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FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

For over 28 years, our attorneys, paralegals and financial counselors have provided free services to people in crisis—those who, without NYLAG’s help, would not have meaningful access to justice to secure the basic necessities of life. In some ways, this year was no different than the last 27 years. We helped elderly New Yorkers navigate complex benefit systems; we fought for students with disabilities seeking access to the right educational placement; and we brought impact litigation cases affecting tens of thousands of people.

In some ways, however, this was a year like no other. In an era of unprecedented external challenges, we showed up for those who needed us most. In the midst of rapidly-changing policies and widespread fear, we delivered Know Your Rights trainings across the city, equipping our immigrant neighbors with up-to-date, accurate, and accessible information. In the wake of the #MeToo movement, we stood beside courageous low-wage workers who experienced sexual harassment in the workplace. And, just as our colleagues did for us after Superstorm Sandy, attorneys from our Storm Response Unit trained attorneys in Puerto Rico, Florida, and Texas in the days and weeks following Hurricanes Maria, Irma, and Harvey. It was a historic year for NYLAG.

To our community of supporters, we thank you. When we needed you most, you stepped up in solidarity in extraordinary ways. We are especially proud of our staff of 290 strong who worked long days, nights, and weekends to meet an unprecedented need for civil legal services. We also recognize the 2,000 pro bono attorneys and volunteers who showed up in force to share their time, talent, and energy in over 110,000 hours of service, allowing NYLAG to expand its reach and deepen its impact. And we acknowledge our donors who continue to invest in NYLAG’s critical services because they know the power of the law in the fight against poverty. From the 92-year-old client who gives \$5 each month, to our most significant public and private donors, we cannot do what we do without you.

Because of you, we were able to reach over 88,000 New Yorkers with life-changing, and often life-saving, legal services.

We are tremendously proud of the big and small ways we are utilizing the law to fight poverty, but we know our work is not yet done. For every person we assist, there are many, many more who are still waiting for a lawyer. Please join NYLAG as we look to a future in which there are more poverty-fighting lawyers on the front line, giving more New Yorkers in need the resources and the strength to fight for justice and a chance at a better life.



Jill Rosenberg
Chair, Board of Directors

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Beth Goldman
President & Attorney-in-Charge

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WHAT WE DO

AT NYLAG, WE BELIEVE
IN THE POWER OF LAW
TO COMBAT SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC INJUSTICE.

NYLAG provides free civil legal services to New Yorkers who can't afford lawyers. Whether we're fighting for the rights of an individual in court or for the rights of many in a class action suit, providing legal advice to a single client or hosting large-scale clinics for community members, NYLAG believes in a fundamental principle: access to a lawyer can be a game changer.

We know that geographical isolation or lack of knowledge about the legal system shouldn't preclude individuals from adequate representation, so we're on the ground helping our clients in the safe spaces of their communities every day.

We collaborate across practice areas, recognizing that our clients often have an array of interconnected legal needs. Our 290 staff members, including 179 attorneys, ensure that our clients work with lawyers who understand the intersections of various civil legal services.

We help the immigrant survivor of domestic violence, the disabled veteran in danger of eviction, the older New Yorker experiencing elder abuse, and so many more. We hope that, with our help, our clients can build better lives for themselves and their families.

OUR TEAM

- ▶ STANDS **290** STRONG
- ▶ SPEAKS **28** LANGUAGES

LAST YEAR

- ▶ **88,823** NEW YORKERS
AFFECTED
- ▶ INCLUDING **33,936**
IMMIGRANTS
- ▶ AND **22,497** CHILDREN



ONE NYLAG

SHE CAME TO US...

in financial crisis. Lydia is a Gulf War Navy veteran whose service left her disabled and unable to work. When her husband was unexpectedly laid off, her family of four quickly found themselves at the end of their savings. NYLAG lawyers know that when poverty causes crisis in our clients' lives, the domino effect can bring everything tumbling down. Four different lawyers worked with Lydia to stop poverty in its tracks.

HOUSING

Lydia, her husband, and her two children were facing eviction. With the help of a NYLAG attorney, the family was able to stay safely in their home. NYLAG ensured that the landlord was compelled to make urgently necessary repairs and to lower the family's rent.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Notwithstanding Lydia's Navy service and the impact on her service on her ability to work, she was not receiving

the benefits she deserved. NYLAG attorneys won her the veterans' benefits she earned through her service.

DISABILITY

Lydia and her family were under considerable financial stress when they came to NYLAG. Lydia is unable to work because of her disability, but her application for Social Security disability benefits was denied. With the help of a NYLAG lawyer, Lydia won her appeal and a steady monthly income.

STUDENT LOANS

When she came to NYLAG, Lydia owed \$62,000 in federal student loans. Because of her military service, NYLAG attorneys were able to get the entirety of her loans forgiven.

AND NOW...

Everything has changed. Lydia can rest easy, knowing her family has a safe, healthy home, a dependable income, and the stability they need to thrive.

IMMIGRATION

Since 1990, NYLAG has provided legal services to immigrant New Yorkers. But last year was different. In the face of rapidly-changing policies, children being separated from their families, and increasing widespread fear among our immigrant neighbors, NYLAG attorneys responded quickly, with compassion, and in force.

In the course of the last 12 months, we worked with some of our 600+ referral partners to provide free community clinics and Know Your Rights workshops throughout the city, offering a safe place for immigrant New Yorkers to meet with an attorney. We stood alongside undocumented children in court to fight removal proceedings; without NYLAG, many of these children would have appeared without counsel. As new and aggressive anti-immigrant policies emerged, NYLAG's immigration attorneys were on the front lines.



MEXICO

When 6-year-old Camila arrived in the US unaccompanied, NYLAG represented her in immigration court, so that she would not have to face a judge alone.

HONDURAS

Sofia fled to the US with her two young children after one of her daughters was killed by gang members. NYLAG secured asylum for Sofia and her children.

PERU

Alois is gay and HIV-positive. In Peru, he was beaten multiple times because of his sexual orientation. NYLAG attorneys won his asylum case so he could stay safely in the US.

GUYANA

Mazoor injured his spinal cord and could not afford treatment. NYLAG helped him obtain a green card and secure Medicaid coverage to which he was entitled.

SERVING IMMIGRANT NEW YORKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

TURKEY

Elif was facing deportation until NYLAG stepped in to help her procure a green card.

RUSSIA

Polina's boyfriend sexually abused her and used her immigration status to manipulate her. With NYLAG's help, Polina is living safely with her child, independent from her abuser at last.

CHINA

After Hui Yin served in the U.S. Navy, NYLAG helped her become a U.S. citizen and acquire veterans' benefits.

SAUDI ARABIA

NYLAG secured citizenship for 18-year-old Khalid. He is now studying engineering at CUNY.

EGYPT

Nour was tortured as a political prisoner until he escaped to the US. Knowing that returning to Egypt would mean death, NYLAG secured asylum for Nour.

LIBERIA

Fleeing the civil war that tore his home apart, Sumoiwuo turned to NYLAG for help obtaining his green card.

SOUTH AFRICA

After working with her for five years, NYLAG secured citizenship for Iminathi, allowing her to stay in the U.S. with her three children.

photo by Brett Zeck

THIS PAST YEAR

15,758

IMMIGRATION CASES
HANDLED BY NYLAG STAFF

10,027

CHILDREN AFFECTED BY
OUR IMMIGRATION WORK

33,936

PEOPLE AFFECTED BY OUR
IMMIGRATION WORK

158

COUNTRIES OF
ORIGIN

EMPLOYMENT LAW IN ACTION

The #MeToo movement brought the crisis of sexual harassment, abuse, and retaliation in the workplace to the national spotlight. In response to the increasing number of victims who now feel empowered to come forward, NYLAG teamed up with the National Women's Law Center's Times Up Legal Defense Fund to provide access to counsel for survivors of workplace harassment and abuse.

EMPLOYMENT LAW

NYLAG's Employment Law Project stands up for New Yorkers who are committed to their jobs but still struggle to make ends meet. We provide consultations and legal representation as part of the fight to ensure that all workers are fairly compensated and free from harassment and discrimination.





MEET SALMA

When immigration status is wielded as a weapon by an abuser, leaving becomes even more difficult and potentially dangerous. Years of experience working with immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence compelled NYLAG to create a program, Project RISE, specifically designed to support clients who come to us with pressing immigration and family law issues. Project RISE attorneys advocate for clients like Salma, an Egyptian woman who moved to New York after her arranged marriage to a U.S. citizen. While

she was pregnant with twins, her husband beat her so brutally that she lost one of the babies. When Salma fled, with her baby in her arms, she was completely alone in a hostile country, speaking no English and without a job, a home, or a dollar to her name. NYLAG won her custody of her child, spousal and child support, and an order of protection against her abuser. With our help, she has work authorization and is on her way to a green card.

FAMILY LAW

Client-centered, trauma-informed representation is indispensable for survivors of domestic violence. At NYLAG, we advocate for survivors of intimate partner, sexual, and gender-based violence because we know that civil legal assistance will enable them to build stable, independent lives free from violence.

▶ LAST YEAR, NYLAG FAMILY LAW ATTORNEYS HANDLED **5,520 CASES**, HELPING THOUSANDS OF CLIENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN ACHIEVE SAFETY.

STANDING BESIDE VETERANS

NYLAG attorneys understand the unique, long-term legal challenges veterans face as they reenter civilian life. Along with our full range of civil legal services, our team provides expertise navigating the complex system of resources and benefits to which veterans are entitled. We stand beside our clients every step of the way to ensure the best possible outcomes for the NYC veterans who need us the most.

Last year, NYLAG served 2,466 veterans—from WWII survivors to veterans who have recently returned from combat. Here are a few of their stories:



WORLD WAR II

NYLAG helped Sara obtain a living will to provide her the peace of mind that comes with knowing that her wishes will be followed in the event she becomes incapacitated.

KOREAN WAR

Ivan worked with a NYLAG financial counselor to increase his credit so that he could find more secure housing.

VIETNAM WAR

After living for years with PTSD stemming from his service in Vietnam, NYLAG helped Tom secure the benefits he needs to get treatment.

POST-VIETNAM

Rosa has PTSD and severe depression stemming from military sexual trauma; she had been homeless and had attempted suicide when she met a NYLAG attorney at the Bronx VA. With the benefits NYLAG helped her win, Rosa was able to buy a house for herself, her children, and her grandchildren.

WAR IN IRAQ

Kevin sustained injuries in combat that made it impossible for him to work when he returned home. NYLAG secured Kevin veterans' disability compensation benefits that allow him to focus on his health.



GULF WAR

Luisa is a survivor of military sexual trauma. She worked with our attorneys to obtain veterans' benefits, providing her with the monthly compensation she needs for stability and security.

WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

After returning from service in Afghanistan, Todd found himself facing foreclosure on his home caused by a bureaucratic error. After 10 months of investigation, NYLAG was able to modify his mortgage and kept Todd and his family in their home.



LGBTQ LAW

LGBTQ communities, especially people of color, youth, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, and youth, have a heightened risk of living in poverty and being targeted for violence. NYLAG addresses these challenges both by providing direct legal services to individuals and undertaking systemic advocacy efforts.



LGBTQ LAW IN ACTION

Last year, NYLAG partnered with Mount Sinai's Center for Transgender Medicine and Surgery to address the unique legal needs of transgender New Yorkers. NYLAG attorneys provide specialized legal services to trans and gender-nonconforming clients, addressing housing and employment discrimination, barriers to achieving name and gender marker changes, difficulty accessing gender affirming healthcare, and urgent immigration issues.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our lawyers work to ensure children with disabilities have opportunities to grow and learn in the classroom. We represent clients at impartial hearings, appeals, and court actions, and provide consultations. NYLAG attorneys collaborate with parents to ensure students receive the educational services to which they are entitled.

FIGHTING SENIOR POVERTY

Seniors hold strength and knowledge that is invaluable to communities around the City. NYLAG attorneys intervene to halt senior poverty in its tracks, working with clients to alleviate underlying causes of poverty. Sam worked with his NYLAG attorney to eliminate devastating debt; Natasha was facing eviction until a NYLAG attorney stepped in and kept her in her home; and Josephina was able to access life-saving medical care with the help of a NYLAG attorney.

Among the many ways NYLAG serves seniors is through our Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Project. Our attorneys helped hundreds of elderly New Yorkers successfully navigate the complex health-care system, securing long-term care and other services that allow them to continue living healthfully and happily in their homes and communities. This past year, our experts trained hundreds of social workers, health care providers, and other professionals, equipping them with information and strategies to better serve seniors.



TENANTS' RIGHTS

NYLAG attorneys fight to ensure fair housing practices and to secure the rights of New Yorkers to remain in safe, affordable housing.

In July 2017, New York City enacted a groundbreaking law that, at full implementation, will guarantee a right to counsel to households under 200% of the federal poverty line who are facing eviction. NYLAG is a key player in the City's roll-out of the program, serving tenants in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. New York's universal access to counsel program is already closing the justice gap, substantially reducing the number of tenants

unrepresented in housing court. NYLAG attorneys stand up for tenants on the brink of homelessness, many of whom are elderly or single mothers with children, to fight to preserve their homes in the midst of skyrocketing rents.

Last year, NYLAG attorneys handled 6,784 housing cases affecting over 15,000 people. For many of these families, access to an attorney meant remaining in their homes.

PRO SE CLINIC

Navigating the court system is a time-consuming and complicated experience. For those who don't have an attorney, the experience is even more overwhelming—especially when they're up against a party who does have representation.

NYLAG's Pro Se Clinic in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York helps to level the playing field by providing free legal advice and training to those representing themselves. Launched in 2016, the Pro Se Clinic expanded last year to serve even more pro se litigants.

► LAST YEAR, NYLAG ATTORNEYS PROVIDED **3,582** CONSULTATIONS TO PRO SE LITIGANTS.



MEDIATION

Mediation as an alternative to prolonged and potentially contentious litigation has long been accessible to well-off New Yorkers attempting to solve family conflicts. NYLAG's Mediation Project offers this less litigious option to low-income New Yorkers. NYLAG pairs every party to mediation with a pro bono attorney who gives advice and reviews the agreement before the parties sign.

MOBILE LEGAL HELP CENTER

Our innovative Mobile Legal Help Center brings lawyers straight into communities. Our van travels five days a week (sometimes six!) to communities that, because of barriers such as distance, physical accessibility, or privacy, cannot access our legal services anywhere else. The NYLAG staff and pro bono partners on the van offer the full range of NYLAG civil legal services including immigration, family, employment, and housing law.



HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS THE VAN STOPPED AT LAST YEAR:

ISLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY JULY 14, 2017

NYLAG's community centered model focuses on combatting barriers to accessing justice. In the Rockaways, our clients are isolated by limited transportation options and mobility issues. That's why we partner with community sites our clients already trust and rely on.

MT. CARMEL CENTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AUGUST 29, 2017

Seniors with limited mobility shouldn't have to travel from the Bronx to our offices in downtown Manhattan to access legal services—so we go to them!

HARLEM COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER JANUARY 8, 2018

At housing court in Harlem, NYLAG attorneys fight to keep families in their homes.

COMMUNITY PARENTS' HEALTH FAIR JUNE 22, 2018

At single day community events like this one, the Mobile Legal Help Center staff provides services and community education.

ARTS AND BUSINESS HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER 17, 2017

Schools are community hubs, and NYLAG works closely with many public schools throughout the City to deliver legal services to students and their families.

PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY MAY 21, 2018

Public libraries are an essential resource for low-income and immigrant communities, providing a crucial point of contact with clients for our Mobile Legal Help Center.

IMPACT LITIGATION

NYLAG's Special Litigation Team collaborates with NYLAG attorneys across practice areas to identify patterns of injustice or broad institutional failures. Alone, or in partnership with private firms and other not-for-profit organizations, we initiate class action and other impact lawsuits to bring about systemic change for thousands of New Yorkers in need.

THIS PAST YEAR, NYLAG'S IMPACT LITIGATION BROUGHT SYSTEMIC CHANGE ON BEHALF OF...

VICTIMS OF FRAUDULENT DEBT COLLECTION

By securing a settlement worth nearly \$6 million for 61,000 New Yorkers victimized by fraudulent debt collection litigation [Mayfied v. Asta, settlement Apr. 2018]

IMMIGRANTS RELIANT ON LIFE-SAVING BENEFITS

By challenging New York's denial of critical subsistence benefits to certain asylum applicants, prompting New York to change the policy and extend benefits to those immigrants [Colaj v. Roberts, filed Aug. 2017, policy change Nov. 2017]

STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS

By administering a settlement requiring the United States Department of Education to notify 60,000 student loan borrowers harmed by an abusive for-profit school of their right to seek valuable loan discharge [Salazar v. DeVos, settlement approved Aug. 2017, administered through the present]

SENIORS NEEDING HOME HEALTH CARE

By obtaining a change in NY State policy protecting Medicaid home health care recipients whose managed long term care providers unlawfully stopped or reduced their care, and reaching preliminary settlement to secure further relief for the recipients [Caballero v. Senior Health Partners, settlement filed with court Apr. 2018]

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

By entering into an unprecedented settlement requiring a charter school network to make far-reaching changes to protect students with disabilities entitled to special education supports [Achievement First, settlement approved Dec. 2017]



LEGALHEALTH

In our innovative LegalHealth program, our lawyers work alongside medical professionals at 34 hospitals and community-based practices, providing legal services aimed at removing barriers to better health for patients with limited financial resources.

We've pioneered new fields of support, including the creation of the first legal clinic for female veterans in the United States, offering a safe space for women veterans—many of whom are survivors of sexual trauma—to vocalize their needs and obtain often overlooked services.

Over this past year, our lawyers worked with and trained doctors and social workers at a range of hospitals, from NY Presbyterian to NYC Health + Hospitals, as well as community-based health organizations, such as the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care.



LEGALHEALTH IN ACTION

For low-income New Yorkers, a cancer diagnosis is not only a health crisis. It may also jeopardize employment, housing, and other essential needs. Attorneys with expertise in the unique and complex needs of cancer patients conduct wide-ranging support, from legal consultation in clinics, to in-hospital advocacy, to home visits for patients whose health is in decline.





PUBLIC BENEFITS

NYLAG attorneys help vulnerable New Yorkers navigate complex government systems to access benefits that provide a critical lifeline for those in need.

LAST YEAR...

- » A NYLAG attorney helped restore Melissa's SNAP benefits so she could feed her family.
- » Yin's Medicare only covered home care for part of the day, which meant Yin would have to move to a nursing home. NYLAG attorneys secured coverage for around-the-clock home care to allow Yin to stay in her home of 26 years.
- » David was mystified when his family was denied emergency shelter by the NYC Department of Homeless Services. A NYLAG attorney helped him appeal the decision so his family had shelter while he searched for more permanent housing.
- » Arun's physical disability made it impossible for him to work. NYLAG helped him access the benefits he needs to live.
- » NYLAG helped Sasha access Medicaid so that she no longer had to choose between medical care and other necessities.
- » Joseph needed a power of attorney to ensure that his access to long-term care would be secure even when he becomes unable to look after his own affairs. NYLAG drafted the legal documents and brought Joseph and his family ease of mind.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Debt traps our clients in an endless cycle of poverty that unnecessarily constricts their options for the future. So when our consumer protection attorneys take a consumer debt case, they know their work not only has an immediate impact but could fundamentally change someone's life. Debt can limit a financially dependent spouse's ability to flee an abusive partner, create a barrier to education and job mobility, or lead to a loss of housing.

NYLAG consumer protection attorneys work to eradicate abusive debt collection practices, lending violations, and fraud, help clients get a clean slate through filing for bankruptcy, keep New Yorkers in their homes through foreclosure prevention, and advocate on behalf of seniors who are the victims of elder abuse scams. Our work promotes the long-term financial security of low-income families and prevents poverty for vulnerable New Yorkers.

AFTER THE STORM

In the days following Superstorm Sandy, our lawyers mobilized to design a new program to address the immediate legal needs of New Yorkers devastated by the storm. Six years later, we continue to provide practical

support to New Yorkers working to save their homes from foreclosure, secure aid from FEMA and various City and State programs, and negotiate homeowners and flood insurance claims.

NYLAG ATTORNEYS HAVE SECURED OUR CLIENTS...

► **\$62,926,931**

IN LUMP SUM DISASTER RELIEF AWARDS

► **\$3,938,016**

EACH YEAR IN MONTHLY DISASTER RELIEF AWARDS

STORM RESPONSE IN ACTION

In the weeks after Sandy, our attorneys built their expertise with the support of lawyers who helped rebuild after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005. This year, huge swaths of our nation were devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. In response, NYLAG attorneys stepped up to train and share resources with our legal service colleagues in Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico.


► LAST YEAR, WE TRAINED **270+** ATTORNEYS IN DISASTER LEGAL SERVICES.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING

For our clients, an unexpected expense or a small reduction in income can quickly become a financial crisis. When Maria's son broke his arm, she had to choose between paying medical bills and paying rent. After years of physical abuse, Bim felt ready to leave her husband, but her low credit score made it impossible to rent an apartment.

NYLAG's financial counselors work hand-in-hand with NYLAG attorneys across practice areas. They help clients deal with urgent and continuing financial issues with one-on-one coaching to promote lasting, sustainable security.

► LAST YEAR,
NYLAG FINANCIAL
COUNSELORS
HELPED CLIENTS
INCREASE THEIR
CREDIT SCORE AN
AVERAGE OF
41 POINTS.



HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

NYLAG's Holocaust Compensation Assistance Project is dedicated to helping Holocaust survivors secure appropriate benefits and compensation. Our compassionate team works with survivors to identify and obtain the compensation for which they are eligible, and helps survivors appeal when they are wrongly denied benefits. Beyond these benefits, NYLAG helps survivors navigate complex medical and legal systems to protect their health and dignity. NYLAG attorneys work with survivors to secure life-saving medical care and the long-term care they need to remain healthy and independent in their communities.

► LAST YEAR, NYLAG SERVED **952**
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS.

MEET LUDMILA & ION

Ludmila and Ion fell in love in the first grade. They lost family, friends, and community members in the Holocaust in Moldova before moving to Staten Island. They cared for one another for the 60 years of their marriage, but as they aged, it became increasingly clear to the couple and their daughter that their current level of home care was not enough to keep them safely in their home. When their initial request for increased care was denied, NYLAG fought to get the couple around-the-clock homecare, allowing them to age in their own home.

PRO BONO

NYLAG strategically engages volunteers to reach vulnerable clients. Whether they are practicing or retired attorneys, skilled professionals, law students or graduates, even college and high school students, our volunteers help us expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Volunteers work closely with NYLAG staff, who train and support them to ensure our clients receive the highest quality legal services.

Last year, our robust volunteer program reached every corner of our practice. From immigration to elder abuse,

from special education to impact litigation, from veterans' benefits to housing – volunteers helped us to remove the barriers that often make legal services inaccessible. Our language access volunteers enabled us to eliminate communication barriers. We trained volunteers to be sensitive to and aware of cultural values and norms that impact the provision of legal services.

In a time of uncertainty, our volunteers joined us in pushing beyond the systemic limitations of poverty to make access to justice a reality for thousands of New Yorkers.

► **2,095**

PRO BONO PARTNERS
AND VOLUNTEERS

► **\$31,363,553**

VALUE OF TIME DONATED

► **110,622**

HOURS DONATED



PRO BONO IN ACTION

- Bruce Craig, an attorney emeritus with the LegalHealth Unit, helped ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are unable to make decisions for themselves have capable and trusted guardians to make decisions on their behalf.
- Since 2016, DLA Piper has collaborated with NYLAG on a project to provide legal help in guardianship cases for New Yorkers with disabilities who cannot make decisions for themselves. To date, DLA Piper has handled two dozen matters.
- Greenberg Traurig, LLP Shareholder, Mark Glaser, worked with our LegalHealth Unit to help draft and lobby for the amendment to the Standby Guardianship statute. It was signed into law on June 2018.
- Teams of attorneys at Kirkland & Ellis LLP assisted multiple clients with Last Wills and Testaments, healthcare directives, and powers of attorney.
- Pro bono attorneys from Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP provided critical deposition assistance to clients through NYLAG's Legal Clinic for Pro Se Litigants, ranging from employment discrimination to civil rights matters.
- Latham & Watkins LLP assisted immigrant survivors of domestic violence by providing representation to 34 U-Visa and VAWA clients.
- Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP continued its longstanding support of NYLAG's LGBTQ Law Project, offering direct legal services and systemic advocacy efforts on a wide range of issues impacting NYC's LGBTQ community—including employment, housing, public benefits, shelter access, name changes, gender marker changes, family law, and advanced planning.
- At our Pro Se Clinic, 74 pro bono attorneys have represented pro se litigants in depositions in the Southern District of New York.
- A team of five Proskauer Rose LLP attorneys successfully represented an asylum seeker from Burkina Faso who was forced to undergo female circumcision as a young child and suffered lifelong health complications as a result. The client fled her home country with her boyfriend to escape a forced marriage. The Proskauer team won asylum for the client and her now-husband.
- Ronald C. Mayer, an attorney emeritus with the Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program, has handled 458 cases in the past 5 years. His advocacy and expertise has expanded NYLAG's capacity to assist the aging with complex Medicaid, advanced planning, and long-term care issues.
- Over the past year, pro bono attorneys from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & From LLP represented 12 clients in family law-based mediation matters.
- WilmerHale has hosted three naturalization clinics in partnership with its corporate clients in which pro bono attorneys assisted 87 clients to complete their citizenship applications.



PRO BONO PARTNER FIRMS

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SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REVENUE	FY17 JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017	FY18 JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018
Government	\$ 14,442,674	\$ 18,163,126
Foundation	\$ 6,196,795	\$ 4,426,728
Hospitals and Corporation	\$ 3,978,769	\$ 3,928,776
Individual	\$ 535,748	\$ 304,324
Special Event contributions (net)	\$ 838,491	\$ 1,046,523
Court Awarded & Earned Fees	\$ 236,342	\$ 1,415,028
Miscellaneous	\$ 42,505	\$ 12,778
Recovery of Funds	\$ 23,654	\$ 206,213
Total Revenue Before In Kind Legal Services	\$ 26,294,978	\$ 29,503,497
In-Kind Legal Services	\$ 26,900,028	\$ 31,329,409
Total Revenue	\$ 53,195,006	\$ 60,832,906

EXPENSES	FY17 JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017	FY18 JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018
Program Services	\$ 22,326,628	\$ 25,936,006
Supporting Services:		
Management/Administration	\$ 2,784,680	\$ 2,948,489
Fundraising	\$ 437,814	\$ 612,185
Total Expenses Before In Kind Legal Services	\$ 25,549,122	\$ 29,496,679
In-Kind Legal Services	\$ 26,900,028	\$ 31,329,409
Total Expenses	\$ 52,449,150	\$ 60,826,088

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