 3
- 10/21 - Epidemic of Sex Abuse in our Schools (*see website*)
- 10/23 - NYWBA Foundation - U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (*see website*)
 - 10/29 - JALBCA *Through Looking Glass* - Breast Cancer - p. 8
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Check www.nywba.org for more Meetings, Programs & Events.

**JUDGES AND LAWYERS BREAST CANCER ALERT
(JALBCA) and The Post-Treatment Resource
Program of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

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**THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL ELLEN P.
HERMANSON MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM**

***“Off-Label Treatment: Use of Cancer
Drugs Outside of Conventional
Trials and Government Approvals”***

Each year, this Symposium features doctors, judges, and lawyers discussing topics of interest to cancer victims, their friends, and families. *Larry Norton M.D.* and other renowned cancer experts will present the latest developments in the fight against breast cancer.

- Date:** Monday, Oct. 6, 2014
Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: New York City Bar Association
 42 West 44th St. (btw 5th/6th Ave.),
 Second Floor Meeting Hall, NYC
CLE: 2.0 Credits (Prof. Practice)
Cost: FREE - Open to the public without charge.
 Refreshments will be served.
RSVP: <http://bit.ly/1myMt0B>

Presenting Organizations:

Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA);
 Women's Bar Association of the State of New York;
 New York Women's Bar Association

***Representing Students
Accused of Sexual Assault:
Due Process, Tort, Contractual, and
Title IX Considerations***

A symposium featuring leading attorneys representing students in campus disciplinary proceedings and in state and federal courts.

- Date:** Friday, Oct. 17, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.
Place: DLA Piper LLP (US)
 500 Eighth Street, NW, Washington, DC
CLE: CLE accreditation for New York, Ohio,
 California and Virginia will be sought.
 (Inquire about other states.)
Cost: \$225 – Pre-Registration; \$250 – at Door
Info: Anna Kinsinger (513-445-9602) or
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On September 20, NYWBA participated in WBASNY's Board and Committee meetings at Columbia Law School. On September 19, NYWBA was delighted to host members from other Women's Bar Chapters for an informal dinner at Patsy's Pizzeria. It was great to strengthen ties with colleagues across the State. The next meeting for WBASNY will be held in Albany in November. If you are interested in getting involved at the state level, please let me know.

I am so proud that NYWBA set an all-time record for membership in 2013-2014. Our 2014-2015 membership drive is underway, and I am sure we can break that record again! If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership. Please also help us grow our community by recruiting friends in the profession to join. Members can take advantage of our FREE Continuing Legal Education programs, our award-winning Mentoring Circles program, networking events, and a host of other benefits. Everyone who joins NYWBA also automatically becomes a member of WBASNY and can participate in NYWBA and WBASNY Committees. For details and to join or renew, check our website (www.nywba.org).

I am also excited about the many programs we are organizing or co-sponsoring in the near future. These include two programs by the **Judges and Lawyers' Breast Cancer Alert** – a) JALBCA's annual **"Symposium,"** featuring a panel of doctors, lawyers, and judges who will discuss the "off-label" use of cancer drugs (see p. 2); and b) **"Through the Looking Glass,"** a program discussing breast cancer screening, treatments, predictions and prognoses, and ways to improve life after a breast cancer diagnosis (see p. 8). Other programs include **"Mediation Settlement Day Kick-Off"** (discussing OCA's new mediation initiative in the Commercial Part, p. 1); the next **"Civil Court Express Lunch"** on **"Have You Planned for Your Further Financial & Healthcare Needs?"** (p. 3); and **"Facebook – Get the Picture"** on the discovery and admissibility of Internet evidence (p. 3). For a full list of programs, see chart on page 1, "Committee News" on page 3, and our website calendar.

In honor of the **"National Pro Bono Celebration"** during the week of October 20, I want to acknowledge our members who perform an extraordinary number of hours of free and discounted legal work every year. Members often represent not only those who are legally entitled to *pro bono* services, but also the working poor and others who don't meet the harsh definitions used to qualify for aid.

I particularly want to celebrate the NYWBA's **Matrimonial Pro Bono Project**, which was founded thanks to the vision of long-time member **Patricia Fersch** and supported thereafter by Ms. Fersch and members **Judith White, Hon. Joan Lobis, Hon. Laura E. Drager, Past President Hon. Jacqueline Silbermann, the NYWBA Matrimonial & Family Law Committee**, and others. This initiative provides judges with an option to refer indigent litigants in contested matrimonial cases to a Project Manager (funded by the **NYWBA Foundation**) for assignment of *pro bono* counsel. The lawyers who volunteer are matrimonial attorneys with a minimum of five years experience who agree in advance to devote up to 25 hours to these cases in New York County. This program is so successful that it has recently been replicated in Kings County.

This is the type of innovative approach and initiative that NYWBA is known for, and I know that as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary with members of this caliber that the best is yet to come!

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COMMITTEE NEWS

- The **Civil Courts Committee** will hold monthly meetings on **Oct. 8, Nov. 13, and Dec. 10** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Civil Court House, 111 Centre Street, 12th Fl. boardroom (White Street entrance). The meeting is open to Committee members and all who are interested in joining. Please RSVP to CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org. (See notices below.)
- The **Criminal Law Committee** will be meeting on **Oct. 20** at 6 p.m. at The Hoffinger Firm, 150 East 58th Street, 16th Fl., NYC. RSVP to Fran Hoffinger at fhoffinger@hoffingerlaw.com or call 212-421-4000.
- If you would like to join the **Diversity Committee**, send an email to DiversityChairs@nywba.org, with a copy to ED@nywba.org.
- The **Judiciary Committee** is currently reviewing the qualifications of candidates for open judiciary positions in New York County. NYWBA's ratings will be published in the *New York Law Journal* in early November.
- The **Matrimonial & Family Law Committee** will host a "meet and greet" on **Oct. 15** at Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello, PC, 565 Fifth Avenue, 7th Fl., NYC. This event is currently full. Register for future meetings on **Nov. 5, Dec. 3, and Jan. 7** at MFChairs@nywba.org.
- The **Prof. Ethics & Discipline Committee** will meet **Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and Dec. 17** at 6 p.m. at Frankfurt Kurnit, 488 Madison Ave., 10th Fl., NYC. RSVP to EthicsChairs@nywba.org.
- The **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** will meet on **Oct. 7 and Nov. 4** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Rottenstreich & Ettinger, 222 East 41st Street, 22nd Fl., NYC. Email ReproductiveRights@nywba.org to RSVP. You must preregister so your name is submitted to building security.
- The **Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee** will hold a meeting on "**Starting and Growing Your Own Practice**" on **Oct. 16**, at 8:30 a.m. Location: TBD. To RSVP, email SSFChairs@nywba.org. The committee will also meet on **Nov. 20** at 6:30 p.m. Details to follow.
- NYWBA Foundation will host an evening **U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand** on **Oct. 23** at 5:30 p.m. (See www.nywba.org.)

NYWBA Civil Courts Committee

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"Have You Planned for Your Further Financial & Healthcare Needs?"

NYWBA's Civil Courts Committee's "Civil Court Express Lunch-Time Series" continues in November with **Aviva Pinto** speaking on financial planning and **Elisa Hecht** speaking on long-term health care.

A light lunch will be served.

- Date:** Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Place: New York County Civil Courthouse
 111 Centre Street, 12th Floor Boardroom
 (Attendees must enter via White Street)
RSVP: CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org
Advance Registration is Required

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NOTES ON MEMBERS

NYWBA expresses heartfelt condolences to chapter member **Sandy Schpoont**, whose mother passed away this past September.

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to Newsletter@nywba.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rosemarin Belliard	Lauren Mechaly
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Fiona M. Dutta	Judith Poller
Laura E. Edwards	Deena Rosenblatt
Alexa Englader	Christina Salib
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Rebecca H. Iwerks	Ana Gabriela Urizar
Victoria Kehoe	Herman Wun
Molly Mauck	
Samantha McDowall	

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SUSTAINING MEMBERS

With their generous contributions, Sustaining Members make it possible for us to accomplish so much more. We honor and thank them for their support.

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Eileen S. King	
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NYWBA Civil Courts Express Lunch

"Facebook – Get the Picture"

Discovery & Admissibility of Internet Evidence

NYWBA's Civil Courts Committee will continue its "Civil Court Express Lunch" with our October event featuring **Steven Dyki**, who will speak on the investigation, discovery and admissibility of Internet evidence, including from social media.

- Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Place: New York County Civil Courthouse
 111 Centre Street, 12th Floor Boardroom
 (Attendees must enter via White Street)
RSVP: Email CivilCourtChairs@nywba.org
Advance Registration is Required.

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“Human Trafficking: Stemming the Tide”

by Fran Hoffinger

On May 19, 2014 the **Criminal Law Committee**, together with the **International Human Rights and Children’s Rights Committees**, the **NYC Court’s Criminal Law Gender Fairness Committee**, the **New York Criminal Bar Assn.** and the **National Assn. of Women Judges (NY Chapter)**, sponsored a CLE program entitled **“Human Trafficking: Stemming the Tide.”** More than 100 people attended the program, which took place in the Ceremonial Courtroom, The U.S. District Court, SDNY, 500 Pearl Street. The program, moderated by **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff**, began with a clip from *“Tricked,”* a documentary about the human trafficking epidemic. A panel discussion followed with **Lori Cohen, Esq.**, Director of the Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Sanctuary for Families’ Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services; **Stephen De Luca, Esq.**, a partner at Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett, who has volunteered with international, national and local organizations against human trafficking since 2006; **Miriam Goodman, M.S.W.**, the coordinator of trafficking programs at the Center for Court Innovation, and who helped create the Human Trafficking Intervention Courts in New York State; **Kate Mogelescu, Esq.**, supervising attorney at the Legal Aid Society’s Criminal Defense Division in New York County, and founder and developer of Legal Aid’s Trafficking Victims Advocacy Project, which she continues to run, and **John Temple, Esq.**, Attorney in Charge of the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office’s Human Trafficking Program.

Ms. Cohen began with the definition of Human Trafficking – which is not the transport of human beings but rather the exploitation of human beings for profit. She then described the makeup of Sanctuary’s clients and how they were “trafficked,” most seduced by false promises and kept in the trafficking world by fear and violence. Many have reported threats to their families by those who profit from trafficking. Ms. Mogelescu described her clients as “overwhelmingly poor women of color,” many of whom were introduced to prostitution at a young age. About 60% of them are U.S. citizens. She also reported that she has found there is profound sympathy for her young clients in the court system, but that the sympathy wanes as the clients age. Mr. Temple explained that trafficking victims are generally people with vulnerabilities – “throwaway kids,” “ACS kids,” “Family Court convention kids” – who are coerced into being trafficked, as opposed to being chained or restrained physically. Ms. Goodman added that there are common elements to those who are trafficked: they are usually victims of trauma, child and sexual abuse, witnessed violence, and have a strong sense of shame, silence and secrecy. Mr. DeLuca described the various laws, federal and state, and spoke about ways the law could be used to expunge criminal records of trafficking victims. He also talked about programs designed to train middle and high school students on what to look out for, including how to watch out for one another.

As Judge Sokoloff moderated, it became clear that a main focus was whether the criminal justice system was the appropriate forum for dealing with the issue of human trafficking. Cohen pointed out that a few of her clients had been helped as a result of their having been arrested, since they were able to present



Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff, Lori Cohen, Stephen De Luca, Kate Mogelescu, Miriam Goodman and John Temple (l. to r.)

their having been trafficked to federal prosecutors. Ms. Mogelescu, by contrast, was very clear that the criminal justice system had not done a good job with the issue of human trafficking, especially in criminal court, and that the issue needs to be taken out of the criminal justice system. Mr. Temple confirmed that the District Attorneys’ Office has not been successful in prosecuting those who profit from trafficking, perhaps because the women who have been trafficked are reluctant to testify against their pimps. Instead, his office is focusing on prosecuting “johns,” hoping to stem the demand for trafficked services, much in the way that the office has prosecuted drug purchasers in an attempt to diminish the demand for illegal drugs. Ms. Goodman described the new statewide Trafficking Intervention Courts, which are assigned a designated judge, prosecutors, and lawyers, all familiar with trafficking issues, and expressed her hope that the new courts would help to deal with human trafficking. Ms. Mogelescu expressed skepticism, suggesting that even with specialized courts, there are so many attendant harms to victims from criminalization.

In the end, there appeared to be no clear solutions or answers on what can be done to end human trafficking. However, at the very least, human trafficking is getting attention from the criminal justice system and the media, a step in right direction.

Fran Hoffinger is a partner at The Hoffinger Firm LLP, where she specializes in criminal and civil litigation and family law. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the NYWBA Criminal Law Committee.

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Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of
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New York Women's Bar Association Foundation Fellowship

End-of-year Joint Report by Sofia Linarte and Lauren Irby

This article provides reflections on our work with Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice during Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters as New York Women's Bar Association Foundation (NYWBAF) Fellows. Throughout the year, we have worked primarily on the New York Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Project ("NYUIC Project") alongside **Dora Galacatos**, the Feerick Center's Executive Director, and **Olga Byrne**, the Project Director.

The Feerick Center launched the NYUIC Project in January 2013 to support coordinated efforts to improve state and local policy and practice for unaccompanied immigrant children. New York City and its neighboring counties are home to thousands of "unaccompanied immigrant children" who are often susceptible to exploitation, homelessness, lack physical and mental health-care, and have inadequate access to educational and legal resources. While we worked on a wide variety of discrete matters, the bulk of our work focused on the four areas described below.

Promoting Access to Justice through Trainings for Family Court Lawyers

Last fall, in collaboration with members of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Immigration and Nationality, we helped develop a training program on special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS) for court-appointed attorneys in the Family Courts. SIJS status is available to certain immigrant youth who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned, which allows these youth to adjust to lawful permanent residency and thus opens up opportunities for legal employment, stability, and access to higher education. The Feerick Center and the City Bar co-sponsored trainings for 96 attorneys in the First Department and 44 in the Second Department.

Planning the Special Immigrant Juvenile Conference

On December 6, 2013, the Feerick Center and the New York County Lawyers' Association co-sponsored a conference entitled Representing Immigrant Youth: Ethics and Other Emerging Topics in Special Immigrant Juvenile Practice. We helped organize the conference by securing panelists, framing themes, and providing logistical support. More than 100 practitioners, academics, and other participants convened to discuss key issues within the field, including adolescent development and trauma, courtroom advocacy techniques, and ethical challenges in SIJS practice. Overall, the conference was a great success. This was the first time we had ever contributed to planning such a large event and it felt wonderful to see our hard work culminate in such a worthwhile and informative way.

Creating a Service Opportunity

Over the course of the year, we helped develop a service opportunity for law students in collaboration with Catholic Charities Community Services. Catholic Charities provides legal orientation presentations to the adult relatives (or "custodians") of unaccompanied immigrant children. Many families require additional one-on-one assistance, beyond the scope of Catholic Charities'

program. We met with Catholic Charities, attended a legal presentation, and provided feedback on the recruitment and use of student volunteers.

Developing a Model Statute

One of the most significant components of our work on the Project involved work on a model state statute that will protect the rights of immigrant youth who may be eligible for SIJS. It was an incredible opportunity to collaborate closely with a working group of national experts. The model statute addresses gaps in protection with respect to access to the courts, the identification of eligible youth, access to counsel and other issues. While developing in-depth knowledge about this complex, multi-disciplinary area of the law, we also enjoyed the opportunity to take on the challenge of drafting model legislation, something we had never done before, and receiving feedback from experts with multiple perspectives.

Conclusion

Our involvement in the NYWBA Foundation Fellowship this past academic year was productive, impactful, and enlightening. Through our work with the NYUIC Project, we have furthered the goals and fundamental principles of the Foundation. We strived to help eliminate discrimination within the legal system against unaccompanied immigrant children; worked to promote their social and economic equality, safety and well-being; and worked to address many of their unmet legal needs through research, surveys, drafting, and advocacy in New York and beyond. We thank the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation for this invaluable opportunity!

Sofia Linarte and Lauren Irby are 3Ls at Fordham University School of Law.

An Enchanting Night at 'Cinderella' by Addie Calkins

On June 12, 2014, New York Women's Bar Association members and guests enjoyed a night out at the American Ballet Theater's production of Frederick Ashton's 'Cinderella.' The event was sponsored by the NYWBA Programs & Events Committee, in its continuing effort to provide NYWBA members with art and culture programming.

Stars **Gillian Murphy** and **David Hallberg**, playing Cinderella and the Prince, respectively, dazzled the audience with their masterful performances. In addition, male dancers playing the infamous stepsisters brought a great sense of humor to the production.

Members of the group in attendance agreed that these cultural events are a great change of pace from work law-related programming. For one enchanting summer night, courtesy of New York's iconic Metropolitan Opera House, even the most cynical attorneys indulged their faith in love, their sense of childlike wonder, and their hope that Prince Charming might be waiting.

Report From Maggie Marron, New York Women's Bar Association Foundation Fellow at Her Justice

This past spring I was fortunate to be the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation Fellow at Her Justice, a public interest organization that provides low-income women in New York City with legal assistance and representation in family court and immigration matters. I worked on the intake hotline, and helped to connect dozens of women with much-needed legal services, assisted with a number of divorce cases and a helped to obtain a "U-visa" application for a client.

One of the clients, a young mother of three from Ecuador, with whom I worked closely, left a particularly strong impression on me. She was a survivor of domestic violence whom I assisted on her contested divorce and "U-visa" application. She had a sweet and quiet demeanor, but the strength of her character was evident when she spoke poignantly of the abuse she had endured and the goal of a better life she had for her children. She was resolute in ensuring that the terms of the divorce would provide her and her children with adequate support until her work authorization was approved.

Prior to the fellowship, I was sure I would prefer immigration-related matters over matrimonial cases. However, my semester at Her Justice taught me how important it is for low-income women to obtain support when they are tasked with raising children and lack work authorization. Child and spousal support are key tools in helping women to get back on their feet and, for survivors of domestic violence, to gain independence from years of financial powerlessness.

Not only did I gain a better understanding of how the life of my client and her children were deeply impacted by the Her Justice attorney's scrupulous representation, I also learned that divorce casework is an essential part of the work of women's rights advocates to empower women to achieve independence and build lives that are free of violence.

As a third year law student, I had already been planning to pursue public interest law with a focus on women's rights and/or economic justice. However, my fellowship at Her Justice provided me with the culminating experience of my legal training thus far, and solidified my interest in this area of the law.

I am sincerely grateful to Her Justice and the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation for making this experience possible.

Maggie Marron is a 3L at New York University School of Law.

ABC's OF PROBATE and ADMINISTRATION by Leona Beane

On June 2, 2014 the Trusts and Estates Committee presented a very successful CLE program on "ABC's of Probate and Administration - A View From Surrogate's Court Practitioners". This program was a huge success; we had a 'sell-out' crowd; during the last few days prior to the program, several names were placed on a waiting list.

The three speakers were the three Co-Chairs of the Committee, each of whom presented different aspects of the overall process of Probate and Administration based on their expertise and experience.

The topics included: explaining preparation of the Petition for Probate, who can be an Executor, what happens when the named Executor is not available, Testamentary Letters, Preliminary Letters, and Letters of Administration CTA.

The speakers explained the execution of a Will and the importance of the affidavit of the attesting witnesses. Additional topics included identifying the distributees and the need for a family tree and an affidavit of heirship. They also spoke about issuance of the Citation, and how proper service is needed for jurisdiction.

Also discussed was a topic that many practitioners find confusing in preparing the Probate Petition: who is listed in section 6 and who is listed in section 7, and what are the differences? In section 6, all of the necessary parties (all distributees, named Executor and Trustee and Petitioner) must receive the Citation or must Consent to the Probate; in section 7, all others listed in the Will do not necessarily need to receive a Citation, but they do need to receive by mail a "Notice of Probate". These include Alternate Executors, Alternate Administrators and names of all beneficiaries who are not distributees.

There was also discussion about the Petition for Letters of Administration and the bonding requirement.

It was a full evening of facts, information and forms needed in preparing a Probate or an Administration Petition, to obtain Letters for the Executor or the Administrator to proceed with the Estate and marshal the assets.

The three panel members answered several questions regarding common day problems and many more advanced issues in proceeding with Probate or Administration in the Surrogate's Court.

Overall, everyone indicated they learned a great deal and were looking forward to additional programs in the Trusts & Estates area.

We thank Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison for providing lovely conference room space for the program.

Leona Beane is a member of the Board and is Co-Chair of the Trusts & estates Committee; she concentrates her practice in Trusts & Estates and Adult Guardianship Issues.

Have you renewed your Membership for 2014-2015?

The NYWBA fiscal year is June 1 to May 31, which means that the 2014-2015 membership year started on **June 1st**. To renew, go to www.nywba.org/membership or contact our Executive Director (ED@nywba.org or 212-490-8202) to have a renewal form sent to you.

NYWBA Holds Nineteenth Annual Summer Program to Discuss Issues that Significantly Affect Women Lawyers Just Entering the Profession by Lindsey Powers

This year's *Summer Program* on "What it's REALLY Like to Practice Law as a Woman" was held on July 15, 2014 at the New York City Bar Association. The program provided law students, summer associates, interns, recent law graduates, and new attorneys an opportunity to learn from the experiences of seasoned women attorneys and to get advice as they begin their careers. Some of the topics of discussion included career advancement, professional development, personal fulfillment, and the evolving experience of being a woman in the legal field.

New York City Bar Association President **Debra L. Raskin** spoke of the importance of bar association membership and committee involvement for young attorneys to ensure career growth and smooth transitions. NYWBA President **Yacine Barry-Wun** congratulated the NYWBA Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession for conceiving of the concept for this program nearly 20 years ago, as well as Summer Program Co-Chairs **Victoria A. Turchetti** and **Cassandra M. Porter** and the joint Committees of the New York City Bar Association and President Raskin for their roles in planning and hosting the event. Ms. Barry-Wun also discussed the importance of the NYWBA in supporting underrepresented groups, especially in the current economic climate, and encouraged law students, recent graduates, and new lawyers to get involved in the NYWBA's Committees, and award-winning Mentoring Circles.

The panel discussion was moderated by **Gwendolyn E. Lindsay-Jackson**, an attorney and freelance international television legal analyst with extensive experience in criminal, civil and military law. The panelists included **Kerri-Ann Bent**, Vice President and attorney at Barclays; **Althea Brown**, Counsel at Google; **Liliane S. Ndong**, associate at Seyfarth Shaw LLP; and **Wendy H. Schwartz**, founding partner at Binder & Schwartz LLP.

Each of the panelists shared stories of their personal and career trajectories, and the unique obstacles they faced as they worked to meet their goals and tailor their career plans to their individual needs.

The panelists stressed the importance of assessing short-term versus long-term goals and ensuring that choices for the short-term can ultimately assist in achieving long-term goals. The panelists also addressed the importance of finding a mentor — not just other female and/or minority mentors but also mentors from any other background with whom you can form a beneficial mentoring relationship. The panelists also suggested ways in which young attorneys who may not feel comfortable promoting themselves could prepare for informal opportunities, including practicing an "elevator pitch," speaking up in meetings, sharing positive feedback on their work from clients, while building strong relationships with peers and mentors to build support from colleagues. The speakers also spoke extensively about the importance of striking a healthy work-life balance.

The panelists answered questions from attendees and provided advice they said they wished they had received when they were starting their careers. Their advice included: creating a yearly



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development plan at work; networking not only when actively looking for a job but by consistently staying in touch with networking contacts; thinking about how to implement skills in other practice areas to maintain flexibility; joining non-legal trade associations relevant to your practice area or desired practice area; and most importantly, being true to yourself.

After the panel discussion, attendees enjoyed a wine and cheese networking reception and had the opportunity to connect further with the panelists, moderator, and experienced attorneys from the NYWBA, including members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, as well as representatives from the New York City Bar. The program was very well received, and many attendees said they looked forward to attending next year's program and to join or becoming more involved in the NYWBA.

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NYWBA Committee Chairs Meet to Kick Off 2014-2015

by Elizabeth A. Bryson

On August 7, 2014, **President Yacine Barry-Wun** hosted a meeting of the NYWBA Committee Chairs for 2014-2015. (A full list of all Committees and Chairs appears on our website – www.nywba.org.) The annual “orientation” meeting of Committee Chairs serves several purposes, including to:

- Introduce the new and continuing Committee to NYWBA Officers and Directors, and give them the opportunity to meet and network;
- Provide an opportunity for Chairs to hear directly from the President about the Association’s key objectives for the year and to ask any questions about our long-term mission and immediate goals;
- Provide Chairs with guidance concerning their administrative and fiscal responsibilities, as well as background about NYWBA and our statewide sister organization, WBASNY, including the need for some Committees to send representatives to bi-monthly meetings of WBASNY Committees that have a similar missions to NYWBA Committees;
- Confirm rules about Committee membership and the need for members to be current on their dues;
- Inform the Chairs about how to organize programs, including CLEs and major events, how to secure venues and funding for programs, how to clear proposed program dates, opportunities for co-sponsorships with other committees and organizations, etc.; and
- Provide guidelines and templates for publicizing programs and events, including in our Newsletter, on our website, etc.

Congratulations to all of this year’s Committee Chairs. They are a great group – distinguished in their respective fields, and enthusiastic about their role in ensuring that NYWBA has a successful and prosperous year.

If you are interested in serving on a Committee, sign up at www.nywba.org/CommitteeChoice, and feel free to reach out to the Chair(s) of the committees in which you have an interest. (Contact info for Chairs is available on our website at www.nywba.org/members/committees.shtml.) If you believe you have the qualifications to chair a Committee, or would like to get more involved, send an email to President Barry-Wun at President@nywba.org with your qualifications and ideas.

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NYWBA President Yacine Barry-Wun (seated, center) welcomes Committee Chairs and NYWBA Board members.

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NYWBA Members at WBASNY Board & Committee Meetings

On September 20, 2014, NYWBA President **Yacine Barry-Wun**, Immediate Past President **Hon. Jacqueline Silberman** and other members participated in the bi-monthly meetings of the **Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York** at Columbia Law School. NYWBA representatives attended numerous WBASNY Committee meetings, as well as the statewide meeting of the WBASNY Board of Directors. Between meetings, members networked with colleagues from across the state and discussed important issues and initiatives.



Networking Dinner for WBASNY & Chapters Hosted by NYWBA

by Elizabeth A. Bryson

On Friday, September 19, 2014, NYWBA President **Yacine Barry-Wun** and WBASNY Vice President **Amy Saltzman** (long-time NYWBA member) hosted a wonderful networking dinner for representatives of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and of several of the 18 Women's Bar Associations across New York State.

By way of background, WBASNY holds Board and Committee meetings five times a year, and three of those meetings are held in Manhattan (in September, January and March). The other meetings are held in Albany (November) and at the location of the annual WBASNY Convention (usually in June).

In November 2013, our sisters in the Capital District Chapter in Albany revitalized the long-lost tradition of hosting a "get together" the night before the Board / Committee meetings, so that members from across the state could meet and mingle and enjoy a meal together. NYWBA followed suit on the evening before the January 2014 meetings in Manhattan, and a tradition was reborn.

The next WBASNY meeting will be held in January 2015. Look for announcements about the pre-meetings dinner in the next Newsletter, on our website (www.nywba.org), and/or on WBASNY's website!

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