THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

The Joan L. Ellenbogen Memorial Fellowship

GUIDELINES

One $5,000.00 grant will be awarded to a public service or other nonprofit organization in the State of New York to conduct The Joan L. Ellenbogen Memorial Fellowship in 2020. The fellow will assist the grantee organization in matters relating to matrimonial law.

Qualified organizations with the need for a matrimonial law fellow are eligible to apply for the $5,000.00 grant on or before September 15, 2019 to receive funding in 2020 to conduct the fellowship. A grant application and grant guidelines are accessible at http://www.tnybf.org/ApplyforGrant/

The grant award will be available for the organization to conduct a fellowship during the 2020 fall semester. The grant award will have a value of $5,000.00 and will provide funding for the fellow, who will be selected by the grantee organization.

The fellowship will be made available by the grantee organization to a third-year law student enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the fall 2020 semester or newly graduated law student who has been awarded a degree from a New York State law school. The newly graduated student will have received a law degree in 2020.

If a law school student, the fellow will work 20 hours per week as determined by the organization for ten weeks. If a law school graduate, the fellow will work a minimum of 30 hours but not more than 40 hours per week. The fellowship will take place from September through November 2020.

The goal of the fellowship is to encourage lawyers and students in the practice of matrimonial law, so that individuals will have access to representation and a greater understanding of their rights in matters relating to matrimonial and family law in New York State.

Grant applications will be reviewed by the foundation’s Board of Directors during its February 2020 meeting and will be announced shortly afterwards. The deadline for the grant application is September 15, 2019. Please note “Ellenbogen Fellowship” on your application. Questions can be directed to Leigh Dorr at Ldorr@tnybf.org
Joan L. Ellenbogen was a graduate of New York University School of Law and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1965. From 1979 when the law firm of Ellenbogen & Goldstein, P.C., New York City, was founded with Marcia C. Goldstein, until her death in 2001, Ms. Ellenbogen practiced matrimonial and family law. In 1980, she was the Founding President of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York, a state-wide organization dedicated to the advancement of women in society and in the legal profession. She was the first woman Chair of the Executive Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Ms. Ellenbogen was a member of the First Department Disciplinary Committee and served on the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and in 2001 she was the recipient of the Association’s prestigious Ruth G. Shapiro Award.

Her many other professional activities included serving as President of the Alumni Association of New York University School of Law; being one of the organizers of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert; serving as a member of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration established by Governor Mario Cuomo and former Chief Judge Sol Wachtler; and serving as a Commissioner on the Commission on Judicial Nominations to the Court of Appeals. She was a fellow of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, New York Chapter, a Diplomate in the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, and a frequent lecturer to the bench and bar on matrimonial law. During her distinguished professional career, Ms. Ellenbogen received many awards and tributes. Ms. Ellenbogen lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on October 18, 2001 at the age of 59.