The New York Bar Foundation was pleased to begin 2017 with the announcement that it has undertaken administration of a new Fellowship Program.

The Catalyst Public Service Fellowship Program was created in January 2016 by a donation of unused campaign funds from the Janet DiFiore for District Attorney Committee before Janet DiFiore became the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the State of New York. It was developed to encourage and enable first year law students to gain practical legal experience in public service.

The Foundation began administering the program in its second year. Thirteen law schools across New York State participated in the 2017 program enabling 40 students to obtain practical experience over the summer. The program is coordinated with law schools across the state and matches law school stipends so that each student receives a $5,000 fellowship. $100,000 in Fellowships was distributed enabling students to complete the program in a variety of non-profit organizations and other public service settings.

“As Program Coordinator, I am pleased to work with The New York Bar Foundation to increase awareness of this opportunity to law students across the State,” states Robert

Several of the Catalyst Fellows meet with Chief Judge DiFiore in Albany for Court of Appeals Day.

One of the 2017 grantee recipients was MFY Legal Services, Inc. for their Bellevue Hospital Center Children’s Medical Legal Partnership (CMLP) Project.

The project addresses health harming legal needs and problems that negatively affect a patient’s health that are faced by families with children with mental health problems. By integrating MFY lawyers into the behavioral health care team, the goal of this model is to ensure that families are able to readily access legal care that will help them resolve practical

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Message from the President

As I begin my third and final year as President of The New York Bar Foundation I have taken pause to reflect on what we have accomplished over the last 3 years.

• In January, The Foundation’s Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Grant Review Committee, approved the allocation of more than $640,000 for 96 programs across New York State. This amount has steadily increased from the $392,500 we presented in 2014.

• The Fellowship and Scholarship programs administered by The Foundation have also grown from 8 different section opportunities and the allocation of $48,000 to 12 students; to 14 different opportunities and the allocation of more than $187,000 to 67 students including the new Catalyst Fellows. Because of the partnerships with law schools, NYSBA Sections and others, the extensive experiential and educational opportunities offered are notable.

• Through our strategic planning process new fundraising initiatives were developed such as the 24-hour challenge to assist veterans with legal matters, the annual Fellows Basket Auction, the Firm Challenge, and the Annual meeting week campaign, generating more than $100,000 in new revenue.

• We have become a recognized Foundation, having been designated by VCG Governance Matters for our governance efforts and receiving the inaugural “Cause Award” from New York Nonprofit Media for philanthropy.

Each of these initiatives has demonstrated that commitment, partnership and passion can lead to success. This success wouldn’t be possible without you, our donors; the commitment of the Board leadership; the support and enthusiasm of staff; and the new partnerships we have developed with firms, sections, committees and individuals. Together we CAN and HAVE made a difference.

We have a lot to be proud of and I thank all of you for helping to make a difference. Because of you our extensive impact on the profession and those in need of legal services across New York continues to grow.

John H. Gross
President
Around the corner. Around the state.

Welcome New Fellows

The following Fellows have been elected by The Foundation Board of Directors for 2017 and have accepted this distinguished honor. **Congratulations!**

First Judicial District

Jay Cohen of New York (Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison) ~ Joined as a Fellow in the Charles Evans Hughes Circle of Giving

Donna E. Frosco of New York (Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP)

Third Judicial District

Peter Gerstenzang of Albany (Gerstenzang, Sills, Davis, Cohn & Gerstenzang)

Eighth Judicial District

Frederick G. Attea of Buffalo (Phillips Lytle LLP)

Ninth Judicial District

Magdalen Gaynor of White Plains (Law Offices of Magdalen Gaynor) ~ Joined as a Life Fellow in the Charles Evans Hughes Circle of Giving

Tenth Judicial District

John P. Christopher of Glen Head (Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC)

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needs before they become health-harming legal needs. MFY provides legal advice, counsel, and representation to families and their children on a wide range of health care legal issues primarily involving education and government benefits advocacy.

MFY notes that there is an enormous and growing need for holistic services for children with mental illness. Since its inception in 2014, MFY’s Children’s Medical-Legal Partnerships at three hospitals operated by the New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation have provided direct legal assistance to more than 625 children and their families.

Following is an excerpt from the MFY newsletter on one of their clients, “Benny”.

Mom Risks Educational Neglect Charge to Protect Child

Benny (not his real name), age 16, who suffers from severe depression and anxiety, was being continually bullied at school. When his mother tried to file a police report after Benny was assaulted, the police told her that he was old enough to take care of himself and refused to complete a report. Afraid her child would be attacked again, Benny’s mother kept him home while she attempted to get a school safety transfer, which would allow him to attend a different school. However, the Department of Education would not approve the transfer without a police report.

Bellevue’s outpatient clinic referred the case to MFY’s Aleah Gathings. By that time, Benny had been out of school for almost two semesters and his mother was risking being charged with educational neglect.

After extensive advocacy and negotiation at the police station and at the school, Ms. Gathings obtained the police report and a school safety transfer. She represented Benny at a Department of Education hearing, obtaining a private neuro-psychological evaluation and private psychiatric evaluation at the Department of Education’s expense.

Benny is now at a new school in a reduced class size setting, with an accurate IEP and appropriate services. Due to MFY’s advocacy, the educational neglect case against Benny’s mother never materialized.

Congratulations Lesley Rosenthal

The New York Bar Foundation congratulates Board member and Vice President of The New York Bar Foundation Lesley Rosenthal on being named the 2017 Root/Stimson Award recipient.

In the spirit of Elihu Root and Henry L. Stimson, for whom the award is named, Lesley is recognized by the legal profession for her service to the community.

“Lesley’s extraordinary commitment and passion for community service has indisputably enhanced the organizations to which she has lent her time and skills,” states Foundation Board President, John H. Gross.

Lesley was instrumental in the development of The Foundation’s Cy Pres Committee serving as its founding chair. The result has broadly raised the awareness of the judiciary and practicing bar of The Foundation’s skill in successfully administering Cy Pres funds. Over the past several years this has brought more than $4M to The Foundation for grant purposes. The opportunity to undertake administration of these funds has supported the mission of The Foundation to help those in desperate need of legal services through programs for disabled veterans, tenant housing improvements, and homelessness prevention, to name a few.

“It has been a wonderful experience working with her as Vice President of The Foundation. The entire Foundation Board is pleased and proud to observe her receipt of this prestigious recognition. Lesley is a true champion of legal service in the public interest,” said Gross.
The New York Bar Foundation Awards More Than $640,000 In Charitable And Educational Grants

Ninety-six nonprofit programs across New York have received grants totaling more than $640,000 from The New York Bar Foundation this year.

“Contributions from donors and new fund-raising initiatives enabled us to provide impactful grants across New York State, complementing local organizational efforts,” notes Lucia Whisenand, who chairs the Grant Committee. “Unfortunately, there is still significant need for resources to provide legal representation to the underserved and we anticipate that those needs will grow.”

Many of the organizations funded by The Foundation provide essential legal services to low-income individuals impacting quality-of-life issues, such as homelessness prevention, immigration, access to veteran benefits, re-entry and domestic violence.

“The legal assistance made possible by the grants is often life-changing for the recipients and their families,” adds President of The Foundation’s Board of Directors John H. Gross. “Having a voice that is heard and an attorney working on your behalf has a tremendous impact on the individual and often their future. As attorneys, we need to be proactive in supporting The Foundation and its grant program.”

Funding for the grants comes from the generous contributions to The Foundation by lawyers, law firms, corporations and others.

The organizations receiving grants from The Foundation are:

**First Judicial District (Manhattan):**
- Advocates for Children of New York
- Advocates for Justice [AdI]
- Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
- Bays and Girls Republic
- Brennan Center for Justice
- Cabrini Immigrant Services New York City
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Center for Family Representation (CFR)
- Community Service Society of New York
- Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. (CASA)-NYC

**Second Judicial District (Kings County):**
- Brooklyn Defender Services
- CAMBA, Inc.
- Catholic Migration Services, Inc.
- Center for Court Innovation/Fund for the City of New York
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- The Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.
- The Children’s Law Center

**Feerick Center for Social Justice/Fordham Law School**
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
- Housing Conservation Coordinators, Inc. (HCC)
- Human Rights First
- Her Justice
- LatinoJustice PRLDEF
- Lawyers Alliance for New York
- Lawyers for Children
- Legal Action Center
- Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)
- Legal Services of New York City
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- MFY Legal Services, Inc.
- National Center for Law and Economic Justice
- New York Asian Women’s Center/Womankind
- New York Center for Law and Justice, Inc.
- New York Civil Liberties Union Foundation
- New York Foundling Hospital DBA The New York Foundling
- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Inc. [NYLPI]
- New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
- Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
- Partnership for the Homeless
- Pro Bono Net, Inc.
- Safe Horizon, Inc.
- Sakhi for South Asian Women
- The Door - A Center of Alternatives, Inc.
- The Legal Aid Society
- UnLocal, Inc.
- Urban Justice Center
- Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS)

**Third Judicial District (Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster counties):**
- Capital District Women’s Bar Association (CDWBA)
- Center for Law and Justice, Inc.
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Ulster County
- Disability Rights New York
- New York State Defenders Association, Inc.
- NYSBA Committee on Diversity
- NYSBA Law, Youth & Citizenship Program
- NYSBA Pro Bono Service Department
- Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York

**Fourth Judicial District (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington counties):**
- Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse

**Fifth Judicial District (Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego counties):**
- Center for Community Alternatives
- Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society
- Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc.
- Youth Court Jefferson County

**Sixth Judicial District (Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga, Tompkins counties):**
- Horseheads Family Resource Center

**Seventh Judicial District (Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates counties):**
- Empire Justice Center (formerly Greater Upstate Law Project [GPLP])
- Hillside Children’s Foundation
- Legal Aid Society of Rochester, Inc.
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.
- Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.
- Monroe County Bar Center for Education
- The Center for Youth Services, Inc.
- Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County (VLSP)
- Worker Justice Center of New York, Inc.
Eighth Judicial District (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming counties):
- Center for Elder Law and Justice
- Genesee County CASA for Children
- Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
- Veterans One-stop Center of WNY, Inc.
- Western New York Law Center, Inc.

Ninth Judicial District (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester counties):
- Alliance for Safe Kids, Inc.
- Hudson Valley Justice Center (HVJC)
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (formerly Westchester/Putnam Legal Services)
- Mental Health Association of Westchester, Inc.
- My Sisters’ Place, Inc.
- Pace Women’s Justice Center

Tenth Judicial District (Nassau, Suffolk counties):
- Huntington Youth Bureau Youth Development Research Institute, Inc.
- Long Island Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc.
- NYSBA Law, Youth & Citizenship Program

Eleventh Judicial District (Queens County):
- Center for Court Innovation/Fund for the City of New York
- Center for Integration and Advancement of New Americans, Inc. (CIANA)
- Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House

Twelfth Judicial District (Bronx County):
- BronxWorks
- MinKwon Center for Community Action (formerly YKASEC)
- Part of the Solution
- Start Small. Think Big., Inc.

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- 10% Increasing public understanding of the law
- 2% Enhancing Professional Competency and Ethics

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A. Spolzino. “The Foundation’s support and network with law schools aided in doubling the program this year. It’s a wonderful partnership as part of The Foundation’s mission is to aid in educational projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession.”

Congratulations to Catalyst recipients

Albany Law School
Julia V. Kosinesky
Rebecca M. Wager

“I knew the summer after my 1L year I wanted to work in public service and specifically at a DA’s office. Without the availability of work study, the thought of having an unpaid internship was daunting and with the Catalyst fellowship I’ll now be able to afford my living expenses for the summer and focus on my experience at the DA’s office without getting another job on the side. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to be a recipient and after finishing my first day at my internship I know I am in the right place and have the pleasure of following my passion with the support of the funds from my Catalyst fellowship.”
— Julia Kosinesky

Andrew Plewinski
Jordan Sieracki

“The Catalysis Public Service Fellowship exemplifies true magnanimity in that it helps me to do what I love, which is helping others.”
— Danielle Davis

SUNY Buffalo Law School
Shao-Hua Lo

“I am a lawyer and Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist from Taiwan. As an international student who has a family to support, Catalyst Public Service Fellowship lightens my financial burden which allows me to keep doing public interest legal work. This summer, I will join the New York State Office of the Attorney General’s Criminal Enforcement and Financial Crimes Bureau, where I can utilize my expertise in business and financial law to help fight crime.”
— Shao-Hua Lo

Brooklyn Law School
Elizabeth French
Kelsey Laing
Tina Lin

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— Tina Lin

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Cardozo School of Law Yeshiva University
Deluwara Ahmed
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“Pursuing an unpaid public service internship would not have been possible for me without the help of the Catalyst Public Interest program. The Catalyst Fellowship will give me the opportunity to fully immerse myself in my summer internship, free from financial stress. I am so grateful to have been chosen as a Catalyst Fellow, and cannot begin to express how thankful I am to those whose generosity and dedication to the public sector have made this fellowship possible.”

— Michelle Chipetine

“I am extremely grateful to the Catalyst program and the New York Bar Foundation for this opportunity. This fellowship will allow me to pursue my internship at Mental Hygiene Legal Service without having to be concerned about taking additional student loans or working a second job. With the Catalyst Public Service Internship, I can focus my energy entirely on my internship and develop the skills and experience necessary to be an effective advocate, while assisting attorneys who are representing a vulnerable population in our society.”

— Jessica Heymach

“By studying the law, it is my hope to assist in closing the justice gap and assist in providing legal support for those who are seeking to obtain fair representation. Because of this, I am immensely grateful to be selected as a Catalyst Public Service fellow. The fellowship will allow me to reach my goal of assisting members in the community who are seeking representation to have the equal and fair outcomes under the justice system.”

— Brian Kim

“I just finished my first year at Touro Law Center and I am honored to have been chosen for a Catalyst Public Service Fellowship. I came to law school in order to pursue a career with the Federal Government and this summer I will be interning at the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York. I look forward to serving my community this summer. Thank you for this terrific honor.”

— Megan R. Mulholland

“I am honored to have been chosen for a Catalyst Public Service Fellowship. I came to law school in order to pursue a career as a prosecutor and this summer I will be interning at the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York. I look forward to serving my community this summer and throughout my legal career.”

— Kristen Lomando
Foundation Presents Grant Checks

By making a donation to The Foundation you help give someone the opportunity for legal assistance to make their voice heard. You help bring hope to their family and children. You help provide legal services on life-changing issues such as fair wages, veteran’s access to services, homelessness prevention, immigration, and human trafficking.

Because of you, The Foundation is able to provide grants across New York State.

Following are some of the check presentations that were done.

Thank you for making a difference through The Foundation.

“The CAM project has already given parents hope that they will be able to legally reunify with their children after years of separation. With help from The New York Bar Foundation, CCCS has already submitted 87 applications for 166 children and qualifying family members. With support from The New York Bar Foundation, CCCS is able to facilitate the lawful reunification of families through the US Refugee Program.”

Margaret Fung, AALDEF Executive Director, noted, “We are so proud to partner with the New York Bar Foundation in the fight to end human trafficking. Thanks to the foundation’s support, AALDEF continues to protect the rights of Asian women and girls trafficked into New York in domestic service, restaurant and hotel work, and other low-wage jobs. The grant enables us to provide legal counseling and connect these survivors to additional services and a network of support.”

Foundation Board member Martin Minkowitz (far right) presents grant check to Catholic Charities Community Services for their Central American Minors Legal Services Expansion Project (CAM). Left to right are: Emma Doughty, Laura Lopez-Blazquez, Jessica Lazo, Kelly Agnew-Barajas, and Minkowitz.

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) staff attorneys celebrate the support of the New York Bar Foundation for the Anti-Trafficking Initiative. Left to right: Song Kim, lead anti-trafficking attorney (holding certificate), is pictured with colleagues (L to R) Michael Turi, Annie Wang, and Stan Mark.
We are grateful to The New York Bar Foundation for its generous support which will allow us to expand our organization’s ability to serve those with language barriers navigate and negotiate a complex legal system,” said David Schopp, Executive Director, Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.

BGR’s unwavering vision is that every young person who passes through its doors will build an educational foundation, develop leadership skills, increase their confidence, and become empowered to make positive choices. Thanks to the New York Bar Foundation’s ongoing generosity this year, BGR will be able to continue offering its signature self-government after-school program, which replicates legal and governmental systems, teaches democratic concepts, and helps participating youth to develop their leadership and civic engagement skills.

The Education Advocacy Project provides advocacy for youth with disabilities, youth who are victimized by discrimination and bullying, addresses inappropriate school discipline issues and provides education to the community at large on these issues. “Many people do not know that there might be a legal solution to problems their children are having in school,” says LawNY® Managing Attorney Kate Woods. “Thanks to The New York Bar Foundation, we can continue to expand this important work.”
Foundation Supports Online Portal

WILL CONNECT VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS SEEKING TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO IMMIGRANTS IN NEW YORK

Responding to the urgent need for lawyers to assist New York immigrants in need of representation, the New York State Bar Association and The New York Bar Foundation announced an initiative to connect pro bono lawyers with nonprofit groups serving immigrants across New York.

“When facing enforcement action, immigrants do not have a right to counsel. Yet immigrants who are represented by attorneys are 14 times more likely to successfully challenge removal than those without attorneys,” noted the President of the State Bar Association Claire P. Gutekunst. “The legal community stands ready to help protect the rights of immigrants in our communities.”

Since January, thousands of attorneys across the country have volunteered to assist immigrants after the federal government initiated heightened enforcement efforts. Many other attorneys would like to assist, but are not aware of which organizations could make best use of their skills.

The State Bar Association is creating an online portal to connect attorneys with pro bono opportunities statewide on a timely basis and in a way that best matches the skills and interests of each attorney with the needs of organizations providing legal services to immigrants. The portal will also provide access to valuable training materials and other resources.

The Foundation, the charitable arm of the Association, provided a grant of $40,000 toward creating the portal and hiring a pro bono fellow to help administer the statewide portal. The State Bar Association will provide an additional $40,000 to fund the pro bono initiative.

“The Foundation recognizes the vital and immediate need to provide legal assistance for immigrants facing enforcement proceedings,” said Bar Foundation President John H. Gross. “We are pleased to partner with the State Bar Association on this initiative, which epitomizes the Foundation’s mission to support charitable and educational projects that help meet the law-related needs of the public and the legal profession.”

The online portal is being developed by Legal.io, a legal technology firm that built the new portal for the Association’s Lawyer Referral and Information Service. If an attorney is interested in participating they can contact the Pro Bono Services department at probono@nysba.org.

The portal will be up and running in June with a designated fellow to manage the project. The Fellow will be working to communicate with NSYBA members to get them signed up to volunteer. The fellow will also be reaching out to legal service providers across the state that serve immigrant legal communities to encourage them to create profiles in the portal to tailor recommendations to attorneys for those organizations. The fellow will also curate valuable training materials and resources that will be useful to attorneys and post on the portal.

Individuals interested in making a donation to The Foundation’s Pro Bono Access to Justice Fund to financially support efforts to assist immigrants and others in need of legal services can log on to www.tnybf.org/donations or mail a check to The Foundation, 1 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207.
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Thank you to the following list of companies that have matched employee gifts to The New York Bar Foundation:

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- The GE Foundation
- Goldman Sachs
- Macy’s/Bloomingdale’s
- Mutual of America Foundation
- Qualcomm
- Unilever United States Foundation, Inc.

If you do not see your company listed please let us know if they have a Matching Gift program. We would be happy to add them to the list.

Company employee matches are an easy way for donors to increase the size of their gift. For more information contact The Foundation at (518) 487-5650 or daspelmeyer@tnybf.org
Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to welcome four new members elected to its Board of Directors. Each began their first three-year term on June 1. Additionally two new officers have been elected, Pamela McDevitt and Martin Minkowitz.

“I am pleased to welcome these individuals to the Foundation Board,” states Board President John H. Gross. “Their experience, insight, and passion will assist in the continuation of growing the Foundation and our grant program.”

Pamela McDevitt, Albany, Secretary

McDevitt is the Executive Director of the New York State Bar Association. Previously she was the director of the American Bar Association Law Practice and Technology Group, overseeing the operations of the Law Student Division, Young Lawyer Division, Law Practice Division, Legal Technology Resource Center, Senior Lawyer Division and Legal Career Central. Prior to joining the ABA in 2010, McDevitt served for four years as director of Law Practice Management at the New York State Bar Association. She previously was a practicing attorney in a law firm in Schenectady, NY, and served as a captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. McDevitt is a graduate of Rivier University and earned her law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law.

Martin Minkowitz, New York, Treasurer

Minkowitz joined the law firm of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP as a partner in 1988. Prior to that, he was the General Counsel and Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department. He previously was the General Counsel of the State Workers’ Compensation Board, resulting in total government service of more than 12 years. He currently is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School and New York Law School. He started his career as a general practitioner in the law firm of Minkowitz, Hagen and Rosenbluth, which he founded and where he practiced for more than 12 years. Minkowitz has served on The Foundation’s Board as a director since 2011, serving as co-chair of the Firm Challenge and Marketing Committees and as a member of the Nominating and Grants Committees. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates, and Chaired its General Practice Section and Committees on Professional Discipline and Unlawful Practice of Law. Minkowitz is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School where he received his J.D., and LL.M.

He is a Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation in the Benjamin N. Cardozo Circle of Giving.

“It is a pleasure and a deeply felt privilege to serve on the Board of the New York Bar Foundation. My dedicated colleagues on the Board insure that grants from the Foundation provide assistance to so many in need of legal help. It is a great honor to participate with them in the Foundation’s inspiring work.”
June Castellano, Rochester, Board Member
Castellano is in private practice, with an emphasis on Family Law, in suburban Rochester. She established her own firm in 1999 after a lengthy career in public interest law. Prior to private practice, she worked at the Greater Upstate Law Project, a not-for-profit public interest legal corporation, with a statewide focus on legal issues affecting low-income individuals and families. Castellano has advocated on numerous issues affecting family policy before legislative and administrative forums. She developed and delivered training and training publications for attorneys and human services professionals throughout New York State including lecturing at New York State Bar Association and Monroe County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminars. She is active in community service work, especially in the area of domestic violence. She has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Rochester where she created and taught a four-credit seminar entitled “Women as Advocates” for the Political Science Department. Castellano received her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester. She is admitted to practice in New York State and previously was admitted in Massachusetts.

She is a Fellow of The New York Bar Foundation.

“The New York Bar Foundation is about a lot more than charity. The Foundation combats injustice by supporting programs that empower the disadvantaged, address discrimination, and make a difference throughout the state. I am proud to be a part of such an organization.”

Donald Doerr, Syracuse, Board Member
Doerr has been practicing law for over 29 years and is currently Of Counsel, at POMCO. He received his undergraduate and Juris Doctorate degrees with honors from Syracuse University and served as a Confidential Law Clerk to the Justices of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division in Rochester from 1988 to 1990. After serving as an Associate in the Litigation Department of a New York City law firm he moved back to Syracuse and was a Founding Partner at the Syracuse Law Firm of McDermott, Doerr & Britt, P.C. from 1991 through 2004. From 2004 to 2006 he served as an Assistant Vice President at Syracuse University where he oversaw the Office of Alumni Relations and it’s over 225,000 alumni. He also currently serves as the Attorney for the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Town of DeWitt. He is the Past-President of the Onondaga County Bar Association, and is a past member of the House of Delegates and the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association. He is the long standing Chair of the Committee on Committees and has been an active Member of the Membership Committee and liaison to the Committee on Association Insurance Programs. In 2001 he was appointed by the Presiding Justice of the Fourth Department Appellate Division to serve a three year term on the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board. He also sits on several boards in the community and is the Past President of the Syracuse University National Alumni Association and a former member of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees and the SU College of Law Board of Visitors. Doerr resides with his wife Maria, in the Town of DeWitt.

He is a Life Fellow of The New York Bar Foundation and Chair of the Fellows of the 5th Judicial District.

“I am honored to be joining the NY Bar Foundation as a Director. While everyone is well aware of the support the Bar Foundation provides for legal services for those that cannot afford them, I am particularly proud of and want to increase the awareness of the grants that the Foundation makes available to provide fellowship and scholarship opportunities to assist law students, recent graduates and new attorneys with gaining meaningful and essential legal practice skills.”
James B. Kobak, Jr., New York, Board Member
Kobak serves as General Counsel for Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP and formerly chaired its Antitrust Practice Group. He is a graduate of Harvard College (A.B. magna cum laude 1966) and the University of Virginia Law School (LL.B. 1969) where he was the Associate Editor of the Law Review. Mr. Kobak has been involved for over four decades in a broad range of commercial and antitrust litigation and arbitration and mediation, both as advocate and neutral, including as lead counsel to the Trustee for the SIPA liquidations of Lehman Brothers Inc. and MF Global Inc. He taught seminars on antitrust/intellectual property issues for over a decade at Fordham and University of Virginia law schools and formerly chaired the Intellectual Property Committee of the ABA Antitrust Section. He edited the ABA Antitrust Section’s publication Intellectual Property Misuse: Licensing and Litigation and serves as one of two editorial advisors to the New York ethics treatise published by Oxford University Press. He is a former President of the New York County Lawyers’ Association and received its President’s Medal in 2006.

He is a Fellow of The New York Bar Foundation in the Charles Evans Hughes Circle of Giving.

“I am pleased and honored to be a part of the New York Bar Foundation because of its commitment to public understanding of the law and facilitating the delivery of legal services to those most lacking access. These are critical needs at any time, and especially now. While the burden should be a societal one, The Foundation plays a critical role I am proud to support in helping lawyers around the state perform invaluable services and lead by example.”

Ellis R. Mirsky, Nanuet, Board Member
Mirsky is currently a solo practitioner focusing on general counsel services for technology companies (computer data processing, outsourcing, Internet service, software development, biotechnology and other small businesses). He has 40 years of experience in private practice and in-house as vice president and chief of litigation for two NYSE-listed companies focusing on all aspects of litigation and related insurance coverage as well as litigation management issues. Mirsky founded and served for 24 years as Executive Director of The Network of Trial Law Firms, an international association of law firms with as many as 27 trial and litigation law firms in more than 130 offices throughout the United States and Canada (www.TRIAL.COM) providing continuing legal education to trial and client counsel as well as business development services to member law firms. He also co-founded the International Policyholders Association, a national not-for-profit association protecting rights of insured companies with long-tail IBNR claims and coverage with insolvent insurers. Mirsky is a graduate of Fordham University School of Law and holds a Master of Engineering degree from City College of New York. As an engineer, he designed U.S. Navy nuclear power propulsion system components and commercial nuclear power plants.

He is a Fellow of The New York Bar Foundation in the Thurgood Marshall Circle of Giving.

“Along with the uncommon opportunities and privileges enjoyed by lawyers come responsibilities and duties to assure that the benefits of equal justice and fair treatment are accorded to all. I look forward to working with The New York Bar Foundation in helping to deliver those benefits to underserved people throughout New York State.”
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