



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2021

We had hoped that 2021 would be the beginning of better days for our nation. Instead, we were shocked and disheartened to see an attack on our Capitol on January 6 in an attempt to subvert our democratic process through violent insurrection. During these turbulent times, I hope that everyone is taking care of themselves and finding comfort and peace in their family and friends.



Amanda B. Norejko

At the NYWBA, we are focused on achieving our goals, some old and some new, in the year to come. As we enter our 11th month of pandemic life, it can feel a bit like the movie Groundhog Day in which we are all caught in a loop with no end in sight. However, I believe that through our connection to one another, we can prevent our socially-distant circumstances from stealing our productivity and progress. I am optimistic that better times are ahead as long as we support one another as a community and continue to cultivate and empower leaders who value justice and equality under the law. Even on our darkest days, we can keep working toward a brighter tomorrow. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "the time is always right to do what is right."

In January, the NYWBA conducted many virtual events to help our members hone new skills to take their legal practice to another level. On January 7, we hosted a presentation on using AI-powered analytics to research judges and adversaries to develop a well-informed legal strategy. On January 14, our Civil Courts Committee presented a timely CLE on commercial tenant defenses to nonpayment of rent defaults due to the pandemic. On January 22, the Civil Courts and Litigation Committees along with the Jewish Lawyers Guild presented a CLE on maximizing your note of issue review. On January 26, the ADR and Litigation Committees presented the first of a two-part CLE on preparing for mediation. The second part of this mediation CLE is scheduled for February 9. On January 27, the Elder Law and Disabilities Committee and the Civil Courts Committee presented a CLE on Navigating the Integrated Guardianship/Housing Part. Also on January 27, the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee presented a tutorial on virtual hearings.

We also continued our popular "Zoom with a Judge" series. On January 11, the Criminal Law Committee hosted **Honorable Cori H. Weston**, Acting Supreme Court Justice, to speak about the New York County Drug Courts. The program was extremely well-received and inspired new members to join the committee. On January 12, the NYWBA hosted

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The New York Women's Bar Association

*invites you to join us
in honoring our special guests*

The Newly Elected, Newly Appointed, and Re-Elected Judges of New York County For Our Virtual Judicial Reception

Join us at 6:00 p.m. to meet the newly-elected, re-elected and newly-appointed judges of the New York County courts and stay with us at 7:00 for an optional 1-hour wine tasting adventure focusing on women-led estates across France from Le Grand Verre, who partners directly with winemakers to curate their own exclusive selections focusing on organic wineries and women-led estates. If you select the wine-tasting option (\$30.00), four glass-sized bottles (2 reds, 1 white, 1 rose) will be shipped directly to you and a sommelier will guide us through the tasting!

Date Thursday, February 11, 2021

Time 6:00 p.m. – Reception
7:00 p.m. – Wine Tasting

Cost **FREE** – NYWBA/WBASNY Members –
Judicial Reception

No charge for:

- Judges of the New York Court of Appeals; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Justices of the Appellate Division, First Dept.; Judges and Magistrates newly appointed in the SDNY; Judges and Justices who are newly elected, newly appointed, or re-elected in NY County

\$50 – Non-members – Judicial Reception

Info For questions or information, email

JudgesReception@nywba.org.

RSVP <http://bit.ly/2021NYWBAJudges>

NOTE Registration for the wine tasting is closed.

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Honorable Deborah Kaplan, Administrative Judge of New York County Supreme Court's Civil Term, who provided important insights into changes in the New York County courts over the last year, particularly in response to the pandemic. The next day, Judge Kaplan was named Co-Chair of the New York State Justice Task Force. Alongside Co-Chair **Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick**, Judge Kaplan will be in charge of the Task Force's mission to promote fairness, effectiveness and efficiency in the criminal justice system; eradicate the harms caused by wrongful convictions; further public safety; and recommend judicial and legislative reforms to advance these causes. Judge Kaplan is also chair of the New York State Judicial Committee on Elder Abuse, co-chair of the New York County Supreme Court Gender Fairness Committee, and a past president of WBASNY. She has also served as Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases. The NYWBA is grateful to Judge Kaplan for her continued service to the court system and her enormous contributions to improving the fair administration of justice.

Other committees convened to socialize, provide support to members, and discuss plans for the coming year. We hope that you will consider joining our fantastic committees, which continue to provide great opportunities for members to network and exchange ideas.

February is Black History Month. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass (February 14) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12), dates that had been widely celebrated by the Black community since the late 1800s. This celebration to honor the contributions of African Americans to United States history was originally proposed by Black educators, historians and scholars as early as 1926, when it was first begun as a week-long observance at several universities. During the Civil Rights Movement in the South, the Freedom Schools incorporated Black history into their curriculum to advance social change. By 1976, Black History Month was officially celebrated across the United States with President Gerald Ford encouraging citizens to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." When first established, Black History Month resulted in some controversy, including from those who pointed out that the celebration of Black history should not be confined to one month, but rather integrated into mainstream education the rest of the year.

In celebration of Black History Month, I encourage you to learn about some important figures in our nation's legal history. For example, Charlotte E. Ray was the first Black female lawyer in the nation, admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia in 1872. She disguised her gender by applying for bar admission under the moniker C.E. Ray. Discrimination based on her race and sex made it difficult for her law practice to retain sufficient business, so she eventually used her considerable knowledge and skills to educate the next generation by becoming a New York public school teacher. Eunice Carter was one of the first Black women to receive a law degree in New York. In 1935, Carter became the first Black woman assistant district attorney in the state of New York, where she worked on landmark prosecutions of major figures in organized crime. She later used her legal education and influence to advocate for women's rights through service on several international organizations relating to advancing the status of women. Constance Baker Motley was the first Black woman elected to New York's State Senate and Manhattan's Borough President. She argued 12 landmark

NOTICE TO MEMBERS – ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **April 20, 2021**, when the President & Treasurer will present reports on the state of the NYWBA and its finances, and the Association will hold elections. (See page 3 for the **NYWBA Nominations Committee Report**, which includes a list of all open positions, terms of office and nominees, as well as a list of those continuing in office.)

Article XIV, Section 1 of the By-Laws provides that only members who are in good standing and whose membership dues were received by **January 31st** may vote at the Annual Meeting.

Article XVII, Section 10 of the By-Laws provides that any fifty members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting may, by a writing delivered to the Corresponding Secretary not less than *forty days* prior to the Annual Meeting, propose candidates for NYWBA offices or directorships to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Such petition must be *received* by no later than March 11, 2021 and must be addressed to Corresponding Secretary Lissett Ferreira, c/o New York Women's Bar Association, P. O. Box 1207, New York, New York 10150.

civil rights cases in front of the Supreme Court, winning nine. She was a law clerk to Thurgood Marshall aiding him on the decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. She was also the first Black woman to be appointed to the federal judiciary in 1966 where she continued to advance the fight for civil rights. Another significant figure was United States District Judge **Deborah A. Batts**, who was the first openly gay, lesbian, or bisexual member of the federal judiciary, serving on the bench of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York from 1994 until February 3, 2020, when she tragically passed away. A lovely memorial to the trailblazing Judge Batts can be read in our June 2020 Newsletter.

Finally, please mark your calendars for February 11, 2021, the new date for our virtual *Annual Judicial Reception* followed by an optional wine-tasting adventure focusing on women-led estates. We look forward to welcoming New York County's newly-elected and newly-appointed judges. Many thanks to **Magnolia D. Levy** and **Virginia A. LoPreto** as well as our Executive Director **Karen Lu** for their brilliant work organizing this event. I think it will be a fun evening, and I hope you will join us.

I look forward to celebrating more milestones and victories with all of you in the coming months as we forge ahead with our mission.

"History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own." - Michelle Obama

Amanda

NYWBA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At its November 18, 2020 meeting, the NYWBA Committee on Nominations nominated the following candidates to serve for the positions and terms stated below, effective June 1, 2021. The elections will be held at the Association's Annual Membership Meeting on **April 20, 2021**.

OFFICERS (2021-2022)

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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS*

Class of 2021-2023

Jennifer P. Brown	Hon. Laura E. Drager
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* Nominations Committee members continuing in office: Yacine Barry-Wun, Myra L. Freed, Hon. Kelly O'Neill Levy, and Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff

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NEW MEMBERS OF NYWBA ADVISORY COUNCIL (eff. 6/1/2021)

Myra L. Freed	Deborah G. Rosenthal
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Your Opinion Matters

NYWBA is seeking monthly opinions on legal matters. Please send your op-ed piece to opinions@nywba.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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as of 01/22/2021

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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.

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Laura M. Twomey

NOTES ON MEMBERS

The NYWBA extends our sincerest condolences to **Claire P. Gutekunst** whose father passed away in January 2021.

The NYWBA would like to congratulate **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff** on the receipt of the *Kay Crawford Murray Memorial Award*.

NYWBA notes with sadness the passing of Past President **Hon. Florence Raider Zimmerman** on January 4, 2021 at age 105. Please see page 7 for an article about her life and career.

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

The ADR and Litigation Committees present a CLE Program:

Part Two: Appearing at a Mediation Advocacy Skills for the Litigation Practitioner

Speakers:

Leslie Berkoff, Esq.,
Michele Kern-Rappy, Esq.
and Elizabeth Champnoi, Esq.
Moderator: Marcy Einhorn, Esq.

February 9, 2021 via Zoom

Go to www.nywba.org for more info.

Beyond a Lawyer's Intuition: How Artificial Intelligence Can Uncover Legal Thresholds

By Nicole Clark

It has been said that intuition is the backbone of the legal profession. We are told that the legal world thrives on anecdotal evidence, that attorneys prefer 'anecdotal' over data. This feels true. One doesn't have to work long in a law firm before learning that many litigators prefer to share intel by circulating office-wide emails filled with sentiments about a judge being a real stickler for the rules.

In a world backed by intuition, the insights accumulated through decades of experience are what matters most. But things are starting to change. "It used to be that personal experience and word-of-mouth were the primary vehicles through which you obtained information about the players in a given case," writes Nicole Black, an attorney based in Rochester. "For local cases, those reference points were often sufficient. But the further removed a case was from your local jurisdiction, the more difficult it was to obtain actionable data points to make litigation decisions."

The Synergies of Legal Technologies

As attorneys continue to bump against the limits of intuition, some are beginning to search for new sidekicks. Many are turning to novel legal technologies powered by artificial intelligence (AI). AI is undoubtedly a complex process, one that involves data mining, machine learning, and predictive modeling. When combined, these techniques can enable attorneys to sort through previously unimaginable quantities of information.

Until now, much of this information was inaccessible. Historically, state trial courts have tucked away their data inside impenetrable black boxes. As such, litigators have been slow to capitalize on this treasure-trove of information. This is partly because legal analytic technologies have encountered their own bumpy starts. At least in New York, legal tech innovators have been stuck behind problems of data accessibility and data integration. These bumps have now smoothed into broad archival networks, enabling litigators to patch together and sort through previously irreconcilable datasets from multiple counties and multiple states.

This should come as no surprise. There are synergies between technology and the law, similarities that stem from the fact that both arenas deploy logic-oriented methodologies. In the United States, for example, the legal system relies on legal precedents. The primary task of an attorney is to analyze texts, find patterns, and make predictions about the future. The same can be said about AI machine learning. Both use historical examples to infer rules that can be applied to new situations. According to Gail Gottehrer, an emerging technologies attorney based in New York City, "if your case is similar and has similar factors to another case, the results shouldn't be too surprising."

Find the Legal Thresholds

While every legal action is unique in its specificities, the processes undertaken by litigators behind-the-scenes follow several patterns. The goal of legal analytics has been to automate these processes as much as possible, unlocking the bottlenecks that emerge through the routine and mundane tasks associated with legal research.

AI-powered legal technologies are creating a world where litigators no longer need to spend hours sifting through case law for relevant pas-

sages. Law firms no longer need to pay junior associates to "head to the library, park themselves in carrels, walk through the books, and report back to the partners," explains Don MacLeod, Manager of Knowledge Management at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York. "[This] was a time-consuming and tedious process," continues Black. "Certainly, there was the potential for court data and filings to provide a wealth of information about judges and their rulings... but in the absence of software that could quickly sift through the vast amounts of data, the significant upfront investment of time needed to make sense of the information simply didn't pay off in the long run."

These bottlenecks are where AI-powered legal technologies make their biggest impact. Consider a platform like Trellis Research. Trellis is a legal tech company that has compiled an archive of state trial court records for California, Florida, Texas, New York, and many other states. A simple search on Trellis can uncover thousands of dockets, documents, and (tentative) rulings about any given topic. More importantly, however, is the fact that its AI-powered search function allows litigators to narrow these results by scanning the text of court records. This means litigators can perform close qualitative analyses of court filings, collecting examples of the types of arguments deployed by other attorneys to successfully advance a particular matter.

This kind of analysis has been a boon to freshly minted attorneys, those without decades of accumulated experience about how to best present a particular type of legal matter. "As a young lawyer, one of the biggest challenges was being expected to perform like an experienced lawyer right away. I constantly had to familiarize myself with different areas of the law, so most of my day was spent reading cases to figure out the relevant factors," recalls Abdi Aidid, a former New York City litigator. With AI-powered legal analytics, an attorney no longer needs to wait for a similar case to come across her path. In a matter of minutes, she can find it herself through a targeted search, one that points directly to the paragraph—to the sentence—that addresses the pertinent legal threshold, the key factors influencing a court's decision.

Trellis has already performed much of this work for its users. In its Motions and Issues library, Trellis provides a catalog of the types of petitions that can be filed in each state trial court. Designed to perform the initial grunt work of legal research, this catalog sifts through thousands of relevant court documents and rulings to provide users with descriptions of different motions as well as guidelines for how to structure, submit, and respond to different types of petitions. The catalog then synthesizes judicial rulings to identify relevant case law and legal thresholds each state trial court has considered when weighing its decision on similar matters. By curating models of successful filings, the Motions and Issues library offers users a plethora of examples to which they can refer when drafting their own unique petitions.

Equalizing the Playing Field

An attorney's intuition takes time to nurture and develop. Intuition, after all, is a type of knowledge that is accumulated over decades of experience, a feature which renders it inaccessible to many young attorneys.

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The Elder Law & Disabilities Committee
will host a regular meeting of members

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 12 – 1 pm
via Zoom

We will talk about current business and future events and take some time to meet socially, as well. We would love for you to be involved and contribute your ideas to our plans for the coming months.

Everyone who attends will receive a Valentine's Gift!

RSVP: elderlawchairs@nywba.org

NYWBA's Children's Rights Committee is
Co-Sponsoring a CLE Program with
FamilyKind, Inc.:

FamilyKind's 9th Annual Benefit
& Virtual Symposium

Global Perspectives in Family Law
and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Speakers:

Maurice Q. Robinson, Esq. (Moderator)

Hon. Vanessa Aufiero Da Rocha (Brazil)

Michal Feffer, MBA, LLB (Israel)

David Allison – Solicitor, Mediator, Lawyer (England)

Hirota Honda – Barister & Solicitor, Attorney (Japan)

Pepsi Thuto – Attorney (Botswana)

Stephen Madigan, MSW, MSc, Ph.D. (Canada)

Date: **March 11, 2021**

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Place: Zoom Webinar-

CLE: TBD

Cost: \$175 Registration

\$50 – Member of the 18B Panel/Students

RSVP <https://familykind.org/awards-symposium/>

Info: If you have any questions, email

childrensrights@nywba.org.

*CLE Credits: TBD: The New York Women's Bar Association is an accredited CLE provider. Approval of CLE credit is pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board for the above-listed credit hours for established attorneys and as transitional credit hours for newly admitted attorneys.

** CLE is free for NYWBA and WBASNY members. Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For info on the guidelines and to apply, contact CLE Co-Chairs Amy B. Goldsmith, Tara Diamond or Elizabeth Champnoi at cle@nywba.org or 212-216-1135. All requests are confidential.

The NYWBA Human Trafficking Committee
presents the CLE Program:

Equality Model: The Legislative Solution
to Reducing Human Trafficking

Across the country, there is a heated debate and discussion about criminal justice. Among the many proposals being advocated by some is decriminalizing the sex trade in the U.S. Proponents for full decriminalization support not only decriminalizing those prostituted, but pimps, brothel owners and sex buyers as well.

Survivors of the sex trade and their legal advocates vehemently disagree that full decriminalization is prudent reform and believe that it would further commoditize vulnerable people and increase human trafficking. They instead support legislation based on the Equality Model that would decriminalize those sold in the sex trade but maintain that those who exploit others should still be held accountable for the devastating harm they cause. These survivors and advocates are hoping to make NYS the first state to enact the Equality Model in the 2021 legislative session.

In "Equality Model: the Legislative Solution to Reducing Human Trafficking," lawyers and other advocates will discuss the global history of the Equality Model and how passage of this legislation would affect NY law and protect survivors of trafficking. You will also hear directly from trafficking survivors who will explain why their personal experiences have made them certain that full decriminalization of prostitution is dangerous and would increase violence against people in the sex trade.

Date: **Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Place: By Zoom link

CLE: TBD

Cost: Free to Committee Members and other interested members of WBASNY

RSVP: Email jaynebigelsen@gmail.com

Info: If you have any questions, please contact
cle@nywba.org.

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Cooking with NYWBA

Pecan Crusted Trout

Recipe by Jennifer P. Brown



Ingredients:

2 fillets of trout
¾ cup pecans
(divided)
1 Tbsp fresh rosemary
¼ cup fresh parsley
2 Tbsp melted butter
Flour for dredging
Salt & pepper

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray.

Take half of the pecans, rosemary and a little salt and pepper and grind it into a paste in a food processor.

Remove the mixture from the food processor and set aside.

Pulse the remaining pecans in the food processor until they are chopped finely but not into a paste.

Salt and pepper the fish generously.

Dredge the fillets in flour and shake off any excess.

Lay the fillets on the baking sheet.

Brush with butter.

Coat the top of each fillet with the pecan/herb paste.

Sprinkle the chopped pecans on top.

Drizzle the remaining butter over the top of the pecans.

Bake on the middle rack for 15 minutes.

Serve over a bed of sautéed spinach.

Jennifer is a matrimonial attorney in Manhattan and the author of the cookbook, "When Life Hands You Lemons – an Attorney's Journey Through Quarantine as an At Home Chef", available for purchase at downtownjbrown-cooking.myshopify.com.

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

Artificial Intelligence (Continued from Page 4)

AI-powered legal technologies, however, are a reminder that intuition can be acquired in many different ways. These technologies can help attorneys, no matter their level of experience, gather and fine-tune their own legal instincts. While nothing can replace the wisdom of an attorney's gut instincts, legal technologies are here to supplement that intuition with previously unimaginable insights.

Nicole Clark is CEO and co-founder of Trellis Research and a business litigation and labor and employment attorney.

Trellis is an AI-powered legal research and analytics platform that gives state court litigators a competitive advantage by making trial court rulings searchable, and providing insights into the patterns and tendencies of your opposing counsel, and your state court judges.

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Remembering Past President Hon. Florence Raider Zimmerman (1915-2021)

By Elizabeth A. Bryson



NYWBA is sad to announce that Past President Honorable Florence Raider Zimmerman passed away on January 4, 2021 at the age of 105.

Judge Zimmerman graduated from Hunter College in 1937 with a degree in Economics and as a recipient of Hunter's prestigious Constitutional Law Prize. During college, she interned with feminist icon Dorothy Kenyon, who was serving as NYC Deputy License Commissioner at the time.

Judge Zimmerman received her law degree from New York Law School in 1941, one of only two women in her class and one of only seven students to receive a special prize for academic excellence. She was admitted to the bar in 1941 and spent most of her career as an attorney for the New York City Rent and Housing Administration. An expert on rent control, in 1963 she successfully briefed and argued a precedent-setting case before the New York Court of Appeals that confirmed that certain self-described "hotels" were in fact boarding houses subject to governance under state and city rent control laws and regulations. She served also as a Small Claims Court arbitrator from 1954 to 1964.

She was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954. In 1961, she was installed as President of the New York Women's Bar Association for the 1961-1962 term. At the time of her passing, she was NYWBA's most senior Past President and a member of the NYWBA Advisory Council. Judge Zimmerman was also active in the New York County Lawyers' Association, where she served as a Committee Chair, and she was active in the American Bar Association.

In 1971, New York City Mayor John Lindsay appointed her to the position of New York City Civil Court Judge, and she was subsequently reappointed to that court. Upon leaving the bench, she rejoined the legal staff of the NYC Rent and Housing Administration. She also served as counsel for the Hunter College Alumnae Association after her retirement from the judiciary.

In 2018, at age 103, Judge Zimmerman attended Hunter College's Alumni Celebrations as the school's oldest living graduate and as an esteemed member of Hunter's "Alumni Hall of Fame." A wonderful tribute to Judge Zimmerman was later published in the New York Law School Magazine (<https://magazine.nyls.edu/vol37no1/2018/05/27/celebrating-hon-florence-zimmerman-41/>). The article covers much of her life, including her background as one of three children in a family of Polish-Russian immigrants who worked in the restaurant business, and the family's move to New York City when she was a teenager. She and her late husband, lawyer Henry Zimmerman, were among the first tenants of Peter Cooper Village in Manhattan and lived there for 66 years. She subsequently lived in Riverdale in the Bronx.

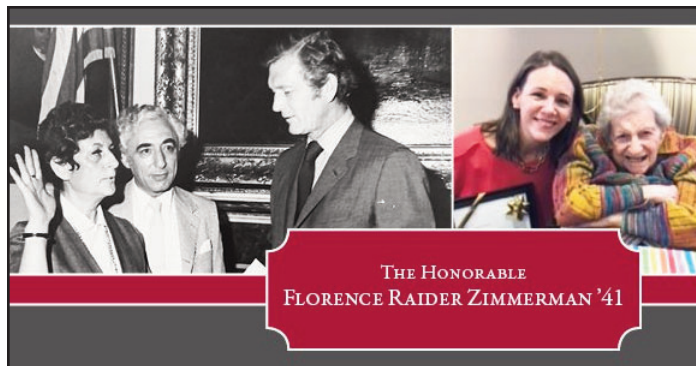


Photo from 2018 New York Law School Tribute to Judge Zimmerman

Condolences may be sent to Judge Zimmerman's family in care of her niece, Judith Zimmerman Oshry, 504 West 111th Street, #26, New York, NY 10025. Donations in her memory may be made to the World Jewish Congress or the charity of your choice.

Elizabeth A. Bryson is a litigator and appellate attorney in New York City. She is a Past NYWBA President (2003-2005), a past Officer and current Committee Co-Chair of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, and a current Vice President of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations.

The NYWBA Reproductive Rights and Women's Health Committee presents:

From Sleep Deprived to Sleep Revived: What Makes Sleep Extra Difficult for Women & What to Do About It

with Susan D'Addario, Certified Sleep Science Coach

During this special Zoom event, Susan will cover:

- Why women have a particularly challenging time with sleep
- How quality sleep serves us and how lack of sleep hurts
- What happens during the various sleep stages
- What gets in the way of falling asleep or sleeping through the night?
- What it takes to get a great night's sleep, feel rested and be ready to take on the world
- You will come away with newfound knowledge that can start you on your journey to getting back to sleep again, feel great and thriving for a lifetime!

Date: March 16, 2021

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Place: By Zoom

Cost: Free

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Current members should send updated address and contact information to ED@nywba.org. This will help us keep you informed about our programs, events, and other benefits of membership.

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