



# NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2021

Happy New Year! Let's face it, most of us are probably glad to put 2020 behind us and look forward to a year we hope will bring better news than the last. While 2020 saw its share of tragedies and setbacks, it also brought innovation in delivery of services by the court system and bar associations around the country. The challenges of the pandemic also could not extinguish efforts to shine a light on important issues of justice and equality. Building upon the foundations of our past, the NYWBA will have many opportunities to be a force for positive change in 2021.



Amanda B. Norejko

In October 2020, a Report from the Special Advisor on Equal Justice in the New York State Courts was released. On June 9, 2020, in the midst of a national outcry about racial injustice, Jeh Johnson was appointed by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore to conduct a review of racial bias in the New York State Court System. To prepare the report, Mr. Johnson's team interviewed current or former judges, court clerks, court watchers, court officers, court attorneys and administrative personnel, private civil and criminal practitioners, institutional and public defenders and prosecutors from around New York State. In addition, they engaged numerous bar associations, judicial associations, court employee unions, court reform organizations and affinity groups. The findings in the report revealed "an under-resourced, over-burdened New York State court system, the dehumanizing effect it has on litigants, and the disparate impact of all this on people of color." The report makes numerous recommendations, stating "this is a moment that demands a strong and pronounced rededication to equal justice under law by the New York State court system." The NYWBA, as a bar association dedicated to promoting the fair and equal administration of justice, is steadfast in our commitment to fighting racial discrimination in the courts and increasing diversity and inclusion.

In November 2020, the New York Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts and its chair **Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin** (NYWBA Past President 1969-1970) released the results of its Gender Survey 2020, a comprehensive report on the results of a statewide survey on gender bias in the courts. The survey was an update to a similar study on gender discrimination that was completed in 1986 by the New York Task Force on Women in the Courts. More than 5,300 attorneys responded to the 2020 online survey, which included issues such as sexual harassment; child care; treatment of domestic violence, rape, and prostitution cases; and court appointments for women attorneys. The survey found that while advancements have been made, women still face higher levels of sexual harassment than men and are often viewed as less credible. Women reported that while there has been great improvement system-wide, there is still significant bias against women attorneys and litigants.

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*The ADR and Litigation Committees  
present a Two-Part CLE Program:*

### **Part One: Preparing for Mediation What Litigators Need to Know Before Walking in the Door**

*Speakers:*

Lisa M. Courtney, Esq. and Lisa A. Jones, Esq.

*Moderator:* Sara J. Crasson, Esq.

**January 26, 2021 via Zoom**

### **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](http://www.nywba.org) for more info.

## ***Mark Your Calendar***

### **Forum on the Gender Survey 2020**

Moderated by **Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin**

**January 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
via Zoom**

*President's Message (Continued from Page 1)*

The report contained recommendations for court administration, judges and quasi-judicial personnel, court clerks, law enforcement, lawyers, bar associations, law schools, legislators, and attorney disciplinary committees to address the gender bias issues indicated by the survey. As a bar association whose core mission includes promoting advancement of the status of women in the legal profession, the NYWBA will review thoroughly the results and recommendations of the Gender Survey 2020 and continue its efforts to raise awareness and address gender discrimination in the court system.

On December 8, 2020, the NYWBA launched the new Guardianship Diversity Initiative (GDI). The idea for this groundbreaking new program came from **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff**. Judge Sokoloff recognized the need to diversify the pool of attorneys eligible for court appointments as court evaluators, attorneys for allegedly incapacitated persons, and guardians in Article 81 guardianships. GDI includes a mentoring component to pair attorneys new to the practice with experienced volunteer mentors.

The NYWBA thanks the New York County guardianship judges: **Hon. Tanisha James, Hon. Mary V. Rosado, Hon. Carol Sharpe** and **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff** for sharing their insights at the hugely successful launch event. To learn more about how you can participate in the GDI or obtain access to a recording of the launch event, contact our Elder Law and Disabilities Committee Co-Chairs, **Lissett Ferreira, Antonia J. Martinez, and Sabrina E. Morrissey** at [elderlawchairs@nywba.org](mailto:elderlawchairs@nywba.org). This program was co-sponsored by the Franklin H. Williams Commission, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Arab American Bar Association, Armenian Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association of New York, Brehon Law Society of New York, Columbian Lawyers' Association, Dominican Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, and Korean American Lawyer Association.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. In December, our newly-established Human Trafficking Committee hosted a powerful event at which members heard from a trafficking survivor and a long-time international human rights attorney. I first began working on the issue of sex trafficking in January 1999, and had the opportunity to engage in both direct service to victims and policy advocacy at the state, national, and international levels until joining the court system in 2018. It was inspiring to work alongside the survivor leaders who fiercely advocate for laws and resources to abolish this atrocity. Recognition of this issue by our state courts has been incremental, but thanks to the efforts of survivors and other advocates, more effective strategies to combat human trafficking continue to evolve. The NYWBA began its concerted efforts to bring attention to this issue under the leadership of **Deborah G. Rosenthal** (NYWBA President 2016-2017). In January 2017, the NYWBA co-hosted a CLE panel with Proskauer Rose LLP at which we first introduced many of our members to the realities of human trafficking and the legal frameworks to address it. So, I am pleased that WBASNY has taken up the cause of support for the Equality Model for combating human trafficking as a legislative priority for 2021.

In order to uphold our strong voice at the statewide level on these issues and others of critical importance to our mission, it is imperative that we maintain our NYWBA membership. The number of delegates who represent us on the WBASNY Board of Directors is directly related to the size of our membership. Our ability to fulfill our mission depends upon a vibrant and diverse community of members. The NYWBA Board of Directors recognizes that the pandemic has caused many members to struggle economically and bar association dues may pose a more significant barrier this year than in the past. We don't want to lose the important voices of our colleagues due to

adverse financial circumstances of historic proportions. Therefore, the NYWBA membership dues will be reduced for anyone who renews their membership or joins as a new member before the end of this month. If you have already paid the full dues amount for this year and wish to apply the amount you paid in excess of the newly-reduced price toward your 2021-2022 dues, you can email our Executive Director **Karen Lu** at [ed@nywba.org](mailto:ed@nywba.org) with the subject line DUES CREDIT. If you have not renewed your membership for 2020-2021, please do so before January 31, 2021 (the date on which our number of delegates is determined). If you know someone who is not yet a member but could benefit from membership, please encourage her or him to check out what we have to offer.

We have an exciting year ahead. We look forward to our **Annual Judicial Reception** scheduled for February 2, 2021. While this year's event will be held virtually, we have planned some fun and exciting new features to help us celebrate together and get a chance to meet the newly-elected, re-elected, and newly-appointed judges in New York County. We hope you will all join us for this celebration.

I am thrilled to be nominated to serve a second term as your NYWBA President for the 2021-2022 term. I look forward to continuing our important work with our fabulous team of Officers, Directors, Advisory Council members, Committee Chairs and our esteemed and dedicated members. I am grateful to all the Past Presidents for their inspirational leadership, wise counsel, and continued participation in our organization.

Congratulations to our nominees for Officer positions for the 2021-2022 term: Vice Presidents **Magnolia D. Levy, Jocelyn L. Jacobson**, and **Melissa Ephron-Mandel**; Treasurer **Sabrina E. Morrissey**; Recording Secretary **Lissett Ferreira**; Corresponding Secretary **Morgan Fraser Mouchette**; and Immediate Past President **Virginia A. LoPreto**.

Congratulations to our current Directors who are remaining on the Board. Past Presidents **Myra L. Freed** and **Deborah G. Rosenthal** will move from the Board to join the Advisory Council. We thank them for their many years of service to the NYWBA Board of Directors.

Finally, congratulations to our new nominees for Director positions on our Board: **Yasmin Dwedat**, current co-chair of the Diversity Committee, and **Crystal R. Villasenor**, current co-chair of the Civil Courts Committee.

When people make New Year's Resolutions, they often focus on negative habits they hope to break. However, here at the NYWBA, we like to focus on setting positive new goals for the new year and helping our members to achieve them. Together, we create more opportunities for professional success and personal happiness for our members while making strides toward greater justice and equality for all.

I feel so fortunate to have the year ahead to continue making a difference in my own small way. While we can be sure that the challenges we face as a legal community and as a nation will not immediately end, 2021 brings with it hope for a future that is kinder, safer, and more just. Our unity is our strength. Let's march forth together toward a better tomorrow.

*"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." - Oprah Winfrey*

*Amanda*

## 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 to the right 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. **If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, please do so now!**

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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cassandra S. Calderon  
Elena Denevich  
Molly Depew  
Grace L. Obama-Layat  
Linda A. Redlisky

as of 12/22/2020

## 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.*

Susan L. Bender

## NOTES ON MEMBERS

The NYWBA extends our sincerest condolences to the **Hon. Lori Sattler** whose father, Eugene Sattler, passed away in December 2020. Mr. Sattler was retired from his position as Chief Stenographer of the New York County State Supreme Court. Gene was dedicated to his profession, the judges for whom he worked and the generations of lawyers, who he mentored and taught.

### Hon. Lisa A Sokoloff Wins NYSBA Award

The NYWBA congratulates **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff**, who will be awarded the New York State Bar Association's Kay Crawford Murray Memorial Award on January 19, 2021. This award honors women who recognize the value of diversity in the legal profession and have dedicated their time to advancing the professional advancement of women attorneys. Judge Sokoloff's career exemplifies these values.

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

## 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)

President:	Amanda B. Norejko
Vice Presidents:	Magnolia D. Levy Jocelyn L. Jacobson Melissa Ephron-Mandel
Treasurer:	Sabrina E. Morrissey
Recording Secretary:	Lissett Ferreira
Corresponding Secretary:	Morgan Fraser Mouchette
Immediate Past President:	Virginia A. LoPreto

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Directors to be Installed – Class of 2021-2024 & Class of 2019-2022 (filling two vacancies)

Yacine Barry-Wun	Alexandra King
Leona Beane	Kay Marmorek
Hon. Laura E. Drager	Nidhi Shetye
Yasmin Dwedar	Crystal Villasenor
Julie Hyman	

#### Directors Continuing in Office (Classes 2019-22 & 2020-23)

Jennifer P. Brown	Amy B. Goldsmith
Dawn M. Cardi	Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler
Meaghan E. Carey	Fran R. Hoffinger
Tara Diamond	Nicole I. Hyland
Vivian R. Drohan	S. Yan Sin
Hon. Judith J. Gische	Judith E. White

### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS\*

#### Class of 2021-2023

Jennifer P. Brown	Hon. Laura E. Drager
Elizabeth A. Bryson	Deborah G. Rosenthal

\* Nominations Committee members continuing in office: Yacine Barry-Wun, Myra L. Freed, Hon. Kelly O'Neill Levy, and Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff

### NYWBA MEMBERS OF WBASNY BOARD (2021-2022)

Elizabeth A. Bryson	Magnolia D. Levy
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Julie Hyman	Sabrina E. Morrissey
Jocelyn L. Jacobson	Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann

### 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](mailto:opinions@nywba.org).



## Guardianship Diversity Initiative

The Elder Law and Disabilities, Diversity, LGBT, and the Solo & Small Firm Committees of the New York Women's Bar Association were happy to partner with **The Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission** to host the **Guardianship Diversity Initiative** by Zoom call on December 8th at 5:00 p.m.

We first would like to thank the Judges who joined us to share their insights and wisdom and to encourage the participants to join the guardianship bar and to become involved in Article 81 proceedings: **Hon. Ta-Tanisha James, Hon. Mary V. Rosado, Hon. Carol Sharpe, and Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff.**

A big thanks is also due to our co-sponsors: The Women's Bar Association of New York, Armenian Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association of New York, Brehon Law Society of New York, Dominican Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, Korean American Lawyer Association, and New York City Bar Association Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee. The program would not have been a success without you.

We had over 70 participants for this event, which was a terrific turnout. The Guardianship Diversity Initiative was created to encourage attorneys and others who are interested in guardianship work to take on at least one of the Part 36 roles of Court Evaluator, Court Appointed Attorney or Guardian.



Judge Sokoloff introduced the project and highlighted the need for a diverse group of practitioners in our work. She encouraged participation in guardianship cases as a meaningful way to practice one's profession and to make a difference in the community at the same time. She offered to allow attorneys new to guardianship who wish to observe a guardianship hearing, the valuable opportunity to do so. This offer was echoed by the other jurists.

Judge Rosado described her extensive background in guardianship and housing law, which has been invaluable to her work as a Guardianship Judge. She underscored the need for new practitioners in this area, given the busy Guardianship Court calendar and the needs of so many who are suffering in the COVID-19 pandemic. Judge Rosado reminded the group that those with cases before her should notify her of important issues that require judicial intervention, in a timely fashion. She also offered excellent advice, to reach out to your peers for help and support.



Judge James gave us her perspective on the unique, combined housing and guardianship part over which she presides. This part handles cases where a guardian may need to be appointed, due to critical housing issues, such as failure to pay rent or hoarding problems. She remarked that she has enjoyed the collegiality of the guardianship bar as well as the interesting nature of the cases before her, particularly since there are so

many diverse and accomplished individuals presenting with guardianship needs in New York.



The newest of our Guardianship Judges, Hon. Carol Sharpe, introduced herself to the group. We are so pleased to have her on the roster of Guardianship Judges. She expressed her support for those persons doing the difficult work of guardianship, having been a litigator, herself. She encouraged participation in the guardianship bar, telling us that there is always much to learn about guardianship law and that it is a good field in which to practice. On the issue of diversity, she noted that she recently had to locate a Hungarian-speaking attorney for one of the parties appearing before her.

After a short question and answer session, our Zoom meeting ended, but not before we were able to share some thoughts and ideas on pressing issues, such as how important financial records may be expeditiously collected, prior to the guardianship hearing.

As a part of our Diversity Initiative, the Elder Law and Disabilities Committee has committed to provide a mentor for anyone who is new to guardianship work and feels it would be helpful to reach out for advice and support. All you have to do is ask.

To conclude, we have another Zoom call scheduled for January 27th at 1 pm, at which Judge James and her Court Attorney, Ashley Lane-Nwokocha, will be presenting on the work that is done in Judge James' Guardianship Part. This program will be a joint effort of the Civil Courts Committee and the Elder Law and Disabilities Committee. We invite you to attend.



NYWBA wishes to acknowledge the generous gift from

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

The NYWBA presents

***Leveraging AI-Powered Analytics in NY State Court for Judge Research, Opposing Counsel/Party Intel & Motion Drafting***

***Speaker:***

***NICOLE CLARK***

**Program description:**

Join us for an engaging webinar as we cover how AI-driven litigation analytics enables you to analyze the behavior and history of your judge, competitive counsel, prospects, clients to gain crucial insights into litigation history and ruling tendencies. We'll show you how to leverage New York state trial court data to be more efficient, more pro-active, and achieve better results for your clients. You'll learn why you need litigation analytics to get ahead.

Discover how you can leverage New York state court data to make more informed decisions about resource allocation, be more efficient, more proactive, and achieve better results for your clients. We encourage you to join this informative session to add value to your practice.

***Date*** January 7, 2021  
***Time*** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
***Place*** via Zoom conference  
***Cost*** Free – NYWBA & WBASNY Members  
 \$25 – Non-members  
***Info*** Email [info@nywba.org](mailto:info@nywba.org)  
***RSVP*** BEFORE January 5, 2021  
<http://bit.ly/nywba-AIPowered>

**NYWBA's Elder Law and Disabilities Committee & the Civil Courts Committee present:**

***Navigating the Integrated Guardianship/Housing Part***

***Speakers:***

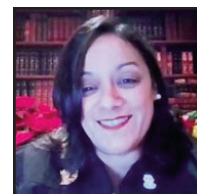
***Hon. Ta-Tanisha James***  
***Court Attorney Ashley Lane-Nwokocha***  
***Melissa Ephron-Mandel***  
***Sabrina Morrissey***

***Date*** January 27, 2021  
***Time*** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
***Cost*** FREE  
***Place*** via Zoom  
***RSVP*** Email [elderlawchairs@nywba.org](mailto:elderlawchairs@nywba.org)

**First Virtual Induction Ceremony Held in New York State**

***By Sabrina E. Morrissey***

**Hon. Bianka Perez** has been my friend for 13 years. She was sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice on December 10th in what was the first virtual induction ceremony in New York by Zoom call. I am so happy for her, and I know she will be a terrific Justice in Bronx County.



Since 2017, Judge Perez has presided in the Civil Court of Bronx County. Prior to her first election, Judge Perez was a sole practitioner. She was Bronx Democratic Commissioner of the New York City Board of Elections from September 2014 through June 2016 and was elected the first Latina President of the New York City Board of Elections in January 2016. She also served as Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearing from 2012 to 2014. She served as President of the Dominican Bar Association in 2012 and 2013 and was the Parliamentarian of the Bronx Democratic County Committee from 2012 to 2014. Judge Perez graduated from New York Law School in 2000.

There were many dignitaries in attendance for the December 10 ceremony. Among them were Presiding Justice Rolando T. Acosta, who administered the oath of office.

How did Judge Perez and I meet? Where else, but in a Courtroom? I was Petitioner's counsel in a guardianship case, and Judge Perez was appointed as Court Evaluator. I will never forget the difficulty she had, traveling to 60 Centre Street for several court appearances before Hon. Milton A. Tingling. You see, Judge Perez was very pregnant with her third daughter, Gabriella. Despite the difficulty, Judge Perez showed up and did her job well. I remember even now how serious and calm she was. She really made a strong impression on me.

Judge Perez, not surprisingly, has made a similar impression on many others. The Zoom call was maxed out, with the overflow crowd watching the ceremony as it livestreamed on Facebook, through the efforts of the Dominican Bar Association.

I wish Judge Perez many wonderful years on the bench, and I am so pleased that I was able to witness her induction ceremony. Judge Perez proudly wore her Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg pin. In keeping with Justice Ginsberg's philosophy, Judge Perez said, "I do this for my daughters, and for all of the little girls who need to see that this is possible for their lives, and that hard work does pay off."

***Save-the-Date***

**NYWBA Annual Judicial Reception**

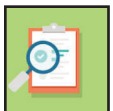
February 2, 2021 via Zoom

## Getting Organized in the New Year

By Sabrina and Jim Morrissey

With so much chaos and uncertainty in 2020, it may be hard to shift focus to practical ideas and organization in 2021. Here are a few ways to put things in order in the new year.

To start, make sure beneficiary designations are correct. Many people think they know who their beneficiaries are, but when they look, the names are not who they thought. If beneficiary designations are not readily available for bank accounts, insurance policies and pension benefits, call the company or ask a financial advisor or insurance agent for help in getting duplicate copies of designations. Review them, make any changes and keep copies with your valuable papers.



Review the riders attached to the homeowner's policy. Has a valuable item been acquired that is not included on the insurance rider, or has an item been disposed of that is still insured?

Review car insurance for SUM, APIP and OBEL coverage. These three plans supercharge car insurance and provide additional reimbursements. APIP is "Additional Personal Injury Protection," which adds more coverage for medical expenses, lost wages, and out-of-pocket expenses in \$50,000 increments. OBEL or "Optional Basic Economic Loss" coverage provides \$25,000 in additional reimbursement to cover pecuniary losses, once No-Fault coverage is exhausted. SUM, "Supplementary Uninsured/underinsured Motorist," coverage pays more than the mandatory minimum, which is added to PIP coverage.

Finally, consider purchasing disability and/or long-term care insurance. These are important policies, which can make a big difference in quality of life in the event of an illness, accident or age-related decline. As we grow older, long-term care insurance, in particular, can make it possible for us to remain in our homes (with care), as opposed to living in a facility. It is that important.

We hope these ideas will prove useful to all of you in having a much better year in 2021!

**NYWBA Criminal Law Committee present**

***"Zoom with a Judge"***  
***"New York County Drug Courts:  
A View from The Bench"***

*Guest Speaker: Hon. Cori H. Weston,*  
Acting Supreme Court Justice

Moderated by Fran Hoffinger

**Date** Monday, January 11, 2021  
**Time** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place** via Zoom conference  
**Cost** Free  
**RSVP** Email [CrimLawChairs@nywba.org](mailto:CrimLawChairs@nywba.org)

## Cooking with NYWBA Chewiest Chocolate Chip Cookies Recipe by Jennifer P. Brown

In the Jewish tradition, we always have something sweet for the New Year to symbolize a sweet year to come. After 2020, we can really use a sweet year. So, in that vein, I give you my recipe for the chewiest chocolate chip cookies. This recipe makes big cookies that are crisp on the edges and chewy in the middle. I like to keep them in the freezer and eat them slightly frozen for a real chewy treat.



### Ingredients

2 2/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1 1/4 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp salt  
1 cup softened butter  
1 cup packed light brown sugar  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 large eggs room temperature  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
1 10 oz package mini chocolate chips

### Directions

Whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt in a bowl and set aside.

Using a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, cream butter and sugars together.

Beat in eggs one at a time and add the vanilla.

Slowly add in the dry ingredients.

Mix in chocolate chips.

Shape 1/4 cupfuls of dough into balls and then flatten each ball into a 3/4 inch disk.

Place the dough disks in an airtight container, separating layers with wax paper.

Refrigerate overnight.

To bake, place dough disks 2" apart on a parchment lined baking sheets. Allow to stand for 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Bake cookies until edges are golden brown, about 10 - 12 minutes. If baking two sheets at a time, switch sheet placement halfway through baking.

Allow to cool in the pans for 2 minutes.

Remove to a wire rack to finish cooling.

*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 [downtownbrown-cooking.myshopify.com](http://downtownbrown-cooking.myshopify.com).*



## Zoom with a Judge Series

Featuring

**Hon. Deborah Kaplan**

Administrative Judge, Civil Matters,  
First Judicial District

**Facilitator: Melissa Ephron-Mandel**

**Date:** January 12, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Place:** Zoom – invitation to follow upon RSVP

**Cost:** Free – Current NYWBA and WBASNY Members ONLY. *Limited to 30 attendees.*

**RSVP:** Before January 8, 2021 <https://bit.ly/3rzZGO>

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



**NYWBA Civil Courts and Litigation Committees  
and the Jewish Lawyers Guild  
presents a CLE Program:**

## Maximize Your Note of Issue Review

Speakers:

**Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff,**

Acting Supreme Court Justice, New York County

**Bryce Moses, Esq.,**

Partner, Wingate Russotti Shapiro & Halperin

**Joseph "Jay" Rava, Esq.,**

Partner, Gallo Vitucci Klar, LLP

**Date:** January 22, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:10 pm

**Place:** via Zoom conference

**CLE:** 1 hour Professional Practice

**Cost:** Free

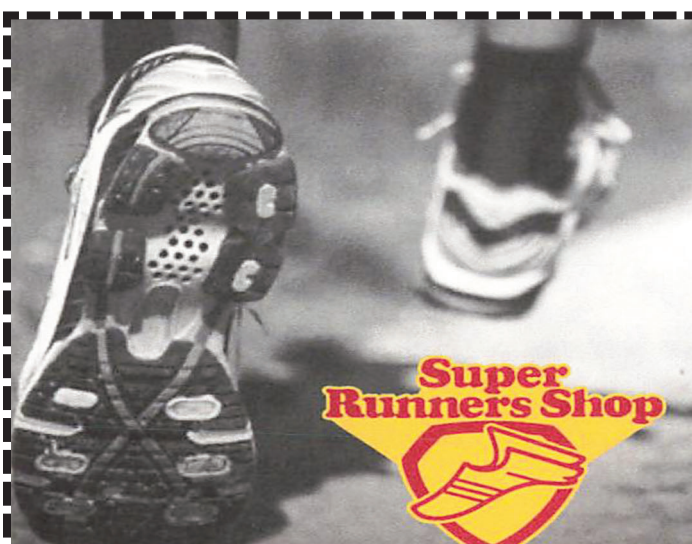
**Info:** Materials, Link and Passcode to attend will be sent via email after receipt of RSVP. If you have any questions, please contact [cle@nywba.org](mailto:cle@nywba.org).

**RSVP:** [CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org](mailto:CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org)

\* CLE Credits: 1 professional practice credit. The NYWBA 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.

## Tribute to Barbara L. Burger

The NYWBA mourns the loss of our long-time member **Barbara L. Burger**, who passed away in November 2020. When she graduated from Brooklyn Law School, she was one of only five women in her law school class. She began her legal career as a Law Assistant in the New York County Family Court. She was also a hearing examiner for the New York City Board of Health Tribunal and the Environmental Control Board for the City of New York. Beginning in 1985, Ms. Burger entered private practice, focusing on family law and matrimonial issues as well as trusts and estates matters. She was a founding partner at Burger Green & Min LLP with partners Nancy M. Green and Richard Min. She was routinely appointed as an Attorney for Children in Supreme Court and Family Court cases. Ms. Burger was recognized as an outstanding family law practitioner by SuperLawyers. She was known as a fierce advocate who also demonstrated great compassion and an extraordinary sense of humor. She is survived by her husband of fifty years, Dr. Andrew Burger, four children (Alfred, Michael, Charles and Pamela) and seven grandchildren. She will be deeply missed.



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## Holiday Trivia Event with the NYC Chapters, December 3, 2020



NYWBA congratulates our members who have passed  
the New York State Bar Exam administered in October 2020:

*Cassandra Calderon | Lauren Cimbol  
Jacqueline Mancini | Esther Portyansky  
Katsiaryna Stsepaniuk*



#### PRESIDENT

Amanda B. Norejko

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