



# NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 2016

As election day fast approaches, I am excited to report on timely and important work that our chapter has undertaken in support of WBASNY's initiative to register new voters. Thank you and congratulations to our Voter Registration Drive Co-Chairs, **Nidhi Shetye** and **Vanessa Kaster** and to all of the members who participated in this important effort. The NYWBA registered 461 citizens to vote, which means that our chapter accounted for nearly one half of the goal of 1,000 registrations for the entire state.



Deborah G. Rosenthal

Our Judiciary Committee has also been quite busy and screened more than half of the 16 judicial candidates for Supreme Court and Civil Court on the ballot in New York County. Thank you to the Co-Chairs of the Judiciary Committee, **Jocelyn L. Jacobson**, **Amanda B. Norejko** and **Francesca A. Sabbatino**, who have been co-chairing this Committee for the past three years and to all of the members of this committee who participated in the interviews of judicial candidates.

The NYWBA also hosted a number of informative and exciting programs this past month. On October 6, I was privileged to attend a screening at the Museum of the Moving Image of the documentary film "**Equal Means Equal**" that addressed how little progress has been made toward women's rights. The NYWBA was fortunate that Criminal Law Committee Co-Chairs, **Fran R. Hoffinger** and **Diane Ferrone**, brought a screening of this powerful movie to our members at an event on October 26, which *(Continued on Page 2)*

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Check [www.nywba.org](http://www.nywba.org) for more Meetings, Programs & Events.

## NYWBA International Women's Rights Committee

presents the following CLE Program:

### Helms Hurts:

**An examination of the American policy blocking access to safe and legal abortion worldwide**

Co-Sponsored by:

New York University School of Law and The Center for Reproductive Rights

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion, featuring:

**Aram Schvey**, Senior Policy Counsel and Manager of Special Projects, Center for Reproductive Rights

**Patty Skuster**, Senior Policy Adviser, Ipas

**Selome Argaw**, Legal Adviser for Africa, Center for Reproductive Rights

Moderated By:

**Sukti Dhital**, Deputy Director, Robert L. Bernstein Institute for Human Rights, NYU Law

**Date:** **Monday, Nov. 7, 2016**, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** **New York University School of Law**  
Vanderbilt Hall, Classroom 214  
40 Washington Square South, NYC

**CLE:** **1.5 Credits (Professional Practice)\***

**Cost:** Free – NYWBA Members\*\*  
Free – NYU Students & Faculty  
Free – Center for Reproductive Rights Staff  
\$35 – Non-Members\*\*\*

**RSVP:** [www.nywba.org/cle-helms-hurts](http://www.nywba.org/cle-helms-hurts)

**Info:** Email [IntlChairs@nywba.org](mailto:IntlChairs@nywba.org)

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was co-sponsored by our Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession and our Reproductive Rights and Women's Health Issues Committee. This documentary reinforces the necessity for a vibrant and growing women's bar association, such as ours, and I urge you to see it.

We continued to offer CLE opportunities to our members in October, including a presentation by the Litigation Committee, which is Co-Chaired by **Francesca A. Sabbatino, Sara Crasson and Luisa M. Kaye**. On October 18, the Committee presented "**A Cyber Breach Primer: Cybersecurity, Cyber Governance, and Cyber Insurance - What Clients Need to Know**," which was co-sponsored by the Technology and Internet Committee.

On October 25, the Civil Courts Committee, Co-Chaired by **Melissa G. Ephron-Mandel, Meryl H. Waxman and Hon. Anne Katz**, in association with the Appellate Division, First Department, presented an afternoon CLE program entitled "**Stand Out When You Stand Up: Preparing for Court Appearances and Essential Do's and Don'ts to Make Your Case.**"

On October 27, we hosted our renowned Mentoring Circles Reception, featuring **Cynthia Greenwalt**, a professional coach on networking and developing social capital. Thank you to Committee Co-Chairs, **Jessica A. Dahan, Elisheva Ackerman and Randy L. Shapiro**, and to NYWBA Vice President, **Andrea Vacca**, for reviving the Mentoring Circles, which have historically been one of our most successful programs, and for putting together this lively event.

On October 26, the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation hosted a Breakfast Panel discussion on the possible impact of the election results on federal policies affecting women and children. **Magee Hickey** moderated this informative panel discussion.

We have two more CLE's scheduled in November. On November 7, 2016, our International Women's Rights Committee will be presenting "**Helms Hurts: An Examination of the American Policy Blocking Access to Safe and Legal Abortion Worldwide**," and on November 17, 2016 our Elder Law and Disabilities Committee will be presenting "**The Nuts and Bolts of Guardianship: MHL Article 81 Proceedings.**" Thank you to the Co-Chairs of the International Women's Rights Committee, **Farah Y. Zaman and Nicole K. Trivlis**, and the Co-Chairs of the Elder Law and Disabilities Committee, **Antonia J. Martinez, Sabrina E. Morrissey and Kim F. Trigoboff**, for bringing these important programs to our members.

Finally, thanks go out to all of the Committee Co-Chairs who assisted with the start of our membership drive, to Executive Director **Karen Lu**, and to Membership Committee Co-Chairs, **Michael W. Appelbaum and Elizabeth A. Bryson**. We are at record membership for this time in our membership year and are well on our way to achieving another WBASNY delegate. If you have not renewed your membership, I urge you to do so. As you know, our many CLE programs are free to our members.

*Deborah*

**NYWBA Matrimonial and Family Law Committee**

*presents*

A presentation by **Elliot Scheinberg, Esq.** on the implications and considerations involved with late date acknowledgements of marital agreements.

**Date:** *Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016*

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** *Lee Anav Chung White Kim  
Ruger & Richter LLP*

156 Fifth Avenue, Suite 303, NYC

**RSVP:** *reception@brmatlaw.com*

**Renew Your Membership for 2016-2017!**

If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

Renew your membership today and enjoy all NYWBA benefits, including FREE NYWBA CLE PROGRAMS, our award-winning Mentoring Circles, networking events and Committee meetings, access to the "Members Only" sections of our website, access to our past Newsletters online, and other benefits.

Save paper & mailing costs, and expedite your renewal by using our secure online membership form at [membership.nywba.org](http://membership.nywba.org). You can also email NYWBA Executive Director Karen Lu ([ED@nywba.org](mailto:ED@nywba.org)) to confirm your member status or request a paper membership form by email.

**SUPPORT THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

The New York Women's Bar Association Foundation's goals are: (1) to eliminate gender bias and other forms of discrimination from the legal system and legal profession, (2) to promote the social and economic equality, safety and well being of women and children, and (3) to address the unmet legal needs of women and children. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization which supports and funds charitable and philanthropic programs to aid women and children throughout Manhattan and beyond.

NYWBAF initiatives are made possible through the financial contributions of members of the New York Women's Bar Association, colleagues and friends. Donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

Help us advance our mission to aid women and children in New York and beyond by giving to the Foundation. Please go to <http://nywbaf.org/donate> to make a contribution.

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Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of this Newsletter and many of our CLE programs.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

- **Children's Rights, LGBT & Matrimonial & Family Committees** will co-host a CLE, "**Beyond Brooke B: Litigation Same Sex Parenting Cases in the New Legal Landscape**" on **Dec. 8** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at JAMS, 620 Eighth Ave., 34th Fl., NYC. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/2dqPy4c>. (See Notice below, right.)
- **Civil Courts Committee** will meet **Nov. 17** and **Dec. 15** at 1:15 p.m. at the Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre Street, NYC. The Dec. 15 meeting will also be a holiday lunch. RSVP [CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org](mailto:CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org).
- **Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession** will meet on **Nov. 10** at 6:00 p.m. at the New York County Civil Court, 111 Centre Street, 12th Floor, NYC. RSVP to [AdvanceStatus@nywba.org](mailto:AdvanceStatus@nywba.org).
- **Criminal Law Committee** will meet **Nov. 1** and **Dec. 6** at 6:15 p.m. at The Hoffinger Firm, 150 East 58th St., 16th Floor, NYC. RSVP to [CrimLawChairs@nywba.org](mailto:CrimLawChairs@nywba.org).
- **Elder Law and Disabilities Committee** will host a CLE entitled: "**The Nuts and Bolts of Guardianship: MHL Article 81 Proceedings**" on **Nov. 17** from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, 1350 Broadway, NYC. RSVP [ElderLawRSVP@nywba.org](mailto:ElderLawRSVP@nywba.org). (See notice below.)
- **Employment and Equal Opportunity for Women Committee** will meet on **Nov. 16** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. Email [EEOWChairs@nywba.org](mailto:EEOWChairs@nywba.org).
- **International Women's Rights Committee** will host a CLE entitled "**Helms Hurts**" on **Nov. 7** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at NYU School of Law, Vanderbilt Hall, Classroom 214, 40 Washington Square South, NYC. RSVP [www.nywba.org/cle-helms-hurts](http://www.nywba.org/cle-helms-hurts). See notice p. 1. The Committee will also meet **Nov. 14** and **Dec. 12** at 6:30 p.m. at Le Pain Quotidien, 81 West Broadway, NYC. RSVP [IntlChairs@nywba.org](mailto:IntlChairs@nywba.org).
- **LGBT Committee** will meet **Nov. 15** at 6:00 p.m. at the Law Offices of LoPreto Levy, LLP, 565 Fifth Ave., 7th Fl., NYC. RSVP [LGBTChairs@nywba.org](mailto:LGBTChairs@nywba.org).
- **Litigation Committee** hosts "**Lunch with a Judge**" with **Justice Saliann Scarpulla** of the Commercial Division on **Nov. 15** at 1:00 p.m. at 60 Centre Street, NYC. RSVP [Litigation@nywba.org](mailto:Litigation@nywba.org).
- **Matrimonial and Family Law Committee** is hosting a presentation by **Elliot Scheinberg, Esq.** on the implications and considerations involved with late date acknowledgements of marital agreements on **Nov. 2** at 6:00 p.m. at Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP, 156 Fifth Avenue, Suite 303, NYC. RSVP [reception@brmatlaw.com](mailto:reception@brmatlaw.com). (See notice p. 2.)
- **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** will meet **Nov. 1** and **Dec. 6** at 6:30 p.m. at Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Avenue, NYC. RSVP [reproductiverights@nywba.org](mailto:reproductiverights@nywba.org).

### Elder Law and Disabilities Committee

presents a CLE Program:

### The Nuts and Bolts of Guardianship: MHL Article 81 Proceedings

Moderator: *Antonia J. Martinez, Esq.*

Speakers: *Hon. Bernice D. Siegal, Kim F. Trigoboff, Esq., Sabrina Morrissey, Esq., Deborah G. Rosenthal, Esq., and Lissett Ferreira, Esq.*

**Date:** *Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016*, from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.  
**Place:** *Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP*, 1350 Broadway, NYC  
**CLE:** *1.5 Credits* (Professional Practice)\*  
**Cost:** *Free* - NYWBA Members; *\$35* - Non members  
**RSVP:** *ElderLawRSVP@nywba.org*

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## NOTES ON MEMBERS

Congratulations to the **Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin** who was featured on the front cover of the NYU Alumni News magazine in a piece entitled "On Being First and Being Fierce."

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to [Newsletter@nywba.org](mailto:Newsletter@nywba.org).

## SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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

Andrea Hirshman

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The **NYWBA Elder Law and Disabilities Committee** welcomed **Amy C. O'Hara, Esq.** as its speaker for their meeting on October 13, 2016. The topic was **Supplemental Needs Trusts in Estate Planning**. O'Hara, a partner at Littman & Krooks, LLP, provided valuable information on the possibility of first party Supplemental Needs Trusts in estate planning as well as the Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program.

### NYWBA LGBT, Children's Rights and Matrimonial and Family Law Committees

present a CLE Program:

### Beyond Brooke B: Litigating Same Sex Parenting Cases in the New Legal Landscape

Hosted by *JAMS Matrimonial and Family Law Neutrals, Caroline Antonacci, Esq. and Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin*

With Speakers:

*Eric I. Wrubel, Margaret L. Canby and Peter Favaro, Ph.D.*

**Date:** *Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016*, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Place:** *JAMS*, 620 Eighth Ave., 34th Fl., NYC  
**CLE:** Credits: 1 Skills, 1 Professional Practice\*  
**Cost:** *Free* - NYWBA Members\*\*  
*\$50* - Non-members\*\*\*  
**RSVP:** *http://bit.ly/2dqPy4c*  
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