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NYCLA Receives Grant from The New York Bar Foundation

April 17, 2019 New York, New York – The New York County Lawyers Association announced today that The New York Bar Foundation recently presented a \$5,320 grant to NYCLA. The funds will be used to support NYCLA’s Pro Bono SDNY Social Security Disability Project.



Marty Minkowitz, NYBF Board Member, presents grant check to NYCLA President, Michael J. McNamara,

Executive Director, Sophia J Gianacoplos and General Counsel & Director of Pro Bono Programs, Anthe Maria Bova

“The New York County Lawyers Association is thankful to The New York Bar Foundation for its continued recognition and support of our Association’s successful Pro Bono Programs,” said NYCLA President Michael J. McNamara.

Each year, the Social Security Administration rejects hundreds of thousands of people who apply for benefits, on the grounds that they are not disabled. There is an administrative appeal process; individuals who have lost at all steps of this process have the right to file civil actions in the United States District Court resulting in several thousand applications a year. “With these funds, NYCLA can continue to assist the most vulnerable New Yorkers,

with valuable training for our volunteer attorneys who take on cases on behalf of appellants in the Southern District of New York,” said NYCLA General Counsel and Director of Pro Bono Programs, Anthe Maria Bova. “Carolyn Kubitschek, a dedicated NYCLA member and volunteer coordinator for this program, has championed this program since day one. Our pro bono partner Mobilization for Justice graciously provides training. Through this program, NYCLA volunteers join a dedicated group of lawyers who brief a case and argue before a federal judge—a valuable experience for both attorney and client.” For more information about NYCLA’s Pro Bono Programs, please contact abova@nycla.org.

About The New York Bar Foundation

The New York Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the charitable arm of the New York State Bar Association. Established in 1950, the Foundation is dedicated to aiding charitable and educational projects to meet the law-related needs of the public and the legal profession. To learn more about the Foundation and how you can support its programs, go to www.tnybf.org or email Deborah Auspelmyer dauspelmyer@tnybf.org

About the New York County Lawyers Association

The New York County Lawyers Association (www.nycla.org) was founded in 1908 as one of the first major bar associations in the country that admitted members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender. Since its inception, it has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence. For more information on NYCLA please visit nycla.org

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