

## **2008 JUSTICE CENTER PROGRAMS**

### **Youth Law Education Project**

In May 2008, the NYCLA Justice Center and Justice Resource Center convened a workshop for parent coordinators in law-related high schools, who enthusiastically embraced the *NYC Youth Law Manual* and requested further training on its topics.

### **High School Essay Contest**

As it has for many years, the Law-Related Education Committee, chaired by Hon. Richard Lee Price, sponsored an essay contest for high school students who earn prizes for winning essays. The 2008 essay topic was: How can criminal gang activity be reduced or eliminated?

### **Consumer Debt Conference**

In co-sponsorship with the Feerick Center for Social Justice of Fordham Law School, the NYCLA Justice Center is planning a one-day conference on June 19, 2008 for policymakers, consumer law experts, service providers, attorneys, court personnel and debt-collection industry representatives to discuss concrete and achievable reforms and strategies that can be implemented in the medium term to help low-income New Yorkers improve their financial health and be better protected against deceptive and abusive collection practices.

### **Financial Consequences of Criminal Convictions**

Because of NYCLA's long-term commitment to educating the bench, bar and public about the collateral consequences of criminal convictions, the Justice Center, Criminal Justice Section and Civil Rights and Liberties Committee sponsored a public forum in May 2009, "The Financial Consequences of Criminal Convictions: New Fees and Fines in New York's Criminal Justice System."