

2023 Annual Report

New York
County **Lawyers**
Association



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Join a community with more than 7,000 attorneys, judges, academics and law school students. With a NYCLA membership you will:

Keep Learning and Stay Competitive

- Receive preferred pricing on CLE seminars and webinars.
- Enjoy free professional and personal development opportunities through our monthly membership programs.
- Stay on top of emerging trends and legal news with NYCLA's weekly e-News and weekly #NYCLA blog, each delivering insight regardless of how many years you have been practicing.
- Utilize our library, at no additional cost, where you have access periodicals, case studies and online resources.

Expand Your Professional Network

- NYCLA's career center helps you make your next career move, plus receive job alerts and access career advice.
- Committees deliver your membership experience to your personal practice area and are open to every member regardless of when they were admitted.
- Networking events with the bench and bar.

Demonstrate and Elevate Your Professional Value and Credibility

- Solve professional ethical dilemmas with our ethics resources and hotline.
- Give back to the community by participating in members only pro bono projects.
- Increase your professional influence by being part of an organization that reports, supports and comments on issues affecting all practitioners.

Join a community that you can count on today and find out what NYCLA can do for you.

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Letter from the President

Vincent Ted Chang

President
New York County Lawyers Association

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My work on behalf of your bar association has been among the most meaningful experiences of my career. I am proud and humbled by NYCLA's accomplishments over the last year, enabled by the dedication of our board, committee chairs, and officers. I single out our officers – Adrienne Koch, Richard Swanson, Ron Minkoff and David Cohn are quite simply the most capable group of people I've ever worked with.

We can take pride in the impact of our organization on important issues, our member services and CLE, and our work providing access to justice. The restoration of in-person events after years in which our members were isolated from one another also makes last year so meaningful. We celebrated newly elected and appointed judges at 583 Park with a sold-out crowd, the Committee on the Supreme Court honored Tony Cannataro at our Law Day Lunch and our Civil Court Practice Section hosted its Annual Dinner honored Judges Oing, Richardson-Mendelson, and Ally, among others. We hosted committee meetings at our new Home of Law at 111 Broadway and held our Hughes Lecture there with NYU Law Dean Emeritus Trevor Morrison.

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Our advocacy this year was among the most powerful in our stored history – a few highlights are below with additional details inside this report and on our [website](#).

The NYCLA Board issued countless statements this past year, usually with the incredible assistance of past President Michael Miller who is our eyes and ears and has given us more good ideas than I can count. We are often the first and only bar association in New York to take stands on issues critical to our legal community and society in general, most notably judicial independence. We issued literally dozens of statements, often covered by the New York Law Journal, Law 360, and other media, in support of our judiciary and in opposition to attacks on the constitutionally mandated process for selection of NY Court of Appeals judges. We were the only bar association to oppose legislatively mandated reporting and performance standards that would have impinged upon the independence of our judges, the only bar association to support passage of the New York Voting Rights Act, and the only New York bar association to file amicus briefs in the US Supreme Court on gun control issues and in the *Moore v. Harper* redistricting case. We were the only NY bar association to urge that the US Supreme Court adopt a code of conduct. We filed and won a landmark victory in support of fair compensation for 18B assigned counsel who provide representation for the most vulnerable in our society.

The above paragraph sets out only the highlights. A more complete list of the issues we've tackled is set out below:

- [Conditions at Riker's Island for those awaiting trial](#)
- Voting Rights and Redistricting
 - [*The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act*](#)
 - [*Moore v. Harper*](#)
- [Gun Regulation](#) *
 - [*Amicus Brief: Ferreira v. City of Binghamton Police Department*](#)
 - [*US v. Rahimi*](#)
- [Abortion Rights](#)
- [Violence Against Asian Americans](#)
- [Judicial Independence](#)
 - [*The Necessity for a Full NY Senate Floor Vote for Chief Judge Nominees*](#)
 - [*Statement that New York Constitution Requires Floor Vote on the Nominee LaSalle Despite Committee Vote to Disapprove*](#)
- [Increasing pay for 18B Lawyers](#)

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- [Advocacy of a Code of Conduct for the US Supreme Court](#)
- [Supporting the repeal of notarization requirements imposed on lawyers](#)
- Addressing attacks on our judges [Trump and LaSalle and Acosta] Statements
 - [Trump’s Attacks on the Judiciary](#)
 - [Letter to the Editor of the New York Law Journal re: Justice LaSalle](#)
 - [Statement on Senator Hoylman’s Remarks Regarding Judicial Independence](#)

Our committees have been very productive with statements, reports and partnering with our CLE Institute many issues, and highlights include:

- Appellate Courts Committee issued its [Position on Senate Bill 9341](#) and increasing the mandatory Judicial retirement age to 74
- [Appellate Courts issued a report on the Chief Judge Vacancy-](#)
- [Tort Law Committee issued a statement in support of New York State Senate Bill S9420](#)
- Tort Law Committee CLE: [How to Handle an Automotive Case](#)
- Real Property Section CLE: Emoticons, Emojis, Smileys & Stickers DIEB Considerations
- Law Related Education Committee: [The ABC’s of the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act](#)
- Labor & Employment Committee –
 - [Social Media Trends and Ethics for Employment Lawyers](#)
 - [Pregnancy and Caregiver Rights in the Workplace](#)
- Animal Law Committee - -Annual Forum - [Animal Rescue Law](#)
- ADR Committee – [Running a Digital Law Practice](#)
- Law & Technology and Securities & Exchange Committees – [The Metaverse, Crypto and Web3](#)
- Professionalism and Professional Discipline Committee – [Attorney Discipline, the First Amendment and You](#)

Thanks to both Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme and Richard Swanson, Co-Chairs of the Committee on Committees for their leadership, time and endless commitment to NYCLA and our Committees.

Our Continuing Legal Education Institute, under Bari Chase, continues to deliver cutting innovative programming and education with creative partnerships and collaborations.

- In collaboration with our Center for Corporate Governance, Chaired by Gregory Markel, we delivered “[The Basics of Corporate Governance](#)”
- Our Justice Center and New York Census and Redistricting Institute and Center for New York City Law, and New York Law School produced [New York State Election Law Issues](#)
- Statewide Part 137 Attorney/Client Fee Dispute Arbitration Training for the Office of Court Administration

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- Ethics and Inclusion: What Landlords and Their Counsel Need to Know in collaboration with the Rent Stabilization Association
- Reviewing the Proposed Amendments to the Rent Stabilization Code, co-sponsored by the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)

Led by Co-Chairs Stephen C. Lessard and Seymour James, NYCLA’s [Justice Center](#) partnered with the New York Census and Redistricting Institute and the Center for New York City Law at New York Law School to present [New York State Election Law Issues](#), discussing what happened with the new redistricting structure, recent changes in election law, what is wrong with the current election administration structure and what changes need to be made.

Our Membership Department, under the direction of Toni Valenti, has delivered a new digital experience for our members with our new [website](#). Our new website provides a worthy 21st century home for NYCLA’s over 100 years’ worth of valuable content, an interactive platform for our committees, and access to all that NYCLA Membership has to offer. We are very excited about the new capabilities of our website and appreciate your patience as we #ElevateYourNYCLAExperience!

Our Committees have also received new powerful tools to enable their important work. Our new committee software provides a listserv, a library, and a webpage for every committee. If you have not checked out our new tools, and you are a committee member, you can find out more about this great capability here in this annual report, or on our [website](#).

NYCLA’s Podcast Amicus Curiae is going strong with legal newsmakers including Gloria Allred, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and John Sexton, Dean Emeritus of NYU Law School. I express our gratitude to Dan Wiig for his time, effort and talent. Please [listen](#) if you have not done so already.

Our Pro Bono Department, headed by Anthe M Bova, General Counsel of NYCLA, has steadily grown with funding for its programs, and is now poised to make access to justice a reality for even more New Yorkers via their programs. Our pro bono volunteers have closed an impressive 1,567 cases since May of 2022. We received a grant renewal from IOLA for \$225,000 and Initiated a new pilot project with the support of the Office of Court Administration, to represent individuals in their civil appeals of Article 78 petitions and family law matters in the Appellate Division – First Department. You can learn more about our bono programs in this report and [how you can get involved on our website](#).

NYCLA provides recognition for many New York attorneys who are honored with one of our 6 annual awards. From our Public Service awards to our Justice Louis J. Capozzoli Award, we distinguish outstanding lawyers with honors to recognize their noteworthy achievements and contributions. Check out all [our 2021-2022 award winners](#).

The NYCLA Foundation

Under the leadership of Board Chair Megan P. Davis and Foundation President Adrienne B. Koch, the Foundation continues its important work raising funds to support NYCLA programs including the New York City High School Essay Contest, the Edith Spivak Fund for Women in Law and Society, and the Honorable Harold Baer Jr. & Dr. Suzanne Baer Equity and Inclusion in the Judiciary Internship Program, to name a few. I encourage you to donate to the Foundation to support the programs that further DEI in the legal profession and outreach to future lawyers.

Infrastructure and Staff

Finally, I point out the tremendous improvements in our space and website that have occurred over the last year. We now have space that is as technologically advanced as any bar association space I have ever seen. And we have a website that provides dramatically increased capability in billing, interface with the internet, and in document storage. We thank our entire staff for these advancements, notably Sophia, Toni, Bari, Azelia, Diana and Daler for their efforts in bringing these new platforms to life on behalf of our members.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Chang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vincent T. Chang
President



New York County Lawyers Association Leadership

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Our New Home of Law

NYCLA proudly announces our new Home of Law, at 111 Broadway, 10th floor. In a dynamic world of continuous change, NYCLA embraces innovation and emerging concepts of connection, and invests in technology, tools, and resources to ensure that we evolve as the world evolves.



Location, Location, Location

Located in the heart of lower Manhattan and a short distance from the courts.



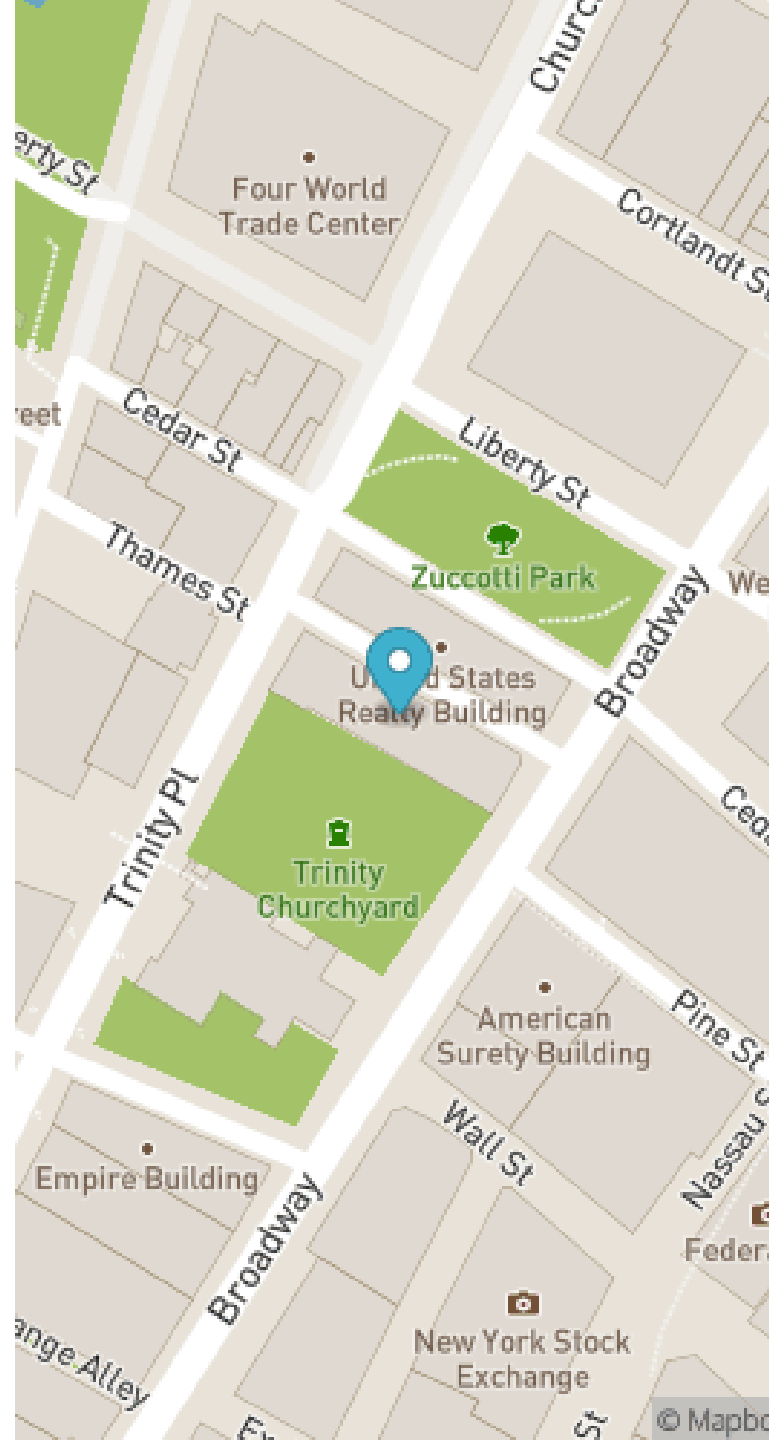
Technologically Advanced

Our new space is equipped with the newest technology and features to enable Members to connect, participate and get real value from their NYCLA membership, by allowing us to host virtual, in-person, and hybrid events.



NYCLA Home of Law

Watch your inbox for details on Hybrid & In-person Events, CLE's, and Committee Meetings!



“ Our new space will deliver the technology our Members demand and enable Members to connect, participate and get real value from their NYCLA membership, by allowing us to host virtual, in-person, and hybrid events. We are excited to share this space with our Members, as it exemplifies the energy and vibe of a renewed Manhattan.

Vincent Ted Chang
NYCLA President

Public Policy & Legal Initiatives

Statements and Letters



June 1, 2022

NYCLA ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF NEW YORK



June 6, 2022

NYCLA ISSUES STATEMENT ON GUN REGULATION IN THE AFTERMATH OF UVALDE AND BUFFALO SHOOTINGS



June 6, 2022

NYCLA ISSUES STATEMENT ON RECENT PROGRESS IN THE SENATE ON GUN REGULATION COMMENDS GOVERNOR HOCHUL ON NEW YORK STATE GUN SAFETY BILL



June 24, 2022

NYCLA ISSUES STATEMENT ON SCOTUS RULING ON DOBBS V. MISSISSIPPI



June 24, 2022

NYCLA ISSUES STATEMENT ON SCOTUS RULING ON NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION V. BRUEN



August 1, 2022

NYCLA STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS



December 1, 2022

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION ISSUES STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION ASSIGNED COUNSEL LAWSUIT



December 7, 2022

NYCLA SIGNS AMICUS BRIEF IN MOORE V. HARPER



January 3, 2023

LETTER TO NY LAW JOURNAL RE: JUSTICE LASALLE

Public Policy & Legal Initiatives

Statements and Letters



January 16, 2023

NYCLA OPINION – JUDICIAL PROCESS SHOULD NOT BE POLITICIZED



January 19, 2023

NYCLA STATEMENT THAT THE NY CONSTITUTION REQUIRES SENATE FLOOR VOTE ON NOMINEE LASALLE DESPITE COMMITTEE VOTE TO DISAPPROVE



January 25, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO NEW YORK'S CONSTITUTION



February 9, 2023

NYCLA STATEMENT ON SENATOR PALUMBO'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE



February 13, 2023

NYCLA STATEMENT ON SENATOR HOYLMAN'S REMARKS REGARDING JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE



March 15, 2023

NYCLA OPPOSES RECENT LEGISLATION AROUND THE COUNTRY FORBIDDING DRAG PERFORMANCES AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL



March 20, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS APPLAUDS REVISION OF QUESTION 26 ON THE NEW YORK STATE BAR EXAM



March 21, 2023

SENATE BUDGET BILL THREATENS THE SEPARATION OF POWERS AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE



March 23, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NEW YORK STATE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW

Public Policy & Legal Initiatives

Statements and Letters



March 24, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT ON CANDIDATES FOR THE CHIEF
JUDGE FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS



March 30, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTS PARTIAL REPEAL OF SECTION 135-C
RELATING TO NOTARIZATIONS



April 4, 2023

NYCLA OPPOSES PENDING LEGISLATION TO
CHANGE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT METHOD FOR
THE NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS



April 5, 2023

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK LAW
JOURNAL RE: TRUMP'S ATTACKS ON THE
JUDICIARY



April 11, 2023

NYCLA OPPOSES JUDGE MATTHEW
KACSMARYK'S RULING IN ALLIANCE FOR
HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE V. U.S. FOOD & DRUG
ADMINISTRATION



April 12, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
OPPOSES SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS EFFORT
TO ELIMINATE MERIT SELECTION OF JUDGES



April 20, 2023

A REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



April 20, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
FILES BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO APPEAL BY CITY
OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT
OF FINANCE, AND SHERIF SOLIMAN



May 3, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION ISSUES
STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF THE NEW YORK
STATE BUDGET: THE FIGHT FOR FAIR COMPENSATION
IS NOT YET OVER

Public Policy & Legal Initiatives

Statements and Letters



May 11, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
ISSUES STATEMENT ON DONALD TRUMP'S
ATTACKS ON SDNY JUDGE KAPLAN AND ON THE
FEDERAL COURTS



May 15, 2023

OFFICERS OF THE NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION SUPPORT S. 5162 TO BRING NEW
YORK'S PRACTICE INTO CONFORMITY WITH
FEDERAL RULE



May 19, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
ISSUES STATEMENT ON JUDICIAL
ACCOUNTABILITY BILL PACKAGE SENT TO
ASSEMBLY



May 19, 2023

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
ISSUES STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENT OF HON.
JOSEPH ZAYAS AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Other Statements



December 28, 2022

JUSTICE HECTOR LASALLE NOMINATED AS CHIEF
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND THE
STATE OF NEW YORK



April 20, 2023

ASSOCIATE JUDGE ROWAN WILSON
NOMINATED TO BECOME CHIEF JUDGE OF THE
COURT OF APPEALS AND THE STATE OF NEW
YORK

NYCLA Committee Statements & Reports



June 15, 2022
NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
TORT LAW COMMITTEE ISSUES STATEMENT IN
SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL
S9420



June 15, 2022
NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
TORT LAW COMMITTEE CASE REVIEW JOURNAL



December 12, 2022
STATEMENT OF THE NYCLA APPELLATE COURTS
COMMITTEE JUDICIAL REPORT CHIEF JUDGE
VACANCY NY COURT OF APPEALS



December 14, 2022
COMMENTS OF THE NYCLA APPELLATE COURTS
COMMITTEE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILING



January 24, 2023
STATEMENT OF THE NYCLA APPELLATE COURTS
COMMITTEE REGARDING GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S VETO
OF SENATE BILL NUMBER 9341



JOINT STATEMENT OF THE NYCLA LGBT AND CRIMINAL
JUSTICE COMMITTEES IN SUPPORT OF "STOP THE
VIOLENCE IN THE SEX TRADES ACT"

Amicus Briefs 2022 - 2023

Friend of the Court

New York County Lawyers Association Signs Amicus Brief in Moore v. Harper

No. 21-1271

In The Supreme Court of the United States

TIMOTHY K. MOORE, in his official capacity as Speaker of
the North Carolina House of Representatives, *et al.*,
Petitioners,

v.

REBECCA HARPER, *et al.*,
Respondents.

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE NORTH CAROLINA
SUPREME COURT

**BRIEF OF THE LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL
RIGHTS UNDER LAW AND FOURTEEN ADDITIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS AS AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT
OF RESPONDENTS**

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The New York County Lawyers Association Files Amicus Brief in United States of America v. Rahimi

No. 22-915

**In the Supreme Court
of the United States**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Petitioner,

v.

ZACKEY RAHIMI,
Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

**AMICUS BRIEF OF THE NEW YORK
COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER**

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December 7, 2022

April 26, 2023



NYCLA Committees

NYCLA Committee on Committees co-chairs Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme and Richard P. Swanson held a virtual Committee Chair Orientation on April 25, 2023. The Committee Chairs came together to discuss the importance of their roles in advancing access to justice, galvanizing Members around legal issues of importance, building membership, and developing legal policy to influence laws and legislation.



Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme
Co-Chair
Committee on Committees



Richard P. Swanson
Co-Chair
Committee on Committees

NYCLA would like to thank its co-chairs Richard P. Swanson & Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme for their support throughout the year.

Membership And Communications

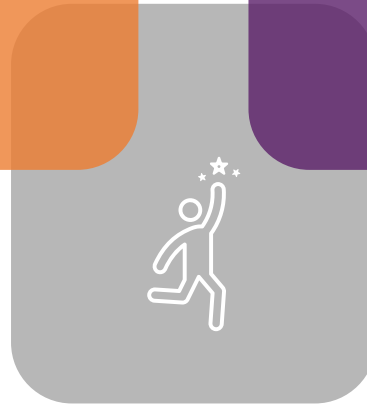
The NYCLA Membership and Communications Department develops and manages programs and services for the NYCLA community, made up of more than 7,000 attorneys, judges, academics, and law school students. Through Member benefits, events, communications, publications, and more, NYCLA helps Members keep learning, stay competitive, expand their professional networks, and elevate their professional brand.

Professional Development, CLE, & Networking

NYCLA is an Accredited Provider of CLE in New York & New Jersey. NYCLA Members receive reduced Member pricing for CLE and Networking events – and some networking are complimentary to Members.

Library Services

Open Monday – Friday, NYCLA's Library is where NYCLA Members can access variety of legal and business databases, including Westlaw.



Open Committee Structure

NYCLA Members have access to over 50 committees & sections that share practice knowledge and influence the law through their work.

Member Benefits

Planes, trains and automobiles, gyms, shipping, life insurance and more. NYCLA Member benefits include travel, UPS, Geico, Crunch & Equinox. Take full advantage of your membership with these great benefits.

Career Support

Changing jobs, need a resume refresh, haven't been on an interview in a long time and need to polish your skills? NYCLA can help you package your personal brand for success.



NYCLA Members Connect Globally

Engagement happens here and across the globe, location no longer limits connection with your peers and colleagues throughout the world. There is no better indication of this reality than the NYCLA Members who engage and participate in various CLE programs, Committees, and events which feature hybrid/virtual experiences made available by using State-of-the-Art technology. Our Membership includes Members from more than 20 Countries!

Where Connection Happens

New York, Home of Law
United States of America

Afghanistan
Australia
Belgium
Brazil
Canada
China
England
Georgia
Hong Kong

Israel
Italy
Japan
Mexico
Singapore
South Korea
Spain
Taiwan
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom

Nice to Meet You!

New York
County Lawyers
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Hon. Harold Baer Jr. & Dr. Suzanne Baer
Diversity & Inclusion in the Judiciary Interns

2023



Michael Hicks II
CUNY School
of Law



Giselle Omar 2L
Brooklyn Law
School



Anya Patterson II
New York
Law School



Nahama Paul II
St. John's University
School of Law

Interns are
evaluated &
selected by
Members of
NYCLA's
Racial &
Ethnic
Diversity
Committee.

Thank You to our
Participating
Judges!



Hon. Stewart Aaron
U.S. Magistrate Judge
SDNY



Hon. Jennifer E. Willis
U.S. Magistrate Judge
SDNY



Hon. Barbara Moses
U.S. Magistrate Judge
SDNY



Hon. J. Paul Oetken
U.S. District Judge
SDNY

Hon. Richard L. Price Public High School Essay Contest

Co-Sponsored by NYCLA's Law - Related Education Committee



This year more than 230 New York Public School Students submitted essays on the topic of disinformation and were tasked with responding to the following question: Given that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, [sic] or of the press," can Congress amend the CDA to require (not just allow) social media companies to remove from their sites what Congress deems to be disinformation or would such a law violate the First Amendment? After review of all submissions, by the Committee on Law - Related Education, four students were selected to receive monetary awards for first, second, third and fourth place and five students were selected to receive special recognition awards.

NYCLA Communications

Members stay connected to NYCLA through the weekly e-newsletter #NYCLAnews, Court Notices, and Job Opportunity Emails. NYCLA shares articles of interest to the legal community, upcoming CLE programs and events, featured jobs, Committee/Section meetings, Member benefits, and more. NYCLA Communications aim to inform, engage, and support our Members with access to valuable curated information to assist in their professional pursuits and daily lives.



#NYCLAnews

Members stay connected to NYCLA through the weekly e-newsletter #NYCLANEWS. Each Issue contains upcoming CLE programs and events, featured jobs, Committee/Section meetings, Member benefits, and more.



Court Notices

Members continued to be kept abreast of the happenings of the NY Courts through the NYCLA Court Notices.



Dear Members & Colleagues,

Kindly see [NEW Message from Chief Judge Hon. Janet DiFiore: May 23, 2022](#). You may also view the Chief Judge's message below.

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF JUDGE JANET DIFIORE

May 23, 2022

Thank you for giving us a few minutes of your time for an update on the latest developments affecting our courts and the justice system.

Today I want to focus on a topic that I know has been on



Member Job Opportunities

When a New Job is Your Priority, NYCLA Shares the Latest Career Opportunities Directly to Your Inbox.

NYCLA AMICUS CURIAE

WITH
HOST
DANIEL K. WIIG

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BREAKING BARRIERS & SERVING THE COMMUNITY



HON. ROLANDO T. ACOSTA, PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE NY SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION, 1ST DEPT.
HON. MICHAEL J. GARCIA, ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE NY COURT OF APPEALS
GELVINA RODRIGUEZ STEVENSON, GENERAL COUNSEL, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY OF THE WISTAR INSTITUTE

CELEBRATING HER-STORY MONTH



New York
County Lawyers
Association
Amicus Curiae
Podcast

GLORIA ALLRED
FOUNDING PARTNER
ALLRED, MAROKO & GOLDBERG

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS A DISCUSSION



HON. SOL WACHTLER
FMR. CHIEF JUDGE
NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

LEADING THE CHARGE OF THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY



TWYLA CARTER
ATTORNEY-IN-CHIEF & CEO
THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

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IS NOW LIVE
& AVAILABLE
ON YOUR
FAVORITE
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PLATFORM

18B ATTORNEYS, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF CHILDREN & INDIGENT IN NEW YORK



MICHAEL DELL
PARTNER
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EMBRACING CHANGE, & THE POWER OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION



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CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK

CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS, NATIONAL SECURITY, & THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE U.S. PUBLIC



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PARTNER, BRACEWELL

THE MARKERS OF JUSTICE: A CONVERSATION WITH BROOKLYN'S 1ST LATINO DA



ERIC GONZALES
BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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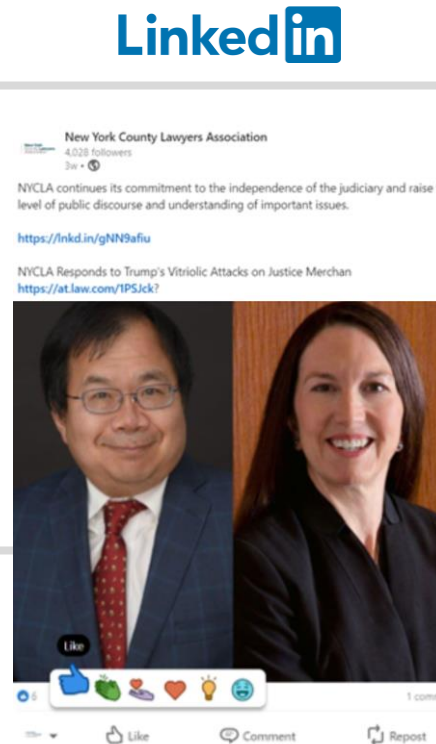
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Media Recognition of NYCLA as A Stalwart Defender of the Judiciary.

The Architects of the state's Court of Appeals Nominating Process Wanted Senate Vote

Historical analysis shows what framers of 1977 constitutional amendment said about 'advice and consent' for selection of high court's judges | Times Union

NY Bill Threatens Judicial Independence, Association Says

New legislation in New York would require increased oversight of the state's judicial function by the legislature and comes on the heels of high-profile ethics charges against the state's former chief judge. However, a New York County Lawyers Association Statement Tuesday, decries the bill, saying it tramples on separation of Powers... | Law360

Following Arduous Year For Nominees to the Bench, NYCLA Honors Judges at Annual

As many observers would agree, this past year has been a tough one for judicial nominees to state and federal courts. | Law.com – New York Law Journal

NYCLA Responds to Trump's Vitriolic Attacks on Justice Merchan

While a litigant has the right to express a viewpoint regarding litigation and the judge overseeing that litigation, Trump has issued vitriolic statements about Merchan that have nothing to do with the case and undermine the rule of law and the dignity of the judicial process. | Law.com

NYC in Trump Spotlight, Again Judge Pick Change

Citizens Union and the New York County Lawyers Association came out in opposition of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins' indication Tuesday that the Legislature would like to do away with the commission that provides a short list of candidates to governors for the state Court of Appeals. | Politico Newsletter

Don't Jettison Commission on Judicial Nominations, NY County Lawyers and Reform Group Say

"We strongly support the continuation of the present system of merit selection," the New York County Lawyers Association said in a statement. | Law.com

'It's working!': Legal experts dismiss changing Judicial Nominating

But several legal experts, including Adrienne Koch, president-elect of the New York County Lawyers Association, are against changing the system they argue has kept politics out of New York's judicial nominating process for decades.. | Spectrum News 1

The New York County Lawyers Association continues to be a stalwart defender of judicial independence, the separation of powers, and thereby ensuring the non-politicalization of the Judicial system, and the public's faith in its integrity.

These articles represent a reach of **22,228,000 potential viewers.**

2023 NYCLA Statements re: Judiciary



On Gun Regulation

There Could Be 'Very Few' Places for Permit Holders to Bring Gun, Lawyers' Association Leader in Manhattan Suggests

Vince Chang, the president of NYCLA, said that in his personal opinion he believes it's an owner's right to be able to exclude firearms from their property. | Law.com

New Jersey Testing Limits of Supreme Court Ruling on Gun Rights

The legislation would make changes to how guns could be bought and sold in the Garden State, require permit holders to buy liability insurance, and create a set of areas where guns would be prohibited. | The New York Sun

New York Mayor Flouts Federal Court With New Gun Law

New York City is imposing new gun restrictions that appear to be in conflict with last week's federal court ruling on New York's latest gun law. Simultaneously, the New York attorney general's office is stepping in to appeal the decision. | The New York Sun

[View NYCLA Amicus Brief](#)

[View 2022-2023 NYCLA Statements on Gun Regulation](#)

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Leading Charge on 18B/Assigned Counsel Pay Parity

Manhattan Civil Court Judge Orders First Pay Raise for 18-B Lawyers in Nearly 20 Years

NYCLA announced the successful result of their 2020 lawsuit. On July 25, Supreme Court Justice Lisa Headley issued a preliminary injunction requiring the State of New York and the City of New York to pay 18B assigned counsel for children and the indigent in criminal and family court cases in New York at the federal CJA rate of \$158 per hour, retroactive to February 2, 2022, and to revisit and consider an increase at the same rate and at the same time that federal assigned counsel receive an increase in compensation. | Law.com

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Promoting Ethical Standards of the Profession

NY County Attys' Report Calls For US Supreme Court Reform

The Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers Association approved a report Thursday that calls for the U.S. Supreme Court to adopt an official code of ethics,... | Law360

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Continuing Legal Education

NYCLA's CLE Institute continued to educate and train attorneys in skill building, ethics and professionalism, law practice management, professional practice, diversity, inclusion and the elimination of bias (DIEB) and the new category of CLE credit which become effective July 1, 2023, Cybersecurity. Many new programs were developed to deal with changes to the legal profession brought on by COVID and its aftermath, increased dependence on technology, new emphasis on cybersecurity and DIEB, as well as changes to many of their clients' businesses and a renewed emphasis on career fulfillment and personal well being.



NYCLA's CLE Institute is an accredited provider in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut of interactive webinars, On Demand programs, DVDs, and CDs. **NYCLA's Appellate Court Committee** sponsored the CLE Institute's first hybrid program in NYCLA's new location on **Selecting a New Chief Judge for the NYS Court of Appeals**, and we have many more hybrid, live, and virtual events planned for this year.



Once again, the CLE Institute continued to provide virtual substantive programs, as well as interactive training programs that not only taught attorneys how to sharpen their skills, but also how to incorporate technology into their practice and be prepared for the ever-changing legal landscape.

CLE Institute Highlights

Updated Annual Programs, Co-Sponsored Programs & Partnerships

Updated Annual Programs Address New Challenges & A Changing Climate

- 14th Art Law Institute
- Metaverse and the Law, sponsored by NYCLA's Law and Technology Committee
- Animal Rescue Law, sponsored by NYCLA's Animal Law Committee
- You Can Run, But No Longer Hide: Cybersecurity – What Firms NEED to Do to Keep their Clients, Employees and Data Safe
- 46th Civil Trial Practice Institute

Trainings

- *OCA Statewide Part 137 Attorney/Client Fee Dispute Arbitration Training*
- *On Demand Pro Bono Family Law Training*
- *Running a Digital Law Practice, Sponsored by NYCLA's ADR Committee*
- *Certified Guardian, Court Evaluator and Counsel for AIP Training*

NYCLA Justice Center Collaboration

- *New York State Election Law Issues, co-sponsored by NYCLA's Justice Center and New York Census and Redistricting Institute and Center for New York City Law, New York Law School*

Co-sponsored Committee Programs

- *Commercial Lease Disputes: To Litigate or Arbitrate? What is the Best Way to Handle Them, co-sponsored by NYCLA's ADR Committee and Real Property Section*
- *Legal Ramifications of the War in the Ukraine, co-sponsored by NYCLA's Committee on Foreign and International Law, Civil Court Practice Section and Iranian Bar Association*
- *Supreme Court Review: The Future of Supreme Court Advocacy and Judicial Ethics in the Wake of the 2021-2022 Term, Co-Sponsored by NYCLA's Civil Rights and Liberties Committee and NYCLA's Supreme Court Reform Committee*

Author Events and Movie Screenings

- *Special Movie Event & Panel Discussion: A Crime in the Bayou, in collaboration with Twin Seas Media and Bullfrog Productions, co-sponsored by NYCLA's Criminal Justice Committee and Young Lawyers Section*
- *Author Event: Sexual Misconduct in Fiction: From the Courtroom to the Novel, featuring Dan Schoor and Allison Leotta*

Other Collaborations

- *Ethics and Inclusion: What Landlords and Their Counsel Need to Know, co-sponsored with Rent Stabilization Association (RSA)*
- *Reviewing the Proposed Amendments to the Rent Stabilization Code, co-sponsored by Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)*

CLE Institute Highlights

Committee Partnerships

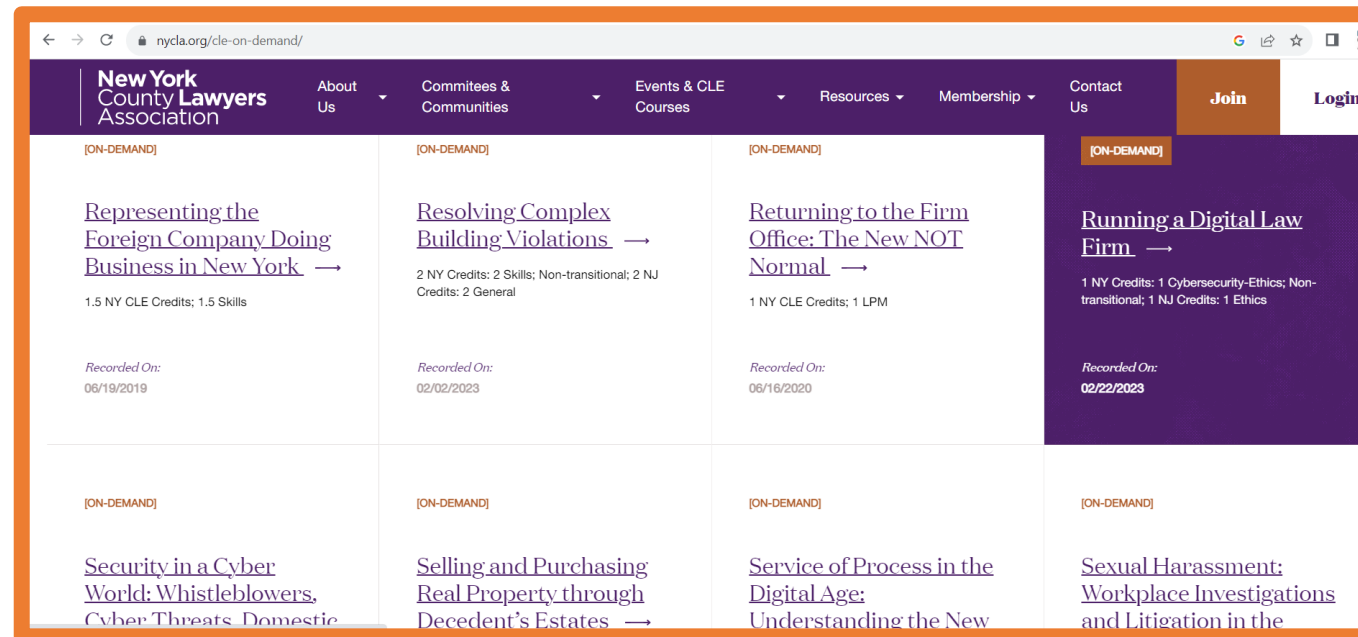


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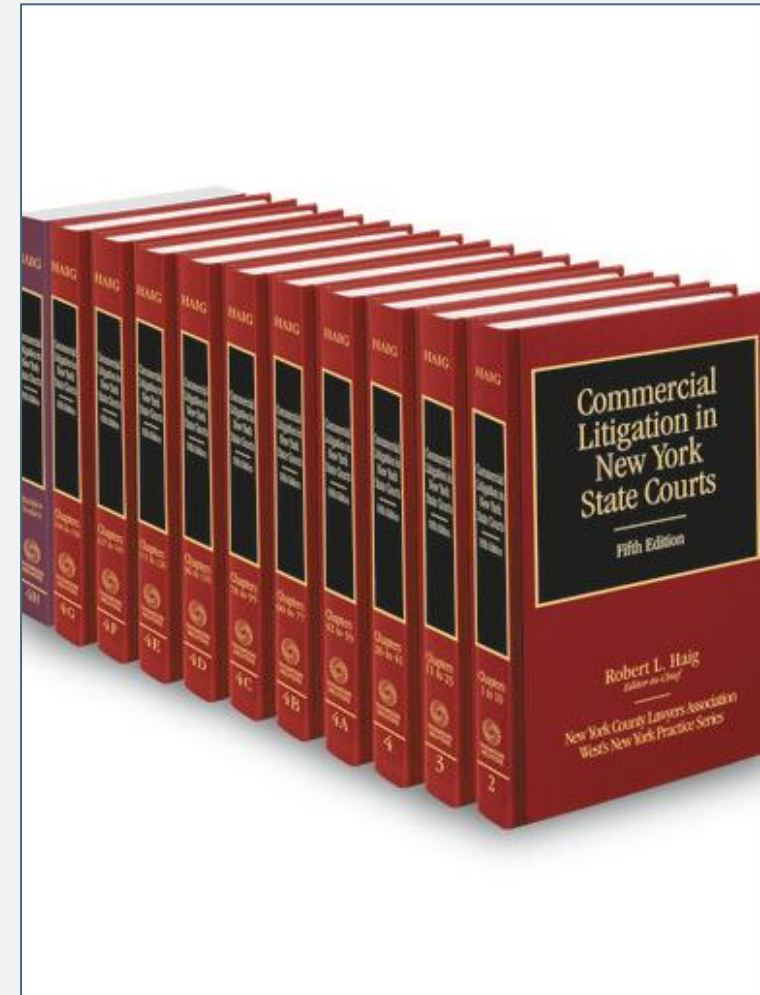
Our Mission

The mission of the Justice Center is to combine the resources, position and membership of the New York County Lawyers Association with those of academia, the bench and the bar, and to partner with nonlawyer community leaders and groups to identify and understand legal and social justice issues, promote access to justice, and act as a catalyst for meaningful improvement in, and a positive perception of, the administration of justice in New York State.

NYCLA Publications

Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts

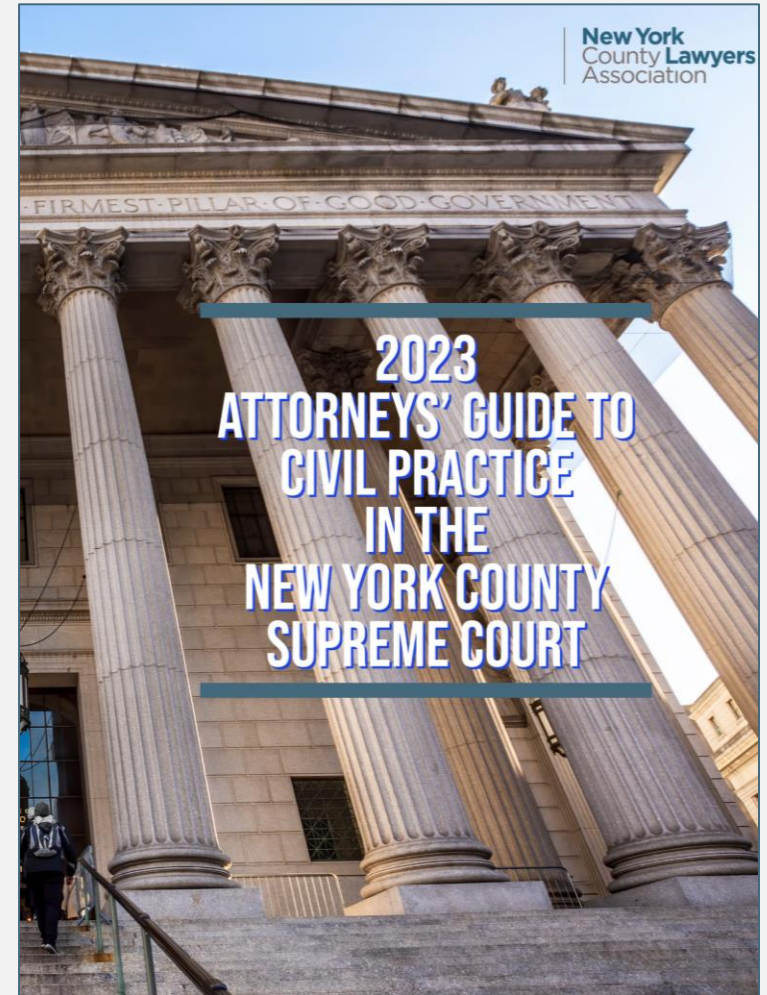
The Fifth Edition of the treatise *Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts*, a highly successful joint venture between NYCLA and Thomson Reuters, was published in October 2020. This treatise features the work of 256 principal authors, including many of New York’s best-known and most-respected commercial litigators and judges. The ten-volume, 13,076-page treatise contains 156 chapters and covers all aspects of civil procedure in New York State courts. The Fifth Edition also contains 64 substantive law chapters that cover the subjects most commonly encountered in commercial cases. In addition to the print edition, the entire treatise is available on Westlaw. It has been estimated that the authors and their law firms have invested more than 60 million dollars of their own billable time in working on the five editions of this treatise and its annual Pocket Parts. More than 30 book reviews of the Fifth Edition have already been published in legal newspapers, bar journals, and other publications throughout the State of New York. The critical acclaim has been extraordinary. In addition, the treatise continues to generate substantial annual royalties for NYCLA.



NYCLA Publications

Attorneys' Guide to Civil Practice in the New York County Supreme Court

The Attorneys' Guide to Civil Practice in New York County Supreme Court, available now, serves as a valuable tool for all attorneys engaged in civil litigation in Manhattan. In its 28th edition, the latest edition of the Attorneys' Guide includes summaries of the many recent changes to the rules and is also a concise resource for details about judges, court personnel, and procedures in the New York County Supreme Court. Special pricing is offered exclusively to NYCLA Members.



NYCLA Library Resources

The NYCLA Library continues to offer its members the legal reference materials needed to meet their obligations to their clients. Members in good standing who wish to visit the library for free access to Westlaw, may do so by appointment only.



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Lectures, Special Events, & Award Recognition

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The following forums, lectures, special events, and award ceremonies were held in 2022-2023. We thank our Committees and Sections for organizing many of these valuable programs and events and appreciate the unwavering support by Dyan Finguerra-DuCharme and Richard P. Swanson, Co-Chairs of the Committee on Committees, whose dedication to NYCLA's Committees and Sections has been invaluable.



July 12, 2022

Legal Ramifications of the War in the Ukraine

NYCLA's Committee on Foreign and International Law, NYCLA's Civil Court Practice Section, Iranian American Bar Association, NY Chapter



July 14, 2022

Supreme Court Review: The Future of Supreme Court Advocacy and Judicial Ethics in the Wake of the 2021-2022 Term

NYCLA's Civil Rights and Liberties Committee and NYCLA's Supreme Court Reform committee.



October 27 & 28, 2022

14th Art Law Institute: New Insights in the Law

NYCLA's Art Law Committee brought together a diverse roster of speakers representing multiple sectors of the art world to discuss the hot topics of today.



November 17, 2022

Special Movie Event & Program: A Crime on the Bayou

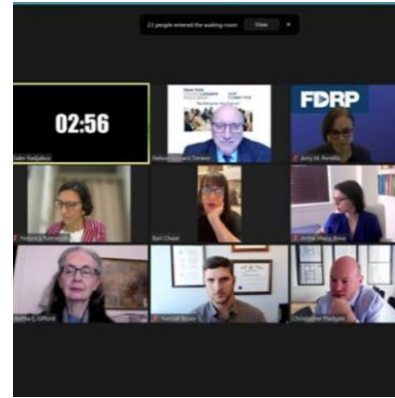
NYCLA's Criminal Justice Committee and Young Lawyers Section. A Crime on the Bayou, the story of how a 19-year-old Black fisherman arrested in Louisiana for diffusing a fight between Black and White boys in the early 1960's became one of the many unsung heroes of the Civil Rights movement.



November 29, 2022

Attorney Discipline, the First Amendment and YOU!

Committee on Professionalism and Professional Discipline
A distinguished panel of scholars and practitioners address the implications of making false out of court statements.



February 22, 2023

Running a Digital Law Firm

NYCLA's ADR Committee welcomed back to NYCLA, Susan Guthrie, one of the leading voices in on-line mediation in the world.



February 28, 2023

Recent Department of Building Code Updates & Local Law 97 of 2019

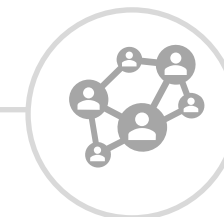
NYCLA's Construction Law Committee Construction attorney Carol Sigmond & former Chief Structural Engineer of the New York City Dept. of Buildings (DOB) Dan Eschenasy provided details on the recent updates to the Department of Building code – with an added discussion on Local Law 97 of 2019.



March 8, 2023

Joint Committee on Fee Disputes & Conciliation Part 137 Program – Fee Dispute Arbitration Training: focus on Part 137 Arbitration

NYCLA's ADR Committee A full day training session to learn what you need to know to become a Part 137 Fee Dispute Arbitrator.



March 14, 2023

NYCLA Annual Gala Honoring Newly Elected and Appointed State and Federal Judges

The William Nelson Cromwell Award was presented to Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, former Judge of the New York Court of Appeals. The Boris Kostelanetz President's Medal was presented to United States Magistrate Judge Stewart D. Aaron and United States Magistrate Judge Barbara Moses.



March 16, 2023

Animal Rescue Law 2023

Co-sponsored by NYCLA's Animal Law Committee
The 10th Animal Rescue Law 2023 Update featured presentations on a wide variety of topics of interest to animal lovers, as well as a lively panel discussion.



April 19, 2023

FTX Was a Bump in the Road: Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets are Here to Stay

What Lawyers Need to Know About Digital Asset: Types of Ownership, Regulation, Taxation, Business Organizations.
Co-sponsored by NYCLA's Law and Technology Committee.



April 21, 2023

You Can Run But No Longer Hide: Cybersecurity—What Lawyers and Their Firms MUST Do to Protect Their Clients, Firms, Employees, Data and Transactions

Program Chair Mark Rosen & an expert faculty seek to inform the legal & business communities about the latest developments in the field of cybersecurity. Our ALL-STAR faculty discussed the changing technical climate, cyber threats & hacks, threats to the rule of law and national security, & the ever-changing roles & responsibilities of attorneys and firms.



April 24, 2023

Selecting a New Chief Judge for the New York Court of Appeals

NYCLA's Appellate Court Committee expert panel will engage in a lively discussion of the appropriate considerations for evaluating a candidate for the Chief Judge seat on the New York Court of Appeals, and whether the Court of Appeals nomination process should be reformed.



April 25, 2023

New York State Election Law

The New York State Constitution was amended in 2014 to change the process and rules governing the drawing of district lines for the NYS legislature and NY’s congressional districts. The post 2020 census redistricting was the first test for the new plan – yet issues and problems with NYS’ electoral system remain. Program co-sponsored by NYCLA’s Justice Center, New York Census and Redistricting Institute and Center for New York City Law, New York Law School.



May 3, 2023

57th Charles Evans Hughes Memorial Lecture Series

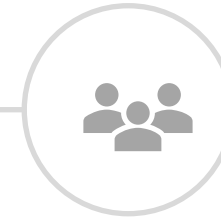
Eric M. and Laurie B. Roth Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at New York University School of Law Trevor W. Morrison delivers 2023 Charles Evans Hughes Memorial Lecture.



May 9, 2023

New York County Lawyers Association Civil Court Practice Section Annual Dinner

NYCLA’s Civil Court Practice Section held its Annual Dinner at The View at the Battery Park. Section Chair: Hon. Nicholas W. Moyne Dinner Committee Co-Chairs: Dana M. Catanzaro, & Steven W. Smollens; Members of the Dinner Committee: Anna Mikhaleva, William J. Neville, & Robert G. Silversmith



May 25, 2023

New York County Lawyers Association Annual Meeting

New York County Lawyers Association Virtual Annual Meeting Election of Officers and Directors

New York County Lawyers Association

Honors Newly Elected and Appointed State and Federal Judges

On March 14, 2023, NYCLA held its Annual Gala at 583 Park Avenue honoring Newly Elected and Appointed State and Federal Judges. NYCLA opened the sold-out event with remarks from New York City Mayor Eric Adams, followed by welcoming remarks from Event Chair Robert L. Haig, and NYCLA President, Vincent T. Chang. The William Nelson Cromwell Award was presented to Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, former Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, by her former law clerk, Hon. Anthony Cannataro, Associate Judge of the State of New York. The Boris Kostelanetz President's Medal was presented to United States Magistrate Judge Stewart D. Aaron and United States Magistrate Judge Barbara Moses by Hon. Laura Taylor Swain, Chief Judge of the Southern District of New York. The event was chaired by Robert L. Haig, Partner, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP.



Pictured from L-R: Robert L. Haig, Event Chair; United States Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York: Hon. Stewart D. Aaron; Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York: Hon. Laura Taylor Swain; Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick (Ret.) Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals; Hon. Anthony Cannataro, Associate Judge of the State of New York; United States Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York: Hon. Barbara Moses; Vincent T. Chang, New York County Lawyers Association President.

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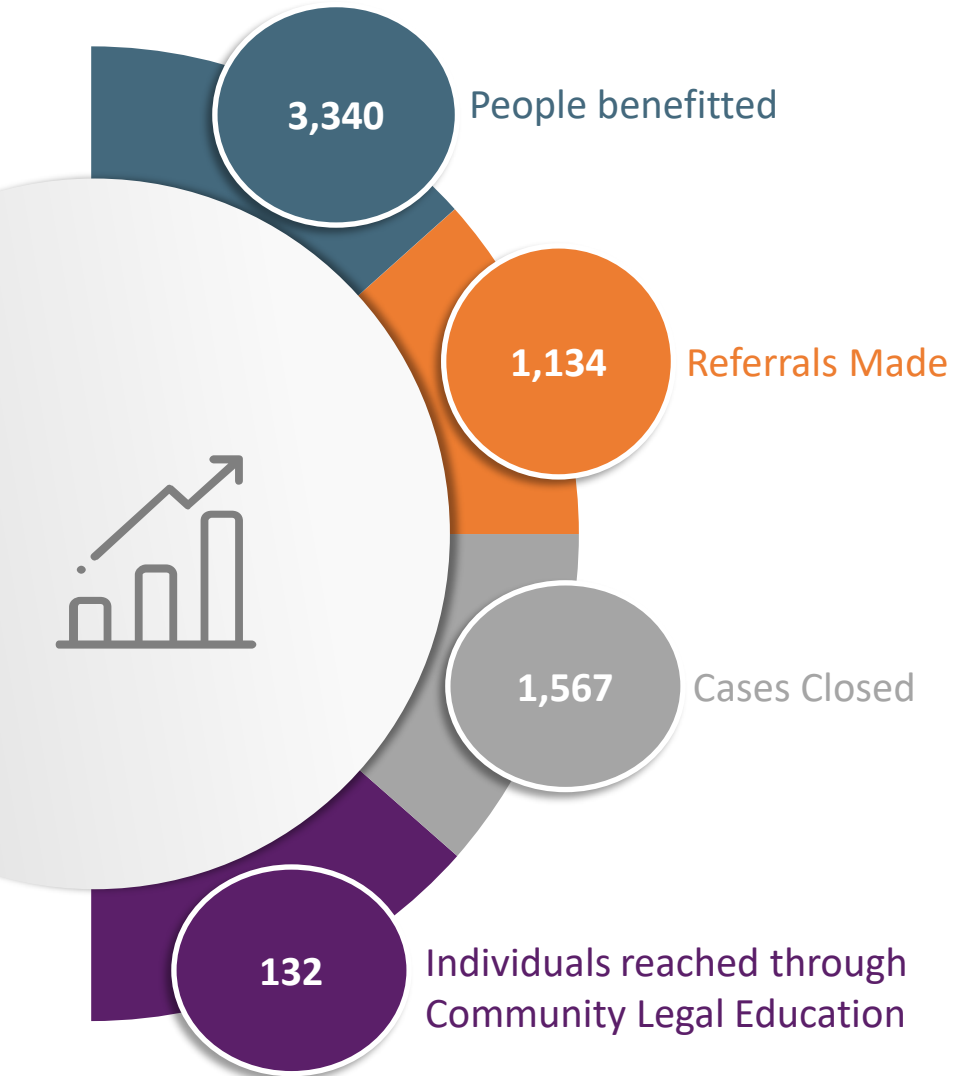
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Let's Talk About NYCLA Pro Bono Programs

4 Key Metrics – NYCLA Pro Bono By the Numbers from June 2022 to April 14, 2023



A core part of NYCLA's mission is its commitment to ensuring access to justice for New Yorkers in the form of free civil legal services. NYCLA has both continued and pivoted its programming over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that individuals in need of legal assistance are reached. Our volunteers continue to step up to meet the needs of indigent New Yorkers in a variety of areas of law, both through limited scope and full scope representation. NYCLA's Pro Bono Programs has also increased its civil legal education efforts, in conjunction with its legal services, and expanded its community partnerships. NYCLA is grateful to the members of its Pro Bono Committee, led by Chair Lisa E. Cleary, whose commitment to civil legal services ensures the success of NYCLA's programming.

Pro Bono Reception & NYCLA Member Honorees

In celebration of National Pro Bono Week, the New York County Lawyers Association, in partnership with the NYSBA, and the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program held a virtual reception in October 2022, to honor dedicated volunteers for their pro bono service, a number of which are highlighted on this pages.



Puja Khare

Puja Khare has taken on multiple pro bono cases as part of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) Pro

Bono Social Security SDNY Project. She has represented four clients in the Southern District so far, including one case that is still ongoing, and has achieved important wins on behalf of her clients.



Eric J. Vath

Eric has volunteered extensively over the past year on the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) Pro Bono Legal Counseling Project, providing free consultations to New Yorkers with legal concerns relating to Housing and Tenants' Rights. Eric's significant contribution to this program has helped make a difference for many New Yorkers facing uncertainty.

NYCLA's Pro Bono Program Awarded Multiple Grants



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NYCLA continues to improve and expand its assistance to New Yorkers in broad range of limited scope to full-scope programming. Whether its helping tenants understand their rights, advocating for people with disabilities or assisting the formerly incarcerated, NYCLA Pro Bono Programs meet a wide range of needs. These grants go a long way to helping NYCLA do even more for New Yorkers.

Thank you to our NYCLA pro bono community of attorneys, law graduates, law students and other volunteers who demonstrate the importance and power of public service.



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NYCLA continues to administer the Part 137 Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program, under the auspices of the Office of Court Administration, which provides for the informal and expeditious resolution of fee disputes between attorneys and clients through arbitration or mediation. NYCLA's shift to virtual programming through electronic collection and dissemination of documentation, and virtual hearings conducted through Zoom, has served as an example for the entire State. Our case processing is back to pre-pandemic levels, opening 123 cases in 2022. NYCLA's CLE Institute continues to be the exclusive provider for the Officer of Court Administration's statewide training for Part 137 arbitrators and administrators. NYCLA hosted its last training program on March 8, 2023. NYCLA's Part 137 Program is supervised by NYCLA's General Counsel & Director of Pro Bono Programs Anthe Maria Bova, with day-to-day administration led by NYCLA's Part 137 Fee Dispute Program Administrator Federica Romanelli. NYCLA Past President Lew Tesser serves as the volunteer Chair of NYCLA's Part 137. The Part 137 team is thankful to its volunteer neutral pool for participating in this important public service.

New York County Lawyers Association Foundation

Under the leadership of Board Chair Megan P. Davis and Foundation President Adrienne B. Koch, the members of the board of the New York County Lawyers Association Foundation gave generously of their time to both governance and fundraising. The Foundation's Second Century Campaign helps support NYCLA projects, including the Justice Center, NYC High School Essay Contest, pro bono programs, CLE programs, Edith I. Spivack Fund for Women in Law and Society, and Hon. Harold Baer, Jr. and Dr. Suzanne Baer Equity and Inclusion in the Judiciary Internship Program as well as various operations and capital initiatives.





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