



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APRIL 2021

While we have been in the midst of a pandemic for over a year now, we have continued to grow and adapt. We have learned to appreciate some of the things we previously took for granted and found new ways to maintain our professional and personal relationships. Spring is a time for renewal and rebirth. It is a season of hope and new beginnings. As more of us become vaccinated, I hope that we will soon be able to gather in person together again. In the meantime, we will continue to overcome adversity and thrive as a community.



Amanda B. Norejko

Our Association is currently over 700 members strong, and the ever-increasing diversity of voices among our ranks has enriched us with important insights and perspectives on how to fulfill our mission and better serve our legal community. Please encourage your friends to join us. New members who join now get April and May membership for free as their first year's dues will carry through from now until June 1, 2022.

The NYWBA Foundation is celebrating the new season with a series of Spring Art Museum Tours. This series of Zoom tours kicked off on March 20th with a tour of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, led by Docent Mary Walter. On April 17th, Senior Curator Dr. Amanda Gilvin will lead a virtual tour of the Davis Museum at Wellesley College, focusing on artworks by, for, and about women leaders. On May 13th at 6:00 p.m., educator Isabelle Fernandez will guide participants on a 360-degree Virtual Tour, supplemented with high-resolution images of masterpieces in The Frick Collection. The cost of each tour is \$25.00 and the proceeds will benefit the NYWBA Foundation.

The NYWBA also plans to celebrate the joy of the spring season with our sister chapters from the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island with a virtual social event on April 15th. We hope you will join us. Details of this celebration and the link to register will be included in an upcoming e-blast and on our NYWBA events calendar.

Our Annual Meeting and Ethics CLE will be held virtually on April 20, 2021. The Annual Meeting of the membership committee will begin at 5:30 p.m. You will get to hear the State of the Association and then a vote will be held on the slate of NYWBA Officers and Directors for the 2021-2022 term, NYWBA Delegates to WBASNY, and the slate of WBASNY Officers. We hope that you will join us for the meeting as well as the Ethics CLE presentation organized by **Nicole I. Hyland**, with CLE

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NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting, Elections and Ethics CLE Program

Please join us at the Annual Meeting.

Mingle with members, get updates on the Association, and vote on the NYWBA and WBASNY Officers, Directors and Delegates for next year. This is one of the highlights of our year, and we hope that you will join in the festivities!

Following the Annual Meeting, a panel of distinguished ethics attorneys led by Nicole Hyland, Esq. will present an ethics CLE program.

"Legal Ethics of Harassment and Discrimination: Attorney Conduct Inside and Outside the Courtroom"

This virtual CLE program will explore recent developments regarding the ethical implications of harassment and discrimination on the basis sex, race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Annual Meeting & Elections
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Ethics CLE Program

Place: Via Zoom Meeting

Cost: Meeting and/or CLE: Complimentary for members

CLE Program* – Complimentary for members and non-members – subsidized by Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz

CLE: 1.5 (1.0 Ethics, 0.5 Diversity and Inclusion)

Info: Email info@nywba.org

RSVP: Online registration link

CLE credit pending: Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC 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.

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credit provided by her firm Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to NYWBA Past President **Deborah G. Rosenthal** for her nomination as President-Elect of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York! WBASNY's 2021-2022 Officers will be sworn in at WBASNY's Virtual Convention to be held on May 20-22, 2021. We are thrilled that Deborah will be leading our statewide organization into the future because we know how passionate she is about promoting and advancing opportunities for women and how well she embodies the qualities that will serve us well in a WBASNY.

There is nothing more gratifying for me than seeing what I have planted in my own garden bud and bloom again each spring. Our Association has also been cultivating our greenery, and we are looking forward to seeing the fruits of those labors in full bloom in the coming months. This spring, the NYWBA will continue to bring you the high-quality programs and networking opportunities you have enjoyed with us over the years, but we will also offer you diverse perspectives, innovative ideas, and improved access to all the benefits of membership. Stay tuned for more cutting-edge CLEs, website developments, and exciting events in the months to come!

"Hope sleeps in our bones like a bear waiting for spring to rise and walk."
– Marge Piercy

Amanda

Your Opinion Matters

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

Save-the-Date

**NYWBA Virtual Awards
& Installation Ceremony**
June 10, 2021



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If you are a NYWBA member or supporter,
we invite you to follow and like us on

Please support the NYWBA Foundation by joining us for a series of private Zoom art museum tours:

Davis Museum at Wellesley College
Saturday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m.

During this virtual tour of the Davis Museum at Wellesley College, Koerner Senior Curator Dr. Amanda Gilvin will discuss artworks by, for, and about women leaders. You will learn about art from multiple centuries and continents, and leave with new perspectives on how women lead. For more information and to RSVP for this tour go to <http://bit.ly/NYWBADavisMuseum>.

The Frick Collection
Thursday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.

During this tour of The Frick Collection, educator Isabelle Fernandez will guide us on a walk-through of the museum's 360-degree Virtual Tour, supplemented with high-resolution images of masterpieces in the collection. For more information and to RSVP for this tour go to <http://bit.ly/NYWBAFrickCollection>.



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NYWBA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The **NYWBA Committee on Nominations** nominated the following candidates to serve for the positions and terms stated below. Elections will be held during the **NYWBA Annual Meeting** on **April 20, 2021**.

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President:	Amanda B. Norejko
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Directors to be Installed – Class of 2021-2024 (Seven)
& **Class of 2019-2022 (Two filling vacancies for unexpired terms*)**

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

Myra L. Freed	Deborah G. Rosenthal
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Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of this Newsletter and many of our CLE programs.

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Allison R. Greenfield
Lucia Guardone
Stephanie Itkin
Carolyn Kalos
Erin E. Killian

Gloria J. Medina
Kevin P. McKernan
Emily H. Rokeach
Isabella Russo-Tiesi
Farzana Urme
Carly E. Wheaton
Beth Williams

as of 03/31/2021

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.

Carolyn Kalos

NOTES ON MEMBERS

The NYWBA would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to **Hon. Jacqueline Silbermann** and **Philip Katz, Esq.**, who were presented with awards at the Annual FamilyKind benefit in March. Judge Silbermann received The Honorable Sondra M. Miller Award and Mr. Katz received the FamilyKind Service Award.

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



WBASNY NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

President:**	Dawn Reid-Green (Staten Island)
President-Elect:	Deborah G. Rosenthal (NYWBA)
Vice Presidents:	Shari R. Gordon (Westchester) Dawn A. Lott (Suffolk) Marea Wachsman (Brooklyn)
Treasurer:	Simone M. Freeman (Nassau)
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathleen S. Campbell (Del-Chen-O)
Recording Secretary:	Madison Porzio (Queens)
Immediate Past President:**	Joy A. Thompson (Brooklyn)

** President & Immediate Past President automatically take office; other WBASNY positions will be elected at the Annual Meeting. (WBASNY Chapter affiliations appear after nominees' names.)

Supervised Parenting Time

By Trish Caruana

Finding a supervision monitor for parenting time is difficult at best.

We began Supervision Monitors in Baltimore, MD in November 2011. We are a minority and women-owned and operated business, which now serves northern New Jersey and New York City.

Both Trish Caruana, the president and CEO, and Rosa Figueroa, the vice president, are retired social workers. In our professional careers we found that often, monitors for parenting time were difficult to find.

When one did find a monitor, visits often occurred in visitation centers, which are not a natural setting for the child and parent to interact. We found visits were often canceled by the monitors and that after visits documentation was either non-existent or subpar and thus not helpful to the attorneys or the court.

In addition to offering home and community visits, we now offer Zoom visits throughout the USA. We also provide awake-overnight monitoring. Ms. Figueroa is fluent in Spanish, and several of our monitors speak Spanish in order to serve the Latinx community.

Our monitors are trained to observe and document visits in a neutral and unbiased manner. They intervene if a parent is not following our guidelines, to which they have agreed. The monitors have significant experience working with children and families. All our monitors have academic degrees in the fields of social work, education and psychology. We make all attempts to place monitors that have experience which would best serve the child and parents. Every visit is documented from the time the monitor receives the child from the custodial parent to the time he or she returns the child to that parent.

Monitors have access to senior staff before, during, and after the visit. They are also background checked. Monitors receive training throughout their employment with Supervision Monitors. We follow the CDC's COVID-19 policies.

Our guidelines are central to our work. Some of these include parents not discussing anything about the other parent during the visit, not making promises to the child, using unacceptable language, and alcohol or drug use. The physical and emotional safety of the child is paramount, and Supervision Monitors always reserves the right to terminate the visit.

For more information, please contact us via phone or email.
Trish Caruana, CEO, Supervision Monitors, LLC
info@supervisionmonitors.com
(973) 440-9973

**The NYWBA Civil Court's Committee
presents a Virtual Mock Trial
Two-Part CLE Program:**

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL NON-PAYMENT VIRTUAL MOCK TRIAL

**Moderated by: *Hon. John Wang*
Trial Presided by: *Hon. Kathleen Waterman***

In this two-part program, attendees will witness a virtual mock trial of a Commercial Non-Payment Proceeding. The Program will be moderated by Civil Court Judge John Wang, who is also a former Housing Court Judge, who will share his experience of presiding over virtual L&T trials and provide commentary and tips for best practices throughout the program – including residential nuances. Civil Court Judge Kathleen Waterman will preside over the hearing, while sharing her protocol for conducting a virtual trial and introducing evidence in a virtual setting. NYWBA Members can attend BOTH sessions for 2 CLE credits or one session for 1 CLE credit. RSVP to civilcourtschairs@nywba.org.

Session I

***Petitioner's Prima Facie case, Respondent's
Cross-Examination and Petitioner's Re-Direct***

April 15, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

via Zoom

CLE: 1.0 Professional Practice Credit

Session II

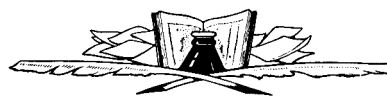
***Respondent's Defense, Petitioner Cross-
Examination and Respondent's Re-Direct***

April 23, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

via Zoom

CLE: 1.0 Professional Practice Credit



**NYWBA Elder Law Committee
presents a CLE Program:**

**Planning for Medicaid Home Care in 2021
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW!**

Speakers:

Cameron M. Catrambone, Esq.

Antonia J. Martinez, Esq.

Date: April 8, 2021, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

Place: Zoom Webinar- invitation to follow upon RSVP

CLE: 1.5 credit

Cost: Free – NYWBA and WBASNY Members**
\$25 – Non-members

RSVP: Email elderlawchairs@nywba.org
before April 3, 2021

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

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Happy Spring!



COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Criminal Law Committee Meeting by Zoom on April 12 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP CrimLawChairs@nywba.org.

Immigration Law Committee General Meeting on April 8 at 6:00 p.m. Google Meet invitation to follow upon RSVP. RSVP Before April 1, 2021 to marcella@soniacol.com.

Programs & Events Committee Meeting by Zoom on April 28 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP events@nywba.org.

***International Women's Rights Committee
presents a CLE Program:***

***Whistleblowing: A Human
Rights Perspective***

Examining the role of domestic and international whistleblowing laws in the protection, promotion, and support of human rights and civil society

Speakers:

Samantha Feinstein, Esq., Attorney & Deputy Director,
Government Accountability Program

Mary Inman, Esq., Partner, Constantine Cannon

Poppy Alexander, Esq., Associate, Constantine Cannon

Greg Krakower, Esq., Adj. Law Prof. Cardozo Law School

Moderated By:

Alexandra Douglas, Esq., Associate,
Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP

Date: April 27, 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Place: Zoom Webinar – invitation to follow upon RSVP

CLE: 1.5 Professional Practice Credits

Cost: Free – NYWBA and WBASNY Members**
\$25 – Non-members

Info: If you have any questions, please contact
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RSVP: RSVP before April 23, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3lRIJcT>

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Cooking with NYWBA Stuffed Artichokes Recipe by Jennifer P. Brown

This is one of my all-time favorite things to eat, whether serving 1 to share for a starter or making a meal out of it all on its own. I think that people have this notion that stuffing artichokes is harder than it is. The way I make them, you don't need to scrape out the "choke" before cooking because you can simply remove it whole once you've eaten cooked the leaves and stuffing. Enjoy!

Ingredients

2 whole artichokes
2/3 cup Italian breadcrumbs
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
2 cloves minced garlic
1/4 cup olive oil plus more for drizzling
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 1/2 - 2 cups chicken broth
Salt & Pepper to taste



Directions

Soak artichokes for 30 minutes in cold water.

While artichokes are soaking mix breadcrumbs, parmesan, garlic and olive oil and set aside.

Pat the artichokes dry, and with a very sharp knife, cut off the stem so that the bottom is flat. Cut the top prickly part off of the artichoke (a good rule of thumb is to lay it on it's side and press to feel where to cut. Starting at the bottom you'll feel that it's firm, a little above where it starts to feel soft is the spot.) Trim off the bottom hard leaves.

Place the artichoke face down on your board and press on the stem to open up the artichoke. You can then pull the leaves open a bit more. Squeeze half the lemon juice into the artichoke.

Pack the stuffing mixture between the leaves and pack any additional on top. Stand the artichokes up in a small pot so that they fit somewhat snug. Drizzle the tops with olive oil and squeeze the rest of the lemon juice over the top. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Add just enough chicken broth to cover the bottom row of leaves of the artichoke. Cover and let the broth come to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 45 minutes or until leaves are tender.

Eating Note

Eat the artichoke by scraping the "meat" from the leaves and stuffing with your teeth. You can eat the inner, softer leaves whole. When you have removed all the leaves, use a teaspoon to remove the choke by running it under the prickly choke trying not to remove too much of the heart as you do. Don't forget to enjoy the heart – it can be the best part!

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.

When Life Hands You Lemons: An Attorney's Journey Through Quarantine As An At Home Chef (Book Club)

Please join the NYSBA's Women in Law Section on Thursday, **April 8** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time for a virtual book club meeting to discuss the cookbook *When Life Hands You Lemons: An Attorney's Journey Through Quarantine As An At Home Chef*. We are delighted to welcome author **Jennifer P. Brown** to the meeting to talk about her debut cookbook and answer questions from attendees. *When Life Hands You Lemons* is available for sale in Hardcover or ECookbook on Jennifer's website [<https://downtownjbrown-cooking.myshopify.com/>] Please use the code "NYSBA" for a 10% discount on the ECookbook.

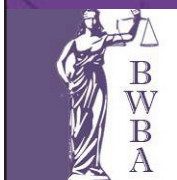
NYWBA Past President Jennifer P. Brown is a matrimonial attorney in New York City who always loved to cook for friends and family. When the City went on lockdown, cooking became her full time job. *When Life Hands You Lemons* follows Jennifer's cooking journey through quarantine dealing with limited ingredients and supplies, teaching herself to make different kinds of breads, recreating take out and restaurant quality meals that she and her fiancé couldn't otherwise get, celebrating holidays and birthdays, and making family favorites. Join our book club meeting to hear how Jennifer wrote and self-published her cookbook during the pandemic, what she learned about herself in the process, and her favorite recipes and cooking tips!

This is a free event for everyone (you do not need to be a NYSBA member to join). Go <http://bit.ly/JPBrown> for more information and to register.

Spring is Here!



**Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, New York &
Staten Island Women's Bar Associations
invite you to:**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021
6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)**

**JOIN THE NYC CHAPTERS OF
WBASNY FOR VIRTUAL
KARAOKE NIGHT!!**

**Let's say Goodbye to the 2020-2021 Bar
Year, with your friends and your
favorite tunes. Come sing/dance your
heart out or just catch up with friends.**

For more information and to RSVP go to
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