

CONNECT | INSPIRE | LEARN



REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP 2016–2017



President's Message

The Year in Review

Our Legislative Priorities

Sometimes the stars align. I was fortunate that, during my year as your President, a number of our Association's key state legislative priorities were realized.

Our State Priorities

Four of our Association's legislative priorities were included in the budget agreed to by the New York State Legislature and the Governor. We helped achieve important criminal justice reforms and defeated an unfair proposal to increase registration fees for New York lawyers. With your support, we addressed important issues and realized powerful results.

- ◆ We averted a proposed \$50 surcharge on lawyers to pay part of the State's constitutional obligation to provide criminal defense services for the indigent. Thousands of members joined the effort, as did a number of bar associations across the state.

With other stakeholders, we helped convince the state to:

- ◆ Improve indigent criminal defense. The Office of Indigent Legal Services is now charged with developing plans to extend the five-county *Hurrell-Harring* settlement to the entire state, which the state has committed to pay for.
- ◆ Enact reforms to reduce wrongful convictions. Video recording of custodial interrogations and new eyewitness identification procedures will help prevent tragic errors.
- ◆ Raise the age of criminal responsibility. After a two-year phase-in period, children under age 18 will no longer be prosecuted as adults for nonviolent crimes.
- ◆ Give a second chance. Nonviolent offenders with certain prior convictions, who keep a clean record for 10 years, will be able to petition a court to have their criminal record sealed.

After enactment of the budget in April, we have advocated to improve the state law that currently results in power of attorney forms that are too complex, too costly, and unreasonably difficult for clients to understand, and we will continue to do so throughout the legislative session.

Our Federal Priorities

- ◆ Legal Services Corporation. In February and again on ABA Day in April, we carried this message to Congress, and we will continue to do so: Fully fund the LSC. If it is defunded, as the President has proposed, New York legal services organizations stand to lose \$21 million a year, which would devastate their efforts to provide legal services to those in need.

Domestic Violence Initiative

- ◆ NYSBA/WBASNY Domestic Violence Initiative. We forged a ground-breaking partnership with the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York to address domestic violence. The fallout from domestic violence doesn't end with a restraining order. Victims and their families need high-quality civil legal services to rebuild their lives. The NYSBA/WBASNY Domestic Violence Initiative educates and trains lawyers to volunteer with legal service providers; develops pro bono models to help increase access to legal assistance in underserved areas; and reviews and supports legislation.

Measured Responses to Urgent Issues

In the course of this year, our Association was called upon to turn on a dime and address issues we did not seek: they came roaring at us. I am so proud that our Association – and the NYSBA staff – willingly shouldered the extra burden.



- ◆ Independent judiciary. When a federal judge ordered a temporary halt to an Executive Order stopping immigration from seven majority-Muslim countries, the Executive Branch expressed its disagreement by personally denigrating the judge and demeaning the judiciary. This threatened the independence of our judiciary, which is enshrined in our Constitution, and we responded with a statement emphasizing the importance of judicial independence and adherence to the rule of law.
- ◆ Legal limbo. Prior to the judge's order, a number of immigrants and their families were stuck at U.S. airports or prevented from boarding flights to the U.S. Thousands of lawyers worked around the clock to protect these immigrants' legal rights. We quickly issued a statement expressing our deep appreciation. And we began a new presidential priority: protecting immigrants' legal rights.

Do the Public Good

Although I had not anticipated this need, immigration representation became a priority for our Association this year, in response to the Executive Orders and the federal government's heightened enforcement efforts. We are committed to ensuring that the legal rights of immigrants are protected.

- ◆ Pro bono immigration project. With a grant from The New York Bar Foundation, we are developing an online portal to connect pro bono volunteers, mentors and service providers with

each other and with available resources. Working with the Governor's Liberty Defense Project, our Committee on Immigration Representation is sponsoring trainings to help increase the pool of volunteer lawyers. To staff this effort, we have created a one-year Immigration Pro Bono Fellowship, funded by the Association and TNYBF.

- ◆ Making pro bono easier. In August, we launched NY.freelegalanswers.org, an online portal whereby low-income individuals can ask simple legal questions and attorneys can log on and answer them at their convenience.

Increase Opportunity for Members

In 2017, we expanded the reach and utility of our Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) with a new online referral platform.

- ◆ People in the 45 New York counties served by LRIS can request a lawyer at any time it is convenient. Our online referral platform drives more potential clients to LRIS and the services LRIS panel attorneys provide – in the first month since it has gone live, client referrals have increased 16.31%.

A New Generation

Each new generation of law school graduates is more diverse, tech-savvy and likely to have more solo or small firm practitioners than the previous one. As our profession changes and grows, so must our Association. I began my term by instituting a Membership Challenge to our Sections and Committees and the Association as a whole, to develop programming and resources and to reach out to law students and lawyers, with a particular focus on young, diverse and women lawyers, and to show how membership in our Association will enhance their practice and enrich their lives

in the law. Working with our Pathway to the Profession program, I have met with many of the deans and students at law schools across New York to further our collaboration with and support of the future of our profession.

- ◆ Diversity and inclusion. For our Association to remain relevant – and to thrive – we need to be attractive to all lawyers, including those who reflect our increasingly diverse society. To retain diverse members, we need to be more inclusive, which includes creating clear paths to leadership. That's not only the right thing to do, it's the smart thing. We hired a membership diversity and inclusion coordinator to help us with outreach and programming. We also supported a proposal to require attorneys to take one MCLE credit relating to diversity and inclusion and the elimination of bias during each biennial reporting period. I participated in meetings and events with leaders of numerous affinity bar associations. Our Sections are stepping up their efforts to attract and retain diverse members. Working together, we can make a more diverse and inclusive Association and profession a reality.
- ◆ Committee on Technology and the Legal Profession. Being reasonably competent in technology relevant to our practice is an ethical obligation, and smart use of technology can enhance the practice of law and help bridge the justice gap. We created a new committee to look at the dangers and the advantages that technology brings, encourage the Association to make appropriate technology and training available to our members, and study the role of legal technology companies to ensure the public is protected.

- ◆ Solo and small firms. Solo and small firm practitioners are one of our fastest-growing member segments. With these members in mind, we developed practice tools like LawHUBSM, beefed up LRIS by creating an online presence and embraced the ABA-sponsored online free legal answers program. We recently started a series of "Roadshows," where we reach out to local bars with CLEs, demonstrations or networking events – whatever they require.

- ◆ New staff leadership. The Association's Executive Director, David Watson, left the Association in December 2016 to return to the Midwest. I am thrilled that, after a nationwide search, we hired Pamela McDevitt as our new Executive Director. Pam brings a wealth of experience as a private attorney, as director of our Law Practice Management Department, and as director of the ABA's Law Practice and Technology Group. I am confident that she will continue our focus on identifying and meeting our members' needs, particularly in the areas of technology, professional development and law practice management.

Thank You

I want to thank all of you – leadership, members and staff – for a wonderful and fulfilling year as your President. When we work together, we achieve great things. So let's take a minute to acknowledge what we have accomplished. And then let's roll up our sleeves and get back to work, under the leadership of our new President, Sharon Stern Gerstman.

Gaire F. Kutekunst

Legislative Advocacy

Federal

In February and again on ABA Day in April, State Bar Leaders, President Claire P. Gutekunst, President-Elect Sharon Stern Gerstman and President-Elect-Designee Michael Miller went to Washington, D.C., and met with key policymakers in the State's congressional delegation.

Legal Services Corporation

Our main concern was the President's proposal to defund the Legal Services Corporation, which would result in New York service providers losing about \$21 million a year. We cautioned that defunding the LSC would have a devastating impact on local legal services providers that assist millions of low-income Americans, and made it clear that the LSC should be funded at no less than \$385 million.

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act

We also repeated our opposition to proposed federal regulation of the tort system and urged our Senators to oppose the so-called Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (LARA), which would significantly multiply satellite litigation, substantially degrade the efficiency of the courts and greatly increase costs of the litigation process. LARA passed the House in February.

State

State Bar Leaders, President Claire P. Gutekunst, President-Elect Sharon Stern Gerstman, and President-Elect-Designee Michael Miller led the Association's successful efforts regarding several of our 2017 state legislative priorities.

The final state budget included provisions to enhance indigent criminal defense services, address wrongful convictions, raise the age of criminal responsibility, and allow sealing of records relating to certain criminal convictions.

Averted Increase of Biennial Attorney Registration Fee

It was particularly important that the Legislature adopted public policy to extend to all counties terms of the settlement in *Hurrell-Harring v. State of New York*, thereby improving indigent criminal defense services – **without** increasing the Biennial Attorney Registration Fee to provide funds for that program.

Ms. Gutekunst led NYSBA's strong objection to that proposed fee increase immediately after it appeared in the proposed Executive Budget on January 17, because providing indigent criminal defense is a constitutional mandate. Extending the terms of *Hurrell-Harring* throughout the state is a state obligation and a societal responsibility that should be paid for by the state's General Fund, not by a surcharge on lawyers – a position that we will continue to promote.

Indigent Criminal Defense Services

NYSBA supported extending the substance of the settlement in *Hurrell-Harring v. State of New York* to counties throughout the state, critical to improving indigent criminal defense services in New York State. We strongly objected to funding the proposals in part by increasing the attorney registration fee, and opposed any proposal that would diminish the independence of the Office of Indigent Legal Service. None of these proposals were part of the final budget.



NYSBA president and president-elect with L.I. Rep. Kathleen Rice in D.C. #SaveLSC.

Wrongful Conviction Reform

Wrongful convictions cast serious doubt on a fundamental assumption of our criminal justice system – that the innocent will remain free and the guilty will be punished. Eradication of wrongful convictions is key to ensuring public confidence in our criminal justice system.

In 2015 David P. Miranda, then–President; Glenn Lau-Kee, then–Immediate Past President; leaders of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY); and Barry Scheck, co–founder of the Innocence Project (IP), announced that our organizations had reached agreement on a bill requiring the recording of custodial interrogations in certain serious crimes and allowing the admissibility of photographic arrays in enhanced identification procedures.

The Governor’s Executive Budget proposal on wrongful convictions built “upon previous efforts” by NYSBA, DAASNY, and IP. It was adopted in the final budget.

Increasing the Age of Criminal Responsibility

In New York State, children who are age 16 and over cannot be prosecuted as juvenile delinquents and, consequently, are prosecuted as adults in the criminal justice system – not the case in the overwhelming majority of states. Recent research has proven conclusively that children under the age of 18 have significantly diminished judgmental capabilities. Rather than being prosecuted in adult criminal court, children 16 years and over could benefit from services available only for children adjudicated as delinquents.

Sealing Records of Conviction of Certain Crimes

New York law provides for the sealing of records of a limited number of crimes. There are many to which the sealing provisions do not apply. The consequences of a conviction can follow a person for the rest of his or her life, interfering with – if not preventing – reintegration into the community. Under certain circumstances, a reformed person with a clean record should be able to move forward without the collateral consequences of a long-past conviction. The Association supported legislation enacted as part of the 2017-18 budget, providing that persons in such circumstances be allowed to apply to the court to have their record sealed.

Serving New York Attorneys

Continuing Legal Education

NYSBA CLE provides award-winning programming with top experts at locations throughout the state, with simultaneous webcast options for those who cannot attend in person. Our frequent lunchtime webcasts focus on breaking legislation and in-depth analysis of current issues.

- ◆ Every year, NYSBA presents more than 75 live programs in a variety of formats at more than 150 statewide locations. Programs range from practice-based “how tos” introducing new lawyers to various areas of practice to Institutes offering in-depth analysis for experienced attorneys.
- ◆ Consistently sold-out, NYSBA CLE’s popular “Bridging-the-Gap” two-day program for newly admitted attorneys is offered three times a year, live in New York City with simultaneous video-conference links to Albany and Buffalo. Washington, D.C., was added as a video-conference location this year.
- ◆ The NYSBA Digital Media Library offers hundreds of recorded topics in online video/audio streaming and DVD/CD formats. We also offer closed captioning for online programs. Our new topic selection feature allows you to select online programs by topic – so that you get only the information you need.
- ◆ Members can bundle their online video/audio purchases and get up to 40% off their recorded product cart total. Visit www.nysba.org/cle for additional information.
- ◆ The Law Practice Management Committee focuses on the needs of solo and small firm practitioners. LPM produces CLE programs, publications and maintains a website resource database, providing up-to-date information and practical tips on how to manage and apply technology in day-to-day practice. Find programs on LPM-related topics at www.nysba.org/LPM.



Packed CLE at Annual Meeting #NYSBA17



Publications

This past year, NYSBA published more than 30 books, supplements, and forms products, including downloadable forms, and five document assembly products created by experienced attorneys exclusively for attorneys practicing in New York.

- ◆ Titles published include the 2016–2017 edition of our *Practical Skills Series*, covering 26 areas of practice, *Making a Modern Constitution*, and new editions of *Lefkowitz on Public Sector Labor and Employment Law*, *N.Y. State Physician’s HIPAA Privacy Manual*, *Contract Doctrine and Marital Agreements in New York*, and *Sales and Use Tax and the New York Construction Industry*. All offer practical, real-world information and advice to help New York attorneys succeed.
- ◆ We launched the NYSBA Online Publications Library on Fastcase. NYSBA members get electronic access to virtually all our reference titles at an exclusive discount, which more than covers the cost of membership.
- ◆ We continue to publish the *New York State Law Digest* and the *NYSBA Journal*, which are also available on the NYSBA Periodicals app, and Case-PrepPlus, a weekly e-newsletter summarizing recent and significant New York appellate cases. We also publish the *State Bar News*. These are free to all NYSBA members. Our 25 Section publications (75 issues a year) have been redesigned and are available as e-books.
- ◆ We partnered with LexisNexis to launch the NYSBA Estate Planning System, a document assembly tool created by a leading New York trusts and estates practitioner, which enables users to draft customized, estate planning documents.



Legal and Community Service

Pro Bono

The Association's Pro Bono Services Department partners with legal service providers, the courts, governmental organizations and law schools to provide pro bono service training, recruitment and guidance. The Association advocates for increased civil legal service funding and also encourages and recognizes the generous pro bono work of members who carry out one of the proudest traditions of our profession.

The Association holds annual awards ceremonies that encourage and highlight the generous pro bono work of its members.

- ◆ The Association's Empire State Counsel® program highlights members who have done 50 or more hours of pro bono work in the past year. During the Association's Annual Meeting in January, the Justice for All Luncheon celebrated Empire State Counsel law firm and individual attorney honorees.

- ◆ On May 1, 2017, the annual President's Pro Bono Service Awards ceremony recognized the exemplary pro bono contributions made by attorneys, law firms, law students, and others across the state.

Closing the Access to Justice Gap

An estimated 80% of low-income New York residents must cope on their own in the face of legal problems related to core needs, such as housing, domestic violence, employment and access to government benefits.

- ◆ NYSBA's Pro Bono Services Department launched NY.freelegalanswers.org as part of the American Bar Association's Free Legal Answers project. This project provides a web-based opportunity for lawyers to do pro bono and for low-income New Yorkers to receive basic legal assistance.

- ◆ With a grant from The New York Bar Foundation, we are developing an online portal to connect pro bono volunteers, mentors and service providers with each other and with available resources. To staff this effort, we have created a one-year Immigration Pro Bono Fellowship, funded by the Association and TNYBF.

- ◆ The Pro Bono Services Department partnered with local bar associations, legal service providers and courts to recruit pro bono attorneys and to offer free or low cost pro bono training on a variety of subjects.

- ◆ NYSBA regularly advocates for adequate legal services funding at both the state and federal level.

In September 2016, NYSBA sponsored and subsidized a Legal Assistance Partnership Conference that provided affordable and high-quality continuing legal education to more than 550 civil legal services attorneys and paralegals.

Lawyer Assistance Program

The Association's Lawyer Assistance Program provides confidential assistance to attorneys, judges, and law students who are struggling with alcohol or other substance abuse, mental health issues or other personal concerns that can potentially impact their abilities to successfully function in the legal profession. LAP also provides CLEs to professionals and educational programs to law school students on recognizing, preventing, and dealing with addiction, suicide, and other mental health issues.

LAP helpline: 800.255.0569 / lap@nysba.org



Honoring President's Pro Bono Service Award Winners
#Wevolunteer.

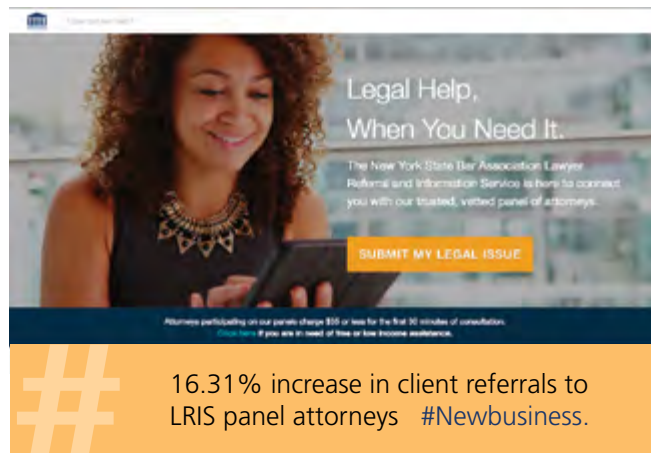
Lawyer Referral and Information Service

In 2017, the State Bar's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) partnered with Legal.io to develop and launch an online referral platform for people seeking an attorney (<https://nysbarlr.is/legal.io>). This puts the LRIS in the online marketplace, which lets potential clients request a referral at their convenience. Additionally, the platform automates many of the back-end administrative tasks of LRIS and provides participating attorneys with consistent reporting, up-to-date data, and an easy way to pay fees they owe. Having an online referral platform will drive more potential clients to the LRIS site and to the services LRIS panel attorneys provide.

Fact: LRIS received more than 10,000 calls for assistance in 2016.

Fact: In the first month of our new online presence, we've had a 16.31% increase in client referrals to LRIS panel attorneys.

Each year, LRIS presents the Angelo T. Cometa Award to an individual or group that demonstrates outstanding and long-term commitment to assisting the public and providing referrals for legal help, as needed. 2017's award winner was the Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyers Project.



Law, Youth & Citizenship Program

LYC programs have a deep and meaningful impact on the education community of New York.

The Committee on Law, Youth and Citizenship (LYC) brings to the teachers and classrooms of New York State free and low-cost resources and training in law-related and civic education. Every June and July, we host professional development programs for educators around the state. During this year we are also providing civic education programming at local Girls Inc. sites.

LYC was the sub-award recipient of the James Madison Legacy Grant to provide professional development for educators in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program. By July 1, we will have trained 67 teachers. In February, LYC hosted six high school teams at the We the People State Final Hearings. The New Visions Law & Government Team from the Capital District traveled to the national competition at the National Conference Center in the DC area on April 21–24.

NYSBA's 2017 New York State High School Mock Trial Tournament materials were prepared by the LYC's Mock Trial Subcommittee; this year, the subject was a civil case for malicious prosecution.

LYC hosted the State finals at the Federal District Courthouse in Albany. More than 350 mock trial teams began their local competitions in December and completed their regional tournaments at the end of April. On May 21, the top eight teams from around the state arrived in Albany to compete in the state finals. United States District Judge Mae A. D'Agostino, of the Northern District of New York, presided over the final round on May 23. W. Tresper Clarke High School, Westbury, NY, won the tournament.

This year's Mock Trial Summer Institute for high school students will be held on Lake

George on July 16–21. Students return to their schools in September ready to be leaders of their schools' Mock Trial teams.

In response to the large community of LYC-network educators around the New York, LYC moves its annual conference to different parts of the state. The 41st Annual Civics and Law-Related Education Conference will be at the Sagamore in Bolton Landing, NY. The theme is Participation in Government. This year we will partner with the Children and the Law Committee to offer Continuing Legal Education for attorneys, and professional development for educators.

With the support of the New York State Bar Association, The New York Bar Foundation and the legal community at large, for over 41 years, these programs have had a deep and meaningful impact on the education community of New York.

Stay up to date with LYC via social network sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and blogs. Find us at www.lycny.org.

Sections and Committees

NYSBA's Committees research and make recommendations on issues all lawyers care about. NYSBA's 25 Sections offer online communities, resources, innovative and substantive CLE programs and outreach to students, young lawyers and diverse attorneys. Visit us at www.nysba.org/Sections.

A Few Highlights

- ◆ In a first-time partnership, the Association teamed up with the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York to create a Domestic Violence Initiative. The Initiative educates attorneys about the issue, trains attorneys to represent victims, develops pro bono models for use in underserved communities, and reviews and supports legislation.
- ◆ Responding to increasing need for pro bono representation in the immigrant community, the Committee on Immigration Representation, with funding from the Association and The New York Bar Foundation, is developing a Legal.io portal to match volunteers' skills with organizations that need them. Working with the Governor's Liberty Defense Project, the Committee is sponsoring trainings to increase the pool of volunteer lawyers. TNYBF and NYSBA are also funding a one-year, grant-based pro bono fellow to staff the effort.
- ◆ In May, the Committee on Women in the Law produced its first-ever edition of the *NYSBA Journal*.
- ◆ International Section signed two Memorandums of Understanding: one with The Florida Bar and the other with the Union Internationale des Avocats (International Association of Lawyers).
- ◆ Trusts and Estates Law Section held an important program on the incapacitated client: "Lessons from Astor, Clark & Redstone."

Pro Bono

Our biannual Pro Bono Partnership Conference, hosted by our Committee on Legal Aid, brought together legal service providers and pro bono coordinators from across the state. The conference hosted 550 attorneys and paralegals and offered 37 workshops for attendees.

Intellectual Property Law Section members joined in the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section's pro bono clinic in March.

Sections Join Forces

Corporate Counsel and Business Law Sections held a joint program in the fall and another at the Annual Meeting.

In March, Dispute Resolution and Commercial and Federal Litigation Sections held a joint program titled "Cross-Fertilization of Best Practices Recommendations."

Trial Lawyers Section and Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section jazzed things up by holding a joint Fall Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Diversity

Commercial and Federal Litigation Section celebrated the 11th anniversary of Smooth Moves, a program focusing on career strategies for diverse attorneys.

Corporate Counsel Section's annual Kenneth G. Standard Internship Program selected students of color to apply for summer internships in corporate law departments in New York State.

Family Law Section offered four diversity fellowships to attorneys in 2016, pairing each fellow with a mentor from the FLS Executive Committee.





Labor and Employment Law Section extended its Diversity Fellowship Program to two years. Health Law Section offered a Diversity Summer Fellowship program.

Dispute Resolution Section established Diversity Scholarships to its mediation and arbitration trainings. The awards go to minority and women attorneys to attend trainings in the field of dispute resolution.

Young Lawyers and Law Students

Young Lawyers Section held its annual Trial Academy, and a number of Sections, including Criminal Justice, offered scholarships to attendees. This fall, YLS will hold its first-ever Advanced Trial Academy.

YLS hosted the U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Program in Washington, D.C. President Claire Gutekunst was the mo- vant. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wel- comed the group and led a discussion.

A New Name

As of April 1, 2017, Environmental Law Section changed its name to Environ- mental and Energy Law Section, reflect- ing its members’ interest in including energy as part of the Section’s mission.

Innovative Programming

General Practice Section workshoped “Improvisational Acting in the Court House.”

A YLS half-day CLE mashed-up social media ethics, representing a craft brew- ery and finding your niche practice, top- ping it off with an after-hours tour of the Court of Appeals.

Local and State Government Law Sec- tion’s inaugural Government Law Spring Forum covering FOIL, who is the client of a government attorney and judicial review of agency decisions, was so successful it’s been added to the Section’s annual roster.

Sold Out!

Trial Academy; Pro Bono Partnership Conference; EASL’s annual Music Business and the Law Conference; Intellectual Property Section’s Women in IP

Trial Academy Team X, led by Xavier Donaldson #Needwesaymore?



House of Delegates

Reports Approved by the House

November 2016

The Committee on the NYS Constitution made recommendations regarding Article XIV, Conservation. The report concluded that concerns that a constitutional convention might affect the “forever wild” provision in the current constitution are unwarranted. It also made recommendations as to other environmental issues that might be addressed by a convention. Press release is at www.nysba.org/ForeverWildClause/.

The President’s Committee on Access to Justice presented a report in support of the concept of limited scope legal services for poor and moderate income persons. Limited scope representation provides clients with specific, limited representation (e.g., drafting documents) as long as the limited representation is reasonable and the client consents after full disclosure of the limits.

January 2017

The Committee on the NYS Constitution made recommendations regarding Article VI, Judiciary. The report addresses opportunities to restructure and modernize New York’s court system.

The Report of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education expressed support for amendments to the MCLE rules to require one credit hour in diversity and inclusion CLE as part of the 24 hours biennial requirement for experienced attorneys. The report was sent to the Office of Court Administration’s CLE Board for consideration; as of this writing, the rule is pending.



The New York Bar Foundation

As the philanthropic arm of the bar association, The New York Bar Foundation is committed to making a difference to those in need of legal services, helping enrich the profession, and increasing public understanding of the law.

Because of your generosity, in its 2017 grant cycle The Foundation allocated more than \$640,000 in grants to 97 law-related projects across New York State. These grants addressed some of the most fundamental needs of our society.

Several new and innovative fundraising efforts helped grow our grant program in the past year.

Young Lawyers Network to Help Veterans

The Young Lawyer Friends of The Foundation and Young Lawyers Section created our first online 24-hour giving challenge, to raise funds for legal services organizations that assist veterans in need of legal services. Using social media, attorneys invited their families, colleagues, and friends to help realize their \$5,000 goal. They raised more than \$7,500.

Ensuring the Future of the Legal Profession

Through generous gifts from the New York State Bar Association Sections and donors, fellowships and scholarships that provide invaluable educational opportunities are available to law students from across New York State. More than \$90,000 was distributed, helping students build a solid base that will serve them throughout their entire career. The students describe the impact of these experiences as a remarkable boost on their professional pathway.

In 2016, the Foundation added two new scholarships to honor Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye's passion and commitment to making a difference through the legal profession: the Honorable Judith S. Kaye Children and the Law Committee Scholarship, and the Honorable Judith S. Kaye Commercial and Federal Litigation Scholarship.

When you give to The New York Bar Foundation, your gift creates a ripple effect throughout New York State and beyond.

Law Firms Are Philanthropic Partners

In 2016, The Foundation launched a law firm fundraising challenge. Law firms from different geographic regions within New York State participated, generating nearly \$60,000 to assist the grant program. Participants included Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP; Hughes Hubbard & Reed; Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.; Rivkin Radler Attorneys at Law; Stroock; Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP; Ingerman Smith, LLP, Farrell Fritz, P.C.; Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP; Getnick, Livingston, Atkinson & Priore, LLP; Hancock Estabrook, LLP; and Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp, LLP.

The Fellows Flourish

The Fellows of The New York Bar Foundation are members of the bench and bar who are recognized for outstanding professional achievement, dedication to the legal profession, and commitment to the organized bar. Fellows appreciate that the combined professional effort of all lawyers nurtures and sustains the rule of law and American democracy. They strive to develop, uphold and maintain these core values of the profession. This year, we welcomed 51 new Fellows to this distinguished group of professionals.

Fellows commit to financially supporting the goals and objectives of The Foundation through charitable contributions. Additionally, in 2016 the Fellows held their second basket auction during the summer House of Delegates meeting in Cooperstown, generating nearly \$8,000 for the grant program.

Another Louisiana Flood, Another Call to Action

After 2016's devastating floods in Louisiana, The Foundation and the NYSBA put out a call for assistance. Our network quickly generated over \$7,500 in donations that were sent to the Louisiana Bar Foundation to help fund flood recovery grants to address victims' legal needs. E. Jane Sherman, President of the Louisiana Bar Foundation noted, "We are honored and privileged to count The New York Bar Foundation as a partner and are grateful for your support of the Louisiana Bar Foundation."

When You Give

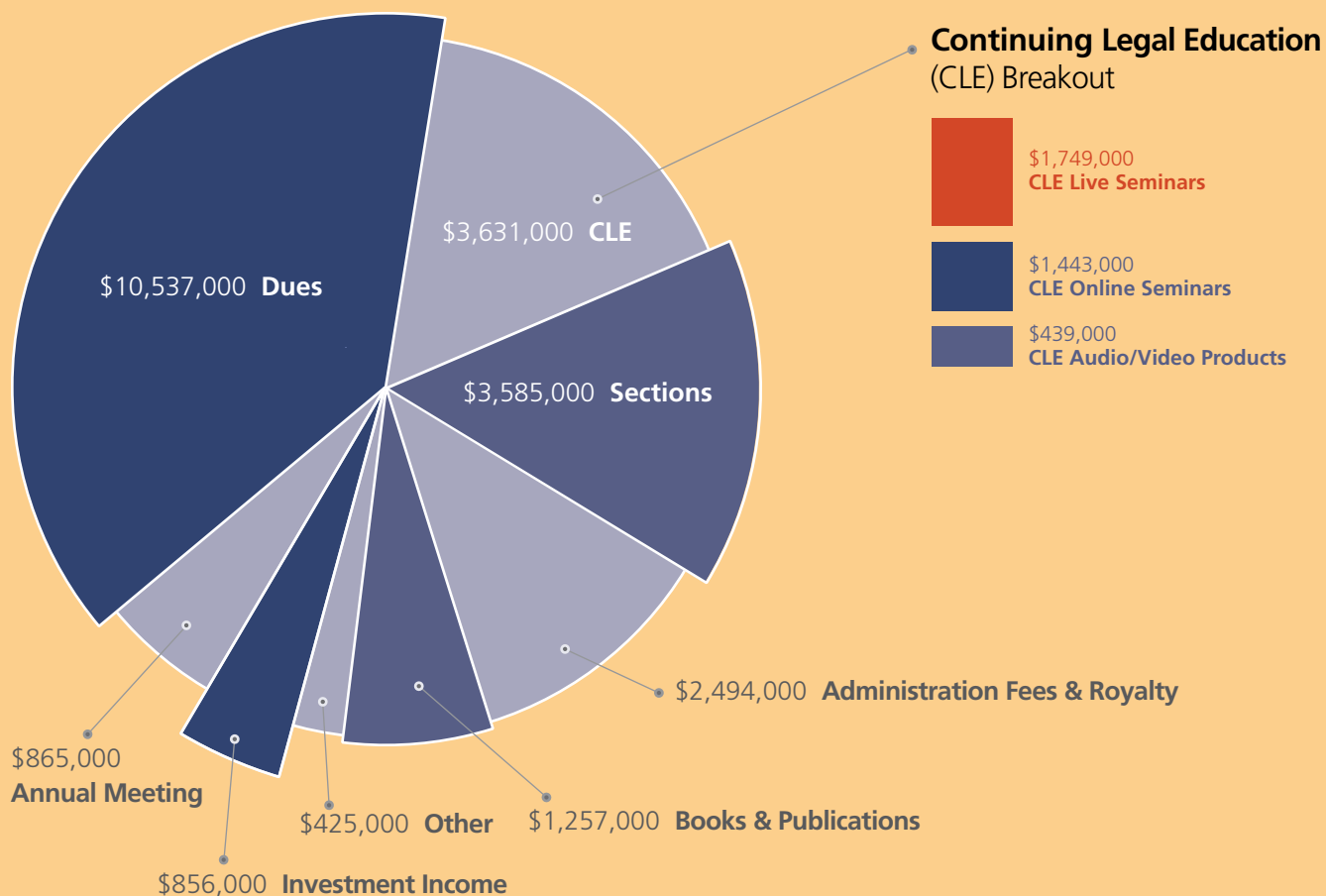
When you give to The New York Bar Foundation, you make a difference. Your gift's impact is enhanced through the grant, fellowship and scholarship programs that create a ripple effect extending throughout New York State and beyond. By working together for the greater good, you help assist people with life-changing legal matters. Thank you.

NYSBA Finances

The New York State Bar Association is committed to being accountable to its members and the public for its finances.

The Association works hard to ensure that member dollars are used to create professional, public service, and educational activities and benefits in the diverse and changing legal profession. Copies of the complete audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 are available to members and may be obtained by contacting Kristin M. O'Brien, Senior Director of Finance, kobrien@nysba.org.

Revenue & Support



Complete audited financial statements for 2016 and 2015 are available to members.

Assets

Cash	\$1,835,000
Investments	\$40,484,000
Property & Equipment	\$2,733,000
Other Assets	\$2,141,000





NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

One Elk Street
Albany, New York 12207
518.463.3200
www.nysba.org



Connect with NYSBA:

 facebook.com/nysba

 twitter.com/nysba

 nysba.org/linkedin

 instagram.com/nystatebar