



March 16, 2020

Dear NYCLA Members,

The New York County Lawyers Association will be closing its offices beginning Tuesday, March 17. This closure will likely continue through at least March 31. We will update you if that changes. We believe this action is necessary in order to help control community spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect the health and safety of our Members and Staff. All live programs, meetings and events scheduled during this period have been cancelled. However, there is still much that can be accomplished through our website, and during this period. NYCLA Staff will be working remotely and we will be updating our website with information as it becomes available. NYCLA Staff will also be available, via email, to respond to your concerns. See the following specific information for programs and services for which you may need additional information.

Membership & Committees

Please email any questions you have regarding your membership or your member benefits to tvalenti@nycla.org. Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs can continue to meet during this time using one of our conference call dial-in numbers. Please contact tvalenti@NYCLA.org if you need a number to schedule your meeting.

Information on Continuing Legal Education

Please email any questions you may have regarding CLE to bchase@nycla.org. All scheduled Live CLE programs through March 31 have been converted to a WEBINAR format. We also are offering a large selection of On Demand CLE programs and Packages, including our new 30 Credit Custom Bundle.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR NEWLY ADMITTED ATTORNEYS: The NY CLE Board has announced that newly admitted attorneys may earn Skills and Ethics credits via webcasts until JUNE 30. NYCLA's CLE Institute's interactive webinars **WILL** satisfy the new requirements.

For more information, course calendar and On Demand programs, visit the CLE Institute's Home page at https://www.nycla.org/NYCLA/CLE/NYCLA/CLE/Cle_Homepage.aspx

Information on Pro Bono Legal Clinics

All pro bono legal clinics, even if held off-site, have been cancelled through the end of March. If a volunteer is interested in meeting with an existing client, they may do so using one of our conference lines. Please reach out to Anthe Maria Bova, General Counsel & Pro Bono Director at abova@nycla.org if you would like access to the conference line for a meeting.

We will be regularly checking our Pro Bono Department voicemail inbox for inquiries, however the fastest and most direct way to contact us is by email at ikats@nycla.org.

Information on the Fee Dispute Program

The Part 137 Fee Dispute Program has suspended all hearings through the end of March. When we are able to start scheduling hearings again, our Fee Dispute Program Administrator will be in touch. The fastest and most direct way to contact us is by email at FeeDisputeAdmin@nycla.org.

Information on the Minority Judicial Internship Program

If you have questions about the Minority Judicial Internship Program and related events, please contact acutts@nycla.org. Events and meetings for this program have been postponed until further notice.

We hope that by taking this step we will contribute to containing COVID-19 and, as such, help to prevent overwhelming of our community's health care resources. We hope that you all remain safe and healthy, and we look forward to serving you again, in person, very soon.

Stay Safe,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen Lessard". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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