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The Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Publico Awards Program

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Richard J. Davis

Chair of The Legal Aid Society

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Master of Ceremonies

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Attorney-in-Chief

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The Honorable Jonathan Lippman New York Pro Bono Publico & Public Service Law Firm Award

As Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals from 2009 through 2015 Judge Jonathan Lippman was at the forefront of a movement to address the unmet legal needs of low income New Yorkers. Recognizing the need to provide civil legal assistance to our most vulnerable citizens, in 2010 Judge Lippman established a first of its kind **Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York**. The initial findings of the Task Force (now Permanent Commission) identified a critical need for additional resources to provide legal assistance to address the “essentials of life”, including housing, family stability, access to health care, education and subsistence income. Immediately, the Chief Judge set forth to implement the Task Force recommendation to increase annual funding for civil legal services by \$100 million in four years.

Knowing that more than just funding would be needed to address the justice gap, Judge Lippman worked with the private bar, legal service providers, law schools and the courts to establish unique programs to make greater use of potential resources, including:

“Attorney Emeritus” Program (AEP). Created in 2010 by the Chief Judge and his colleagues on the Administrative Board of the Courts, the Unified Court system in cooperation with the organized bar and legal services programs established a new status for attorneys in good standing, who are at least 55 years old, with a minimum of 10 years’ experience. AEP attorneys volunteer in approved pro bono legal service programs putting their skills and experience to work helping New Yorkers who cannot afford counsel.

The 50 Hour Rule. In September 2012, the Court of Appeals adopted a new rule requiring applicants for admission to the New York State bar to perform 50 hours of pro bono service. The goal of the rule is twofold; to further narrow the gap in legal assistance available to low income New Yorkers and to provide instructive and meaningful experiences to law students that will expose them to the pressing needs of the less fortunate.

In-House Pro Bono Rule. In December 2013, the Court of Appeals amended Part 522 of its rules to authorize registered in-house counsel to provide pro bono legal services in New York State provided they are in good standing in another state and properly registered with the courts. The rule allows in-house counsel working, but not admitted, in New York to perform pro bono services for unrepresented New Yorkers.

Pro Bono Scholars Program. Established in 2014, the Pro Bono Scholars Program allows students in their final year of law school to devote their last semester of study to performing pro bono service for the less fortunate through an approved externship program, law school clinic, legal services provider, law firm or corporation.

Poverty Justice Solutions Fellowships. In an effort to close the justice gap, Poverty Justice Solutions places 20 new attorneys in two-year fellowships as entry-level attorneys with civil legal service providers in New York City. Legal Fellows work exclusively on Housing Court cases representing clients facing potential eviction or seeking repairs. Fellows are provided an opportunity to make a lasting contribution to improving the lives of hundreds of low-income New York City residents in need of legal assistance.

The Legal Aid Society is proud to have been a partner with Judge Lippman in implementing these ground breaking pro bono programs, and is grateful for the assistance and support he has provided through his vigorous advocacy for increased civil legal services funding. In recognition of his exemplary leadership and dedication to the needs of the less fortunate, the Society is proud to announce ***The Honorable Jonathan Lippman New York Pro Bono Publico & Public Service Law Firm Award***. The award will be presented annually to the law firm whose exceptional pro bono commitment to the Legal Aid Society and its clients has furthered Judge Lippman’s goal of “Making Equal Justice For All Not Just An Ideal, But Truly A Reality in Our Great State”.

The 2016 Honorable Jonathan Lippman New York Pro Bono Publico & Public Service Law Firm Award

*Presented by Kimberly Forte, Belkys Garcia, William Gibney,
Judith Goldiner, Sumani Lanka & Robert Newman*

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP is honored for its exceptional pro bono commitment to The Legal Aid Society and our clients. Under the leadership of Firm Chair and Legal Aid Society Board Member **Thomas M. Cerabino**, Partner and Pro Bono Committee Chair **Michael S. Schachter**, Director of Attorney Training & Pro Bono **Stacey E. Paradise**, and Partner **Mary Eaton**, the attorneys, legal assistants and administrative staff at Willkie Farr have demonstrated a sustained commitment to meet the needs of the less fortunate in New York City. These dedicated professionals have worked countless hours alongside Society staff in our Criminal Defense, Juvenile Rights and Civil practices, providing the highest quality legal services to both individual clients as well as larger groups of overlooked and unrepresented low income New Yorkers. If it is true that society can be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest and most disenfranchised members, then Willkie Farr has set a standard by which all New Yorkers should strive to be judged. Here are just two examples:

Ensuring the Rights of Transgender Medicaid Recipients

Mary Eaton and Partner **Wesley Powell** lead a Willkie Farr team that serves as co-counsel with The Legal Aid Society and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project on behalf of a class of transgender Medicaid recipients diagnosed with gender dysphoria (GD). Studies show that transgender individuals, especially transgender people of color, have a high likelihood of living below the poverty level and have the highest rates of unemployment. Sadly, transgender individuals are subject to high rates of violence and discrimination which makes access to transition-related health care so vital. The suit was brought against the New York State Department of Health (DOH) in Federal Court seeking to overturn a State regulation that excluded Medicaid coverage for transgender-related healthcare. Initially, the suit led to an amendment to the regulation which then provided limited coverage for treatment for low-income adults with GD. Refusing to accept the limited coverage which excluded all coverage for youth and some medically necessary procedures for adults, the Willkie team pushed forward and secured a victory in the Southern District of New York holding that the regulation was still unlawful and did not provide sufficient medical coverage in accordance with federal law and denying the DOH summary judgment that such health care for youth “experimental.” In recent weeks and in direct response to the continued litigation efforts by plaintiffs, the DOH proposed amendments to this same regulation which would mandate coverage for Medicaid recipients under 18 years of age. Not only was this a tremendous victory for transgender New Yorkers but created great case law in the Southern District for Medicaid law. The Willkie team continues to pursue the suit to ensure a favorable judgment to prevent the DOH from repealing these amendments and preventing coverage for this very necessary medically care.

Preserving the Rights of Clients in the Criminal Justice System

The Legal Aid Society, Prisoners’ Legal Services and Willkie Farr have partnered on a class action lawsuit filed in Supreme Court, Albany County challenging a New York State law that dictates where adjudicated sex offenders can reside. As a result of this law, there is a dearth of appropriate housing available and therefore, release dates for inmates previously adjudicated as sex offenders are being delayed and/or denied, keeping them incarcerated beyond their sentences. Although these clients elicit little public sympathy, the restrictions on their release are both illegal and, one could argue, immoral. Partners **Matthew Freimuth** and Mary Eaton and their Willkie colleagues never hesitated to take on the representation of these marginalized clients and are currently working tirelessly on their behalf.

The Legal Aid Society is proud to present Willkie Farr with its 2016 Honorable Jonathan Lippman New York Pro Bono Publico & Public Service Law Firm Award. Through their extraordinary pro bono commitment to The Legal Aid Society and its clients, **Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP** has clearly demonstrated that the firm shares Judge Lippman’s goal of “making equal justice for all not just an ideal, but a reality”.

Public Interest Law Leadership Award

Presented by Louis Sartori & Karen Fisher Gutheil

Brenna DeVaney, Esq. **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP**

Brenna DeVaney, Pro Bono Counsel at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, is recognized for her extraordinary contributions as a volunteer attorney, as a leader of Skadden's outstanding pro bono program, and for her constant support to The Legal Aid Society and its clients. In addition to her long and distinguished work on behalf of survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, Brenna has also been a mentor for her colleagues in her roles as Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee and the Association of Pro Bono Counsel where she has led the effort to establish "Best Practices" for pro bono professionals both here in New York and throughout the country. Brenna has also been instrumental in including pro bono as part of every new Skadden attorney's orientation and identifying pro bono opportunities for non-lawyers at the firm.

Exceptional Pro Bono Assistance to the Leadership of The Legal Aid Society

Presented by Scott Rosenberg & Seymour W. James, Jr.

Jane Hanson, **Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP**

Jane Hanson, of Counsel to Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, is recognized for her tireless and dedicated work alongside the President, Attorney-In-Chief, General Counsel, Chief Human Resources Officer and the Attorneys-in-Charge of the Criminal Defense, Civil and Juvenile Rights practices. Jane's wisdom and judgment have been invaluable to the Society. She has worked countless hours both advising leadership and providing representation to the Society in various forums.

Protecting The Rights of Low Income Workers

Presented by Richard Blum, Heidi Cain, Amy Hong & Sumani Lanka

These firms are recognized for their outstanding advocacy on behalf of workers whose rights have been violated by their employers or prospective employers. Together with staff from the Society's Employment Law Unit, pro bono attorneys have taken on significant litigation matters benefitting marginalized low income workers.

Arnold & Porter LLP has taken on a series of Article 78 cases on behalf of applicants who were disqualified for the position of entry level firefighter by the FDNY because of arrest records contrary to EEOC guidelines. All of our clients are currently being reconsidered as candidates under revised FDNY personnel guidelines.

Crowell & Moring LLP represents a client trafficked from Malaysia based on false promises of good pay and reasonable hours. The firm is also representing a superintendent subjected to a retaliatory firing for disobeying the employer's order to deny access to city building inspectors investigating building code violations.

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP is representing four former bakery workers who were chronically underpaid and then fired when they complained about the abusive working conditions. The firm has also brought an affirmative case of pregnancy/sex discrimination and Family and Medical Leave Act violations on behalf of a working mother.

Kaye Scholer LLP has filed suit on behalf of 20 immigrant gas station workers on Long Island who were victims of pervasive systemic wage theft. The firm is also representing a nail stylist forced to work twelve hours a day, six days a week without being properly compensated the minimum wage and overtime pay.

Innovative Corporate Pro Bono Projects & Partnerships

Presented by Jean Miranda, Melissa Ader, Sateesh Nori, Anne Callagy & Hasan Shafiqullah

Recognizing the need for increased access to justice, and leveraging their organization's commitment to the communities in which they do business, these corporate legal departments, frequently partnering with private law firms, have provided their staff with important pro bono opportunities working alongside Society staff to help Legal Aid clients with legal needs that might not otherwise be met.

BNY Mellon is providing monthly assistance to callers facing loss of public benefits, employment and healthcare coverage through the Society's Access to Benefits (A2B) Helpline.

MetLife has sent over fifty attorneys, managers and administrative staff to provide monthly assistance to callers on immigration issues through the Society's A2B Helpline.

American International Group and **Sullivan & Cromwell LLP** staffed a clinic to assist Employment Law Unit clients in applying for Certificates of Relief from Disabilities, making it easier for people with criminal records to obtain employment.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. and **Sullivan & Cromwell LLP** partnered with the Immigration Law Unit to provide assistance to Nepalese nationals in applying for Temporary Protected Status, allowing them to remain in the US after the devastating earthquakes in their country.

BNP Paribas joined **Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP** in its commitment to assisting women and children facing eviction from New York City Housing Authority apartments by providing representation at administrative hearings through the Queens Neighborhood Office.

Credit Suisse and **Shearman & Sterling LLP** have continued their longstanding collaboration with the Disability Advocacy Project on behalf of Social Security recipients who face termination of their benefits as a result of alleged overpayments by the agency.

IBM and **Goodwin Procter LLP** held their first Citizenship Clinic in New York City with the Immigration Law Unit and provided assistance to legal permanent residents in completing applications to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

Preserving Affordable Housing & The Right to Shelter

Presented by Judith Goldiner, Robert Desir, Joshua Goldfein, Beth Hofmeister & Kenneth Stephens

Ensuring safe shelter and affordable housing are two of the most basic protections that The Legal Aid Society provides to the residents of New York City each day. The firms recognized with this award have made significant contributions of both time and talent of time by joining Society staff in bringing these affirmative actions.

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP for Velez v. Roberts, challenging inadequate shelter supplements available to families with minor children who are recipients of public assistance.

Mayer Brown LLP for Alston et al. v. Starrett City, Inc. et al. where landlords have discriminated based on source of income against domestic violence survivors seeking to use city supplemental rent vouchers.

White & Case LLP for Butler et al. vs. City of New York, challenging disability-based discrimination in the City's homeless shelter system which fails to accommodate residents with special needs.

Ensuring Access to Affordable Healthcare For All New Yorkers

Presented by Belkys Garcia & Rebecca Novick

Winston & Strawn LLP

Since 2013 Winston & Strawn LLP has worked tirelessly alongside the staff of the Society's Health Law Unit and Law Reform Unit to battle for the rights of low income New Yorkers to receive appropriate health care. Initially the Society approached the firm on behalf of clients who were denied coverage by their Medicaid managed care plans and given no meaningful opportunity to appeal the denial. Winston and Legal Aid collaborated on pre-litigation negotiations with the New York State Department of Health to force the state to monitor and investigate the plans, which resulted in stronger due process protections for these Medicaid recipients. Earlier this year, Winston worked with Legal Aid to challenge Medicaid restrictions on life-saving medications for people with Hepatitis C. The collaboration resulted in expanded access to these breakthrough drugs. More recently, Winston & Strawn co-counseled a Southern District case challenging the failure of a managed long term care plan to provide medically necessary home care services to our severely disabled client. The settlement has allowed our client to receive the support she needs to stay safely in her home with her teenage daughters.

Outstanding Advocacy in Championing The Rights of The Accused

Presented by Cynthia Conti-Cook, William Gibney, Justine Luongo, Christopher Pisciotta & Regina Schaefer

The Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice provides representation to over 225,000 low income New Yorkers each year in all five boroughs of New York City. The following firms have provided exceptional pro bono assistance to the Society in our ongoing struggle to protect the rights of the accused:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP has continued its partnership with the Society in fighting to secure adequate resources to provide comprehensive representation to low income clients charged with a criminal offense.

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP has contributed outstanding assistance in the areas of police accountability and transparency as the Society seeks to obtain the personnel records of an officer involved in the death of our client.

Proskauer Rose LLP has challenged the widespread New York City Police Department practice of arresting bystanders recording police activity in public places by filing a federal §1983 matter alleging violations of the First Amendment.

White & Case LLP secured a Federal order prohibiting the City from operating video cameras to record detainees in the courthouse while in private attorney-client interview booths in violation of their Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel.



The Legal Aid Society's 2016 Pro Bono Publico Awards

American International Group, Inc.

Tracey Discepolo
Eric Kobrick
Doris Rios Duffy
Heather Shea

Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP

Danielle Newman
Christopher Pendleton
Alex Petrossian
Jacquelyn Ryberg
Scott Singer

Arnold & Porter LLP

Stewart Aaron
Ian Jay
Alexandra Mitter
Kathleen Reilly

Chadbourne & Parke LLP

Amy Belsher
Sandra Buzaglo
David Lamb
Zachary Levin
Daniel Maland
Maureen Schad

BNP Paribas

Nadia Budhai
Peter Cooke
Theresa Delace
Anna Karpman
Tatyana Kleyman
Joan Ling
Brian Smith
Renilde Zug
Michael Zytnick

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

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Josh Anderson
James Bromley
Sophia Dauria
KC Ellis
Sue Guan
Elizabeth Hanly
David Harris
Joseph Kay
Charity Lee
Mitchell Lowenthal
Alexandra McCown
Elyse McKay
Danielle Mindlin
S. Ellie Norton
Jeffrey Rosenthal
Katie Sheridan
Christina van Slyck

BNY Mellon

Arunas Gudaitis
Oksana Masliy
J. Kevin McCarthy
Charles Post
Michael Povman

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

Gillian Groarke Burns
Eva De Grauw
Ellen Halstead
Chao Huang
Brian McGovern
Ruth Merisier
Marissa Morelle
Heather Murray
Linda Park
Melanie Szwajkowski
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Ariana Green
Stephanie Turner
Kara Wilson

Law Firm & Individual Honorees

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David Kornblau

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC

Lauri Cohen
Sarah Jones

Crowell & Moring LLP

Preetha Chakrabarti
Harry Cohen
Honor Costello
Anne Elise Herold Li
James Kellett
Jared Levine
Glen McGorty
Joanne Oleksyk
Bianca Prikazsky
Ethan Simonowitz
Sheryl Wilson

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

Edith Beerdsen
Daniel Kolb
Christopher Le Coney
Jane McCooley
Lara Samet Buchwald

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Amanda Bartlett
Christine Ford
Julianne Marley
Maeve O'Connor
Ethan Roman
Johanna Skrzypczyk
Robert Tebbenkamp
Cindy Unegbu

Dechert LLP

Daphne Ha
Tanner Kroeger

DLA Piper LLP (US)

Michael Stout

Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto

Gregory Manas
Michael McGraw
Frederick Millett
Giancarlo Scaccia
Christopher Stankus
David Varghese

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP

Scott Eisman
Gabrielle Gould
Carolin Guentert
Elizabeth Hague
John Johnson
Aaron Marcu
Elizabeth Skeen
Abbey Walsh

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

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Craig Bergmann
Michael Chen
Hayley Cohen
Burcin Eren
Evan Ewing
Maura Gallagher
Daniel Jacobson
Thomas Katsiotas
Judy Kim
Bryan Lee
Jane Revellino
Matthew Smith
Stephanie Spell

Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP

John Oster

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Ryan Oringer
Christine Jey Shim

Goodwin Procter LLP

Carrie Gilman
Carolyn Rosenthal

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP

Justin Cohen
Joseph Lee
John Lyons
Fare Tabatabai
Michael Tiger
Margot Warhit
Cindy Zapata

IBM

Maria Fernandez
Manasi Raveendran

Jones Day

Rebekah Blake
Emily Kuznick
David Sullivan

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Pamita Bhandari
Julie Copeland
Dionne Fraser
Joanna Gangel
Katerina Melamed
Lisa Shemie

Kaye Scholer LLP

Michael Bullerman
Phillip Geraci
Peter Gerken
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Diana Mahoney
Holly Martin
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Kara Neaton
Jennifer Oh
Yonina Rosenbaum
Matthew Sachs
Scott Talmadge
Rebecca Zoller

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Gregory Springsted

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Jeffrey Braun
Kurt Denk
David Frankel
Leah Friedman
Max Goldman
Anna Ostrom
Marjorie Sheldon

Latham & Watkins LLP

Tal Ben-Porat
Erin Bergey
Anna Bravo
Steven Choi
Blair Connelly
Michael Dreibelbis
Kevin Fingeret
Aryana Gharagozloo
Jamie Marr
Kevin McDonough
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Priyen Patel
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Joaquin C De Baca
Mark Hanchet
Kevin Kelly
Jason Kirschner
Noah Liben

MetLife

Dane Antoine
John Genovese
Shuvoshree Som
David Waldman
Tom Wolff

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP

Jane Hanson
Stephen Iya
Alexis Kim
Andrew Lichtenberg
Kevin Maggio
Gladisley Sánchez

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Muhammad Faridi
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Kristin Johnston
Patricia Kim
J. Taylor Kirklin
Jane Metcalf
Nathan Monroe-Yavneh
Jonah Rizzo-Bleichman
Alexander Shapiro
Rachel Sherman

Kathrina Szymborski
Shirley Taylor
Jeremy Weinberg
Sam Yospe

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

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Neil Kelly
Katherine Kelly Fell
Jenny Wu

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Yasmin Emrani
Damian Myers
Patrick Rieder
William Silverman
Charles Sims
Sarah Sullivan

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

Blair Adams
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Mara Cusker Gonzalez
Andrew Dunlap
Joshua Jaffe
Sascha Rand
Monica Tarazi
Robert Vance, Jr.
Tyler Whitmer

Ropes & Gray LLP

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Shearman & Sterling LLP

Stuart Baskin
Saralyn Cohen
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Denise Karamian
Linda Rappaport
Julissa Saragoza

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Michael Martinez

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Kristina Green

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Meagher & Flom LLP**

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Brenna DeVaney
Stuart Finkelstein
Drew Hermiller
Jason Pyke
X. Sherry Xie

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

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Susman Godfrey LLP

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**Weil, Gotshal &
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Sarah Rogerson, Albany Law Clinic

Percival Bailey, *Attorney Emeritus* Program

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Nathaniel Marmon, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP
Scott Reynolds, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP

Lenny Sandlar, Petrillo Klein & Boxer LLP

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The Nominating Staff of The Legal Aid Society

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Civil Law Reform Unit

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Judith Goldiner
Lucy Newman
Kenneth Stephens

Community Development Project

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Rolando Gonzalez

Employment Law Unit

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Karen Cacace
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Sumani Lanka

Harlem Community Law Office (HCLO)

Cynthia LaCaprucia Taylor

Health Law Unit

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Rebecca Novick
Carol Santangelo

Homeless Rights Project

Joshua Goldfein
Beth Hofmeister

Immigration Law Unit

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Stephanie Cordero
Kathleen Maloney
Maria Navarro
Cristina Romero
Hasan Shafiqullah

LGBT Law and Policy Initiative

Jasmina Chuck
Kimberly Forte

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Shervon Small

Queens Neighborhood Office

Sateesh Nori

Office of the General Counsel

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Criminal Defense Practice - New York County

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Juvenile Rights Practice - New York County

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