

LEGAL SERVICES OF LONG ISLAND

SUMMER/FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Victoria A. Osk, Esq.



Legal Services of Long Island (LSLI) continues to make major strides in providing free legal help to low-income families across Long Island. Thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters, we offer a wide range of programs that strengthen our community and help families tackle urgent

civil legal issues—eviction, foreclosure, domestic violence, consumer debt, elder abuse, disability, family matters, and more. By securing the protections and benefits they deserve, we empower families to build safer, more stable lives.

In 2024, our Domestic Violence Unit expanded its reach to serve the entire island. While we have long supported survivors of domestic violence in Suffolk County, we significantly increased our presence in Nassau County this year, enabling us to assist more individuals facing abuse. With new grant funding, we provided critical legal support, including helping clients obtain orders of protection to ensure their safety and security.

In Suffolk County, our foreclosure prevention work has continued to grow through innovative programs that pair clients with volunteer attorneys to guide them through settlement conferences and pro se filings. Simultaneously, our Pro Bono Unit and Community Legal Help Project have evolved to meet community needs, shifting from primarily individual cases to a clinic-based model. These clinics now include bankruptcy, 17A guardianship, and foreclosure defense support.

We are also investing in the future of legal services by welcoming passionate law students, fellows, and interns who want to dedicate their careers to public interest work. Through mentorship and training, we are cultivating the next generation of legal advocates and ensuring that our mission lasts for decades to come.

Together, these initiatives highlight our commitment to creating innovative, accessible programs that respond to emerging legal needs while ensuring every Long Islander has fair access to justice and equal representation under the law.

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OUR FIRST TEE-OFF FOR JUSTICE WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 29TH. SEE PAGE 23 FOR DETAILS!



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! SEE BACK COVER FOR MORE INFORMATION.





Public Benefits Success Stories

Worker with Disabilities Wins Unemployment Appeal After Employer Fails to Accommodate

Mr. B worked as a custodian in a court building. He was hired through an organization that integrates individuals with disabilities into the workplace ("the organization"). Mr. B was diagnosed with a "learning disability" at a very young age. He also has ADHD and anxiety. In his role as a custodian, Mr. B's supervisor provided him with a list of tasks for him to do every day. The supervisor's list provided the order in which everything was to be done (cleaning bathrooms, wiping desks in the courtroom, vacuuming, etc.). The supervisor would also provide further explanations of tasks to ease Mr. B's anxiety. This arrangement allowed Mr. B to perform his job duties and continue to be employed.

Two years into his employment, Mr. B worked under a foreman. The foreman told Mr. B to disregard his task list and would assign Mr. B his own tasks. Mr. B would call his supervisor for assistance as he would become very flustered and, due to his diagnosis, he needed to stick to a routine. The supervisor told Mr. B to listen to the foreman. Still frustrated, Mr. B attempted to get help from his job coach, but the coach did not help either. This continued for a month.

On his last day of work, Mr. B attempted to speak with the supervisor about the foreman one more time. The supervisor told him to listen to the foreman or "things will go back to the way they were." Mr. B told the supervisor that if things were going to be like this, then he could no longer work there. The supervisor told him, "Good luck with your future endeavors".

Mr. B applied for unemployment benefits but was denied because the Department of Labor determined that he voluntarily left his job without good cause. Mr. B contacted Legal Services of Long Island and spoke with **Staff Attorney Brendle DiGioia in the Public Benefits Unit**.

Ms. DiGioia represented Mr. B at his administrative hearing challenging the Department of Labor's denial of unemployment benefits. **Ms. DiGioia** argued that the supervisor's list was a reasonable accommodation for Mr. B's learning disability and anxiety. Because the supervisor and foreman refused to honor the reasonable accommodation, Mr. B was unable to perform his job duties. Mr. B tried to rectify the situation by going to the supervisor and job coach for help, but they failed to act. Further, because Mr. B sought employment through the "organization", he believed that his disabilities would be accommodated. Because the workplace refused to accommodate him, this counted as a substantial change in the terms of his employment.

The Administrative Law Judge found that Mr. B left his employment with good cause as the terms of his employment were changed by the employer in not honoring his reasonable accommodation, and because he attempted to rectify the situation before leaving. As such, Mr. B was awarded unemployment benefits.

Mr. B expressed gratitude at being taken seriously when his employer so easily brushed him off. Mr. B is now employed with a new employer who accommodates him, and he is excelling in the new position. **Fantastic work, Brendle!**

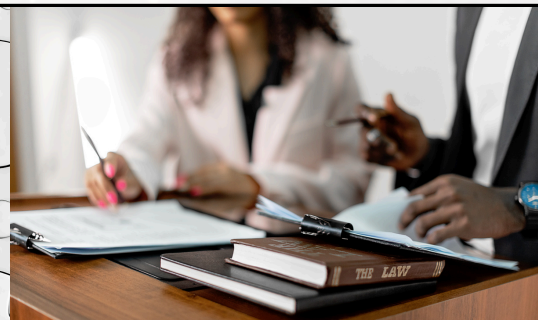


Brendle DiGioia
Staff Attorney
Public Benefits Unit

Victory in Unemployment Benefits Appeal for Supermarket Employee Wrongfully Accused of Misconduct-

Legal Services of Long Island recently secured a favorable outcome for Ms. H, a long-time employee of a major supermarket chain, who was denied unemployment benefits following a termination that stemmed from unfounded allegations of workplace misconduct. *Continued on Page 3.*

The Public Benefits Unit provides legal assistance to persons who experience problems with public benefits programs that are administered by the local Departments of Social Services, including Welfare (TANF and Safety Net), Medicaid, Food Stamps (SNAP), Child Care Assistance, HEAP, Emergency shelter for the homeless, Unemployment insurance appeals and overpayments, and other emergency assistance programs. We also assist low-income households in establishing Supplemental Needs Trusts to eliminate the Medicaid spend-down and assist homeless families to obtain rent supplements from DSS to enable families to leave the shelters or retain permanent housing. Nassau residents can call (516) 292-8100. Suffolk residents West of 112 can call (631) 232-2400 and East of 112 can call (631) 369-1112.



Public Benefits Success Stories Continued

Continued from page 2. Ms. H sought assistance from **LSLI's Public Benefits Unit** after her employer alleged that she was terminated for reporting to work under the influence of a controlled substance. The employer claimed that Ms. H's use of Sudafed, an over-the-counter cold medication, constituted misconduct warranting disqualification from unemployment benefits.

On the morning in question, Ms. H woke up feeling unwell shortly before the start of her shift. Under her employer's rigid attendance policy, employees are required to call out at least two hours before a scheduled shift to avoid disciplinary action. In an effort to comply with this policy and not jeopardize her employment, Ms. H took Sudafed to relieve her symptoms and reported to work. Shortly after arriving, her condition

worsened, and she requested to go home. Rather than granting her request, management questioned Ms. H for several hours before terminating her employment, citing alleged drug use in the workplace. The Department of Labor subsequently denied her claim for unemployment benefits on the basis of misconduct.

At the administrative hearing, **LSLI law graduate Jacob Mortenson** effectively challenged the employer's claims. Through cross-examination, Mr. Mortenson elicited testimony from the employer's witness confirming that Ms. H was terminated specifically for using Sudafed at work. When asked whether Sudafed is a controlled substance, the witness responded that it was an "over-the-counter controlled substance"—a contradictory and legally inaccurate statement. In fact, Sudafed is not classified as a controlled substance.

In closing arguments, **Mr. Mortenson** emphasized that Ms. H's actions demonstrated a commitment to her job, not misconduct. By choosing to report to work while feeling ill—rather than risk violating company policy—Ms. H acted in good faith, contrary to the definition of misconduct under New York State unemployment law.

The administrative law judge agreed, reversing the Department of Labor's denial and awarding Ms. H approximately \$4,000 in unemployment benefits.

Congratulations to Jacob and the Public Benefits Unit on this important win that reinforces the rights of workers to fair treatment under the law!

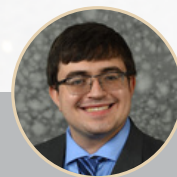
Sneak Peak: Homelessness and Reasonable Accommodations by Jacob Mortenson

According to local news outlets, homelessness on Long Island has been increasing in recent years. With likely cuts to federal safety net programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, and subsidized housing, this trend is expected to continue.

First Steps for Assisting Homeless Clients

If you have a client who is homeless and seeking housing assistance, the first step is to direct them to their county's Department of Social Services (DSS). There, they can apply for emergency housing as well as any other public assistance programs for which they may qualify.

It is important to emphasize that DSS housing assistance is temporary. It is not a permanent solution. Clients should be made aware of this and encouraged to develop a long-term housing plan, such as moving in with relatives, renting a room, or applying for low-income affordable housing programs. To read the rest of this guide to assisting homeless clients and requesting reasonable accommodations, [please visit our website.](#)



Jacob Mortenson
Law Graduate
Public Benefits Unit

Advocacy Tip!

To Access the Entirety of This Guide to Assisting Homeless Clients and Requesting Reasonable Accommodations, Scan the QR Code below or email scampo@legalservicesli.org to request a copy.





Nassau Civil Success Stories

Voucher Saved, Home Secured: How LSLI Helped One Family Start Over- After being homeless for 2 ½ years, LSLI client M finally moved into stable housing this past May. M contacted **Supervising Attorney Vivian Storm** in December 2023 regarding a letter that Long Beach Housing Authority (LBHA) sent her stating they were removing her from the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program because she let her voucher expire.

M's problems began in 2022. At that point, M had been a Long Beach Housing recipient for 10 + years in 2022. The housing authority stopped paying M's HCV landlord the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) because the landlord had failed to maintain the property, and the premises did not pass inspection upon renewal due to an extreme infestation of roaches. The landlord brought M into court on a holdover eviction proceeding in May of 2022.*

Before New York State expanded funding for eviction defense services, Long Beach tenants like M routinely faced court without assistance from an attorney. Rather than being able to demand that her apartment be brought up to standard, M, acting without counsel, entered into a stipulation in June 2022 with the landlord's attorney and, within that stipulation, agreed to vacate by August 31, 2022, in exchange for the tenant share of her rent being waived for July and August.

M and her grandson were evicted on September 15, 2022, and were placed by the Department of Social Services in an emergency shelter in Farmingdale. M's grandson had to commute to elementary school in Long Beach for two and a half years. For the next year, amid rising rents in Long Beach, M's search for a new apartment that would keep her grandson in the school district was fruitless. The LBHA's December 2023 letter, referenced above, threatened to end M's last hopes of returning to Long Beach. When M contacted Legal Services of Long Island (LSLI), she faced permanent homelessness because of her landlord's failure to maintain her apartment.

Attorney Storm found a lottery at a new construction building in Long Beach with apartments set aside for low-income tenants and assisted M in applying. But the apartment would still be far out of reach for M and her grandson without her HCV. So **Attorney Storm** requested an informal hearing challenging M's termination from the HCV program.

Staff Attorney Virginia Conroy handled the informal hearing at the LBHA in January 2024 and prevailed in getting M's voucher reinstated for a six-month period to be renewed. However, when M finally received word this past March of 2025 that she won a lottery position for one of the reduced-rate units she was hoping for; however, at that point the 6-month period had expired. **Attorney Conroy** wrote to LBHA with the documents from M's new landlord and went with M to LBHA to get the voucher extended again. She was again successful in preserving M's voucher.

If it were not for the collaboration between **Attorney Conroy**, demonstrating that LBHA improperly terminated M's Section 8 voucher, and **Attorney Storm** finding the lottery and assisting M in applying for it, M would not only not have this wonderful luxury apartment, but she would have lost her Housing Choice Voucher. Many congratulations to **Vivian and Virginia** on great teamwork and a job well done!

**A holdover eviction proceeding is when the landlord is seeking to end a written lease early (per rules within the lease that allow the landlord to end lease early) or the landlord does not want to renew the lease or wants to end a month-to-month rental.*



Virginia Conroy

Staff Attorney
Civil Unit



Vivian Storm

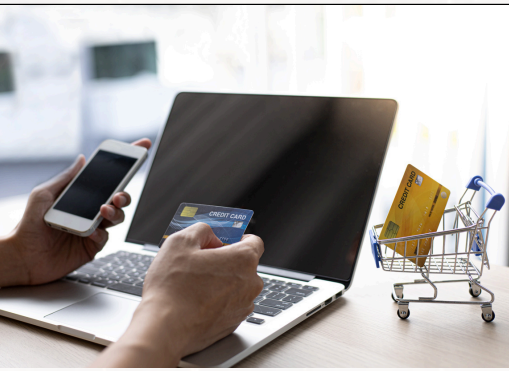
Supervising Attorney
Civil Unit

Advocacy Tip!

Under the **warranty of habitability**, tenants have the right to a livable, safe and sanitary apartment, a right that is implied in every written or oral residential lease. Any lease provision that waives this right is contrary to public policy and is therefore void. Examples of a breach of this warranty include the failure to provide heat or hot water on a regular basis, or the failure to rid an apartment of an insect infestation.

Any uninhabitable condition caused by the tenant or persons under the tenant's direction or control does not constitute a breach of the warranty of habitability. In such a case, it is the tenant's responsibility to remedy the condition (Real Property Law §235-b).

Nassau Civil Unit assists tenants with low-income in summary eviction proceedings, in administrative hearings challenging termination or denial of participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program, and in grievance hearings contesting proposed terminations from public housing. We will consider bringing affirmative litigation in State Supreme or Federal District Court to assert rights under the United States Housing Act of 1937, the Fair Housing Act, NY State Human Rights Law, and other Civil Rights statutes. Nassau residents can call 516-292-8100 to be screened for eligibility.



Consumer Debt Unit Success Stories

LSLI Team Clears Debt for Suffolk Couple Facing Medical Hardship- The Suffolk County Consumer Debt Unit received a call from a client who, both she and her husband, suffer from severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, preventing them from working. The client's husband is on oxygen 24 hours a day. To pay for basic essentials, the client and her husband rely on food stamps (SNAP), Medicare, and Social Security Disability Insurance ("SSDI"). Their SSDI provides them with a combined income of \$1,660 per month, which barely covers their rent. One day, to her horror, the client discovered she was being sued for the outstanding balance on a debt she could not pay. Unable to afford a lawyer, she tried her best to file a *pro se* answer. She then discovered Legal Services of Long Island and obtained free legal representation from **Staff Attorney Maria DeGennaro of the Consumer Debt Legal Assistance Project**. **Attorney DeGennaro** filed an amended answer. Then, she tasked **Law Student Intern Trevor Busch** with gathering all evidence of their hardship, including their Social Security Award letters and a financial worksheet. **Intern Busch** was then tasked with drafting a letter and requesting from the Plaintiff a dismissal with prejudice of the lawsuit, with the goal of alleviating the client of 100% of their debt on the matter. **Intern Busch** is a professional airline pilot and decided to enroll at Touro Law Center in Central Islip, NY, in 2024 because he wanted to learn something new. He received first-hand experience with helping clients in need while interning with LSLI. With **Attorney DeGennaro's** guidance, **Intern Busch's** letter to the Plaintiff highlighted the client's extreme financial hardships and the exempt status of Social Security benefits from garnishment due to a judgment. As a result of these efforts, the Plaintiff closed the client's account and dismissed the entire lawsuit against her. Because this was Trevor's very first experience helping somebody in any legal capacity, he had the privilege of calling the client to deliver the good news! **Great work Maria and Trevor!**

Persistence Pays Off: LSLI Attorney Blocks Multiple Credit Card Lawsuits for Disabled Client- LSLI Client KS had settled a credit card debt lawsuit *pro se* in 2021, but fell behind on her payments. KS solely receives income from disability and SNAP benefits, making it hard to keep up with her payments. The credit card attorneys filed a motion to enter a default judgment against her as she had stopped making her payments. She attended the court date and offered to resume payments, but the opposing counsel refused to allow her to continue making payments. KS then contacted **Helen Wrobel, Staff Attorney for the Consumer Debt Legal Assistance Project**, in October 2023. After multiple phone calls and emails to opposing counsel, **Helen** was finally able to convince them to enter into a new settlement agreement with KS. Although KS's income from disability and SNAP benefits is completely protected from garnishment, KS did not want to risk having a judgment entered and her bank account frozen, as banks have been known to freeze bank accounts even when protected funds are present.

After handling the first matter, KS notified **Attorney Wrobel** of two separate credit card lawsuits. It is very common to have more than one credit card lawsuit with the high cost of living on Long Island and the low income for clients on disability. Through early intervention on the second lawsuit, **Helen** successfully got the Plaintiff to discontinue the lawsuit. The third lawsuit is expected to be dismissed towards the end of summer. **Congratulations, Helen, on your continued determination and perseverance to help your client!**



Maria DeGennaro

Staff Attorney
Consumer Debt Unit



Trevor Busch

Law Student Intern
Consumer Debt Unit

Advocacy Tip!

Contrary to popular belief, you will not immediately get a court date when you are sued for on a consumer debt matter (ex. credit card debt or medical debt). A court date will not be scheduled until after the defendant files an answer with the court.



Helen Wrobel

Staff Attorney
Consumer Debt Unit

The Consumer Debt Legal Assistance Project provides legal assistance to persons who are experiencing consumer debt problems, especially in matters of medical and credit card debt. Services may include litigation defense and representation, phone advice, and/or referral for further services, including bankruptcy, where appropriate. Nassau residents can call (516) 292-8100. Suffolk residents West of 112 can call (631) 232-2400, and East of 112 can call (631) 369-1112.



ICAN Unit Success Stories

From Denial to Approval: LSLI Secures Lifesaving Home Care for Elderly Client- **Amanda Davis, ICAN Unit staff attorney**, recently assisted a client in her early 80s who has several diagnoses, including dementia and a history of falls, as well as incontinence. The client resides with her elderly spouse. The client's family contacted the client's Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) plan and requested an increase in Consumer Directed Personal Assistance hours from 77 hours per week to 24-hour daily split-shift care, to help provide her with regular care throughout the night. The 77 hours of weekly care did not include any overnight care, even though during the night, the client requires frequent help with toileting. She also needs repositioning in her bed to help prevent bed sores and infections.

The client's MLTC plan responded to the increase request by offering only live-in care during the overnight hours. Live-in care was insufficient to meet the client's needs; the aide could not perform all necessary overnight duties and still get five consecutive hours of sleep during an eight-hour sleep period, as mandated by state labor law. By contrast, the requested daily 24-hour split-shift care would allow for frequent enough care to meet all the client's daily needs.

Attorney Davis drafted and submitted an External Appeal on the client's behalf, complete with supporting documents. Letters from the client's treating medical providers, nightly logs, and assessments conducted by the Plan that support the client's need for the additional care were submitted to the New York State Department of Financial Services. Within 30 days, a physician who reviewed the case agreed with the client and her treating medical providers and determined that the care was necessary and that the plan had acted improperly in denying the requested care. Thanks to this favorable decision, the client's family was able to hire additional aides to staff her case, and she began receiving the necessary care. This is allowing the client to remain healthy and more independent at home with her spouse and in her community. Congratulations, **Amanda**, on a job well done!

Did you miss the Legal Support Center for Advocates' Training "Introduction to Community-Based Managed Long-Term Care" last April? **LSLI Staff Attorney Amanda Davis** discussed the introduction to home and community-based long-term care provided by Medicaid that helps elderly and disabled Long Island residents receive home care and other services in their homes, as well as an introduction to the Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN) and how they can help. Access the training's video on our [YouTube Channel @legalservicesli](#).



Amanda Davis
Staff Attorney
ICAN Unit

Upcoming Advance Planning Program!

Every person deserves the ability to plan for their future and make their wishes known. The Advance Planning Program connect eligible Suffolk County residents with volunteer attorneys who will prepare Health Care Proxy, Power of Attorney, and Appointment of Agent for Disposition of Remains. The **FREE** Program will take place in Western Suffolk in October. Interested Suffolk residents should call 631-232-2400 ext. 3331 or email SuffolkProBono@legalservicesli.org. Please call ASAP!

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The Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN) is a program of the Community Service Society of New York, a non-profit organization in New York City, and is funded by the State of New York. Legal Services of Long Island receives funding through the Community Service Society of New York to participate in ICAN. The ICAN unit assists consumers in both Nassau and Suffolk counties with: NYS Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC); Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) program; Long-Term Support Services (LTSS) in Mainstream Managed Care (MMC) programs; Transitioning into MLTC plan; and FIDA-IDD Plans. ICAN is able to: Provide education to stakeholder groups; Provide information and advice to participants, caregivers, and their advocates; Provide navigational assistance; and Provide advocacy when needed. Please call (631) 822-3290 to be screened for services.

WE HEAR FROM OUR CLIENTS

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



"I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for your dedication and hard work throughout my case. I am incredibly pleased with the final outcome and truly appreciate your efforts in achieving such a positive result."

**- Former client of Helen Wrobel, Esq.
(Consumer Debt Project)**



"I want to send my profound thanks to you for all your hard work on my case. I really didn't have much confidence in the system, but you proved me wrong. I only wish that I had reached out sooner. Again, thank you so much for all your labor and help."

**- Former client of Dakota King
(Child Support Defense Project)**



"I just wanted to send a message to thank you for helping me with my legal issues. Whenever you feel like you haven't helped anyone, just remember you did help me and I appreciate it a lot!"

**- Former client of Kiersten Bartolotta, Esq.
(Pro Bono Project)**



"I can count on one hand the number of people who have impacted my life in a meaningful way--you are one of them. Being a senior is life changing; courage and trust build gradually spotted with disappointing betrayals."

"With your caring staff and through your brilliance, energetic, professional coordinating skills you have transformed my life...I feel safe and at peace having thoughtful lawful documents in my possession for my final years. I didn't expect my Redemption to come from a respectful, dedicated, kind and perceptive individual with a background in law since peace is a spiritual concept but you, Reisa, made the difference--this journey has been nothing if not spiritual...from the start!"

You are one in a million and there should be more like you in important service... I can only imagine what a different and better world it would be. Thank you so much for your high spirited diligence."

**- Former client of Reisa Brafman, Esq.
(Volunteer Lawyers Project)**



"Thanks for all your help and encouragement. I honestly thought there was no chance that the bank would agree to a modification. But with your guidance and persistence, you made it happen. I made the first trial payment today."

I understand anything can happen from here, but that doesn't change our gratitude for your effort and kindness to get us to this point. Legal Services of Long Island has been a real blessing, so thank you!"

**- Former client of Christopher Santoro, Esq.
(Foreclosure Prevention Unit)**

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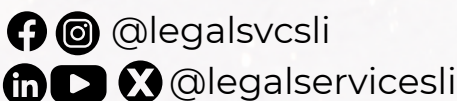
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VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT CLIENT STORIES



I had a good experience with the Volunteer Lawyer's Project attorney Richard Feinsilver, Esq. He was very direct and to the point. He was able to get my debt discharged. Throughout the process he was thorough and helpful.



I loved working with the attorneys from Legal Services of Long Island. Jill M. Marcus, Esq., from the Volunteer Lawyers Project helped me start my name change, and she was incredibly patient and supportive throughout the process. She kept me informed every step of the way and went above and beyond by helping me find food programs. I'm truly happy with how everything turned out.



Jeff Klein, Esq., a Volunteer Lawyers Project attorney, was kind, patient, and supportive. He helped me understand the divorce process and made time for me during a difficult case that involved domestic violence. His priority was my safety and my children's safety—not making money. I'm truly grateful for all he did.



I had a wonderful experience with Kamini Fox, Esq. and the Legal Services of Long Island Volunteer Lawyers Project. She was kind and guided me through the Bankruptcy process without judgment. To my surprise, even my private student loans were discharged. I'm now employed and finally feel like I can breathe.

8TH ANNUAL PRO BONO RECOGNITION

On April 2, 2025, **Legal Services of Long Island** and the **Nassau County Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee** hosted the annual Pro Bono Recognition Event, celebrating attorneys who provided outstanding volunteer legal services in 2024. Congratulations to this year's honorees!



Kamini Fox, Esq., a Volunteer Lawyers Project Attorney and Reisa Brafman, LSLI Pro Bono Coordinator & Staff Attorney, Volunteer Lawyers Project.



Roberta D. Scoll, LSLI Coordinator and Staff Attorney, Community Legal Help Project, & Michael Rich, Esq.



Pictured: Hon. Maxine Broderick, Sanford Strenger, Esq., Greg S. Lisi, Esq., Hon. Vito M. DeStefano, Hon. Edwina C. Richardson, Madeline Mullane, Esq., Reisa Brafman, Esq., Rezwanul Islam, Esq., Helena Heath, Esq.



Daniel W. Russo, the Immediate Past President of the NCBA.



Volunteer Attorneys proudly holding their Certificates of Recognition for their outstanding Pro Bono service.

Empowering Clients Through Planning: A Volunteer Lawyer's Contribution



Jeanne Ellen Forster, Esq., a dedicated attorney with the Volunteer Lawyers Project, recently provided essential legal services to a client in need. Through her pro bono work, she assisted the client with the preparation of a will, power of attorney, health care proxy, and living will. Her support ensured that the client's wishes were clearly documented and legally protected, offering both clarity and peace of mind. Jeanne's expertise and commitment to serving the community exemplify the vital role volunteer attorneys play in making legal assistance accessible to all.

The Lasting Impact on the Client

Dear Jeanne,

Thank you so much for your hard work in providing me with extraordinary professional documents for the family I cherish. I hope you understand that to know my hard-won legacy is finally in order, protected to survive any disingenuous threats to its validity, is to know authentic peace... confirmed outwardly by the new, genuinely involuntary, childish spring in my step! Thank you for being the perfect force.

Gratefully,

Client of the Volunteer Lawyer's Project



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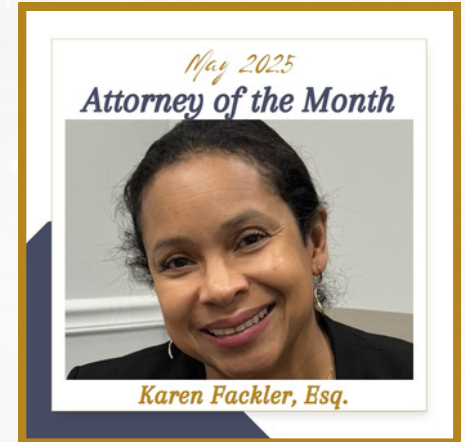
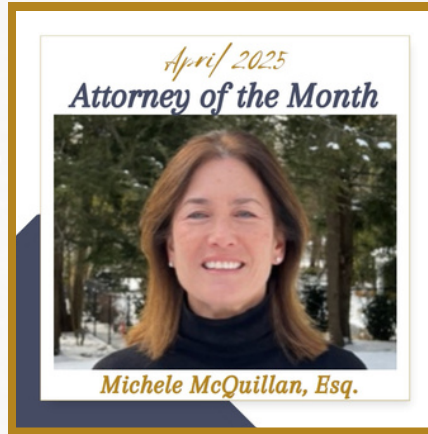
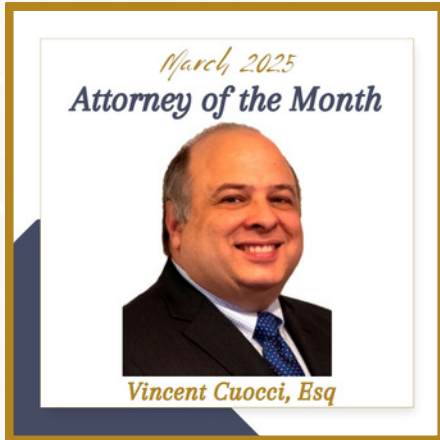
we need you



In partnership with the Nassau County Bar Association, the Volunteer Lawyers Project is an innovative pro bono program to expand the availability of legal services to Nassau County residents in need. The Project provides an opportunity for attorneys to represent clients and volunteer their time and expertise by providing free legal services. The Volunteer Lawyers Project needs pro bono assistance in the areas of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, Divorce, Article 17A Guardianships, Health Care Proxies, Name Changes, Power of Attorney, and Wills. Contact: Reisa Brafman, Esq., 516-292-8100 ext. 3380, rbrafman@legalservicesli.org.

The Community Legal Help Project in Nassau County is looking for attorneys to provide pro bono half-hour consultations with Nassau County Residents. The areas of law most in need are immigration, family, matrimonial, elder, and bankruptcy. Contact: Roberta Scoll, Esq., 516-292-8100 ext. 3115, rscoll@legalservicesli.org.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PRO BONO ATTORNEYS OF THE MONTH



CONGRATS! Margarett Williams, Esq.

NYS Bar Association President's Pro Bono Award

Congratulations to Margarett Williams, Esq., on receiving the prestigious NYS Bar Association President's Pro Bono Award for the 10th Judicial District! For the past five years, Margarett has shown incredible dedication to justice through her work at Legal Services of Long Island, providing over 150 hours of pro bono service and handling more than 13 full family law cases for clients in need. Thank you, Margarett, for your unwavering commitment to supporting vulnerable communities across Long Island—this recognition is truly well earned.



Pictured left to right: Margarett Williams, Esq. and Kiersten Bartolotta, Esq., Suffolk County Pro Bono Project Coordinator

IN THE KNOW

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY PRO BONO PROJECT 2025 CLINICS



Throughout 2025, the Suffolk Pro Bono Project has expanded its impact by running legal clinics in both existing and new areas of law. Since January, the program has successfully conducted three clinics and is on track to complete an additional five clinics by year's end.

These legal clinics offer three levels of service: advice and counsel, limited scope representation, and full representation. Some of the clinical programs include educational components that teach attorneys new areas of law, which strengthens our volunteer recruitment by appealing to those seeking to expand their legal knowledge. This process has allowed us to grow our attorney participation and, in turn, significantly increased the program's capacity to serve our communities in need.



Pictured: Karen Fackler, Esq., volunteering at a legal clinic.



Pictured left to right: Kiersten Bartolotta, Esq. and Bankruptcy Clinic volunteers Rick Stern, Esq., Richard Artura, Esq., Richard Jacoby, Esq., Vincent Cuocci, Esq., and Vahagn Krmoyan, Esq.



Pictured left to right: 17A Guardianship Clinic volunteers Lindsay Maleson, Esq., Michal Cantor, Esq., Jennifer Greco, Esq., Baily Thomas, Esq., Jean Rose, Esq., Ashley Mistretta, Esq., Jeffrey Adolph, Esq., Christine Stiano, Esq., Michele McQuillan, Esq., Madison Scarfaro, Esq., and Pro Bono Coordinator Kiersten Bartolotta Esq.



Pictured: Kiersten Bartolotta presenting at an LSLI clinic.

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- 17A Guardianship Clinic (Training provided)
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2025 Commitment to Justice Reception

Illuminating Pathways to Justice

On May 7th, 2025, we gathered at the beautiful Cold Spring Harbor Country Club in Huntington for this year's Commitment to Justice Reception. With the inspiring theme "Illuminating Pathways to Justice," the evening was a heartfelt celebration of dedication, service, and the pursuit of equity. It was a night filled with laughter, meaningful moments, and a shared sense of purpose as we honored the outstanding work of all LSLI employees and recognized two remarkable individuals. **Laurie Bloom, Director of Marketing & Public Relations at Rivkin Radler LLP** and a long-time member of the LSLI Advisory Council, was awarded the Barbara J. Mehrman Commitment to Justice Award for her unwavering support and advocacy. We also proudly presented the Community Partner in Justice Award to **Judge Fern A. Fisher, Executive Director of Legal Hand, Inc.**, whose tireless efforts to expand access to justice continue to inspire and uplift communities.

We remain dedicated to serving Long Island's most vulnerable communities and deeply appreciate our team of attorneys, paralegals, social workers, and support staff who work tirelessly to provide critical support to those in need.

We are truly thankful for the loyal support of those who continue to stand with us year after year. As neighbors serving neighbors, our mission remains focused on ensuring that all Long Islanders have access to equal justice, regardless of their circumstances. We would like to give special recognition to Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, USI Insurance, New York Business Systems, PSEG Long Island, and Salengar, Sack, Kimmel and Bavaro LLP, along with all of our generous sponsors and donors, whose contributions make a lasting impact. The funds raised go directly toward sustaining LSLI's vital legal services, which are offered at no cost to low-income and disabled individuals throughout our community. This fundraiser would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteer organizers, the LSLI Advisory Council, and the leadership of Cathy Lucidi, LSLI's Director of Community Relations, who guided our incredible team of staff volunteers.



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THANK YOU TO LSLI COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE CLIENT GUEST SPEAKER:



GERALDINE GARCIA
LSLI client of the Domestic Violence
Client Guest Speaker
See page 12 for client's inspirational speech

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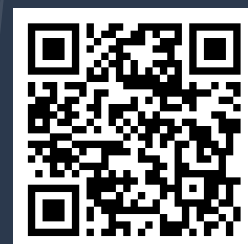
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2025 Commitment to Justice Reception

Speech from LSLI Client Speaker Geraldine Garcia

Good evening, everyone. My name is Geraldine Garcia, and I'm a survivor of domestic violence. My story begins at the age of 22, when I had my first baby, who is now 14. Two years later, I had my daughter, who is now 12, with someone I thought was charming—turns out he wasn't. I was born and raised in Guatemala and came here when I was 18. I made sure I learned to speak and write English so I could communicate here; cultures are very different. Back home, they taught us to stick with family no matter what, but they never mentioned anything about sticking with abuse. After my son was born, my partner began drinking and smoking marijuana every day. He

complained that he was sick and had some illness that was killing him slowly, but doctors never found anything wrong. He used to sleep all day and go out to bars every night, which became his routine. That's when the abuse started. At first, it was verbal abuse, and then it turned physical. I stayed for about six years because of my kids. He used to threaten me with taking them away if I left. My kids are my biggest blessing, and I'd do anything for them. One day, he accused my only family here, my brother, of something that didn't happen, even though my brother is the only one I can always count on in this country. That's when I decided to make a change and reached out to The Retreat, a domestic violence organization. It was there that I met Stacy, one of their counselors. Upon receiving my temporary Order of Protection in court, Stacy referred me to Larry Tuthill [and Kayla Schunk, attorneys at Legal Services of Long Island]. Since that first meeting, they have protected me and informed me about everything I needed to know in Family Court. I was terrified, but I was lucky to have great people supporting me. I started learning my rights.

Larry represented me in Family Court and secured a permanent stay-away order of protection for me and my children, permanently removing my partner from the household. Unfortunately, this made [my partner] even more irate. He continuously violated the Order of Protection, threatening me and trying to get back into the home. Because of these threats, The Retreat gave me a panic button that connected directly to the police department. Thanks to Larry's representation, I obtained a 5-year stay-away order of protection. Although he had mental health and substance abuse problems, he was initially given supervised visits with our children. The visits were supervised by his family, but they eventually stopped because his own family couldn't prevent him from acting inappropriately. The visits were then supervised by a licensed therapist/social worker.

I'm grateful to [LSLI] for helping me get sole legal and residential custody of our children and securing a child support order to help raise them. Then, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and the support [stopped] being paid by my partner. During this time, my partner had numerous criminal offenses, which led to the suspension of his visitation order. [LSLI] filed a child support violation petition. Currently, my ex's parenting time is suspended pending a mental health and substance abuse evaluation, which he has yet to do.

I have spent almost eight years with Larry and Kayla, meeting monthly or every other month in family court. They worked together, supporting me throughout the process. They have been witnesses to so many actions from my abusive ex-partner, like him taking pictures of them without permission in the courthouse waiting room and even following them on a coffee run—just a few of the scary tactics he used. Larry represented me even after knowing how dangerous my ex was. He never left me, despite the many violations of the stay-away order. My ex stalked me and my kids, and even though Larry and Kayla also experienced harassment from him, they kept helping me. Larry stood up for me and my kids every time.

Even when I didn't agree with court decisions, Larry took the time to explain them to me in ways I could understand, making sure I fully grasped both the good and bad aspects. The help I received from Stacy at The Retreat and Larry and Kayla from [LSLI] empowered me and made me stronger, both emotionally and mentally. I'm forever grateful to them for not just helping me escape an abusive relationship but also teaching me so much, making me feel whole again.

As of now, I have full custody of my kids, and my abuser has supervised visits only. After years of trying to prove his instability, I never gave up for my kids. In the beginning, we even got served with eviction papers from my abuser's dad because we had been staying at his foreclosed house. My kids had just started school two weeks prior. But thankfully, my kids didn't have to suffer any of this. I always made sure they stayed in the same school district, with the same friends and activities, and that they wouldn't live in fear. We had to stay in different places and change our address repeatedly to keep them at the same school. All I want for them is to be happy and have a normal life where they don't have to worry about someone trying to hurt or manipulate us. Thanks to Larry, I can say that I've achieved that. I'm still doing it, and I joke with Larry, telling him he can't retire yet because we still have six years left, just in case we need him again. To anyone out there, I can tell you: THERE IS HOPE, AND YOU CAN DO IT. NEVER GIVE UP. I'll forever be grateful to Larry and Kayla for their amazing work on my case and for staying by my side through it all.

I'm happy to say my life is no longer filled with fear. I'm currently working, standing on my own two feet, and no longer manipulated and tormented by my abuser. I'm one of the lucky ones. Thanks to the help I received, I was able to escape that abusive and scary period of my life.

I'm standing right here tonight, alive and well with my beautiful children by my side—because of them. I got the help I needed to get my kids and me out of a very dangerous situation. Sometimes we stay in an abusive relationship because we don't know there's a way out, but there is. There are people like Larry and Kayla and everyone at Legal Services of Long Island who are willing to go above and beyond to help and support you through the process.

Lastly, I want to thank all the supporters here tonight. Your support of Legal Services of Long Island has made a huge positive impact on my life, and with your continued help, they will be able to assist others like me to escape abusive relationships and turn their lives around.



Pictured: LSLI Staff Attorney Kayla Schunk, LSLI Supervising Attorney Larry Tuthill, and Client Speaker, Geraldine Garcia

LEGAL SERVICES OF LONG ISLAND IN THE COMMUNITY



June 4th, 2025 Suffolk County Bar Association Installation Dinner

LSLI Executive Director **Victoria Osk**, Supervising Attorney **Sharon Campo**, and Staff Attorneys **Kiersten Bartolotta** and **Carrie Vasiluth**, Director of Community Relations **Catherine Lucidi**, and **Tony Lucidi** of Lucidi Technical Solutions—one of our generous donors—were proud to attend the SCBA Installation Dinner. Congratulations to **Hon. John J. Leo**, President of the SCBA and valued LSLI Board member, **Robin S. Abramowitz, Esq.** President-Elect of the SCBA.

April 19th, 2025 Senator Martinez's Egg- ceptional Easter Egg Hunt

Nancy Rangel, LSLI Pro Bono Project Secretary, and **Maria DeGennaro** (Consumer Debt Staff Attorney) with Senator Martinez at the Senator's Egg-ceptional Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to Senator Martinez for hosting such a fun event!



May 12th, 2025 Pro Bono Recognition 2025

LSLI Deputy Executive Director, **Rezwanul Islam** and LSLI Nassau County Pro Bono Coordinator and Staff Attorney, **Reisa Brafman** at the Pro Bono Recognition Ceremony. We want to thank all of our Pro Bono Attorneys for all of their incredible work and dedication!



June 8th, 2025 Huntington Pride Festival

LSLI Staff Attorney **Charlie Rogers**, Social Worker **Caroline Sturken**, and Receptionist **Michael Walch** attended the Huntington Pride Festival.

June 11th, 2025 HWCLI's 3rd Annual Nonprofit Job Fair

LSLI Staff Attorneys, **Heather Davis** and **Charlie Rogers** at the 3rd annual Health & Welfare Council of Long Island job fair held at Farmingdale State College. We look forward to attending again next year.



February 18th, 2025 DAP Lobby Day

LSLI participated in DAP Lobby Day, joining advocates statewide to meet with legislators and push for continued support and funding of the Disability Advocacy Program. Thank you to the Empire Justice Center for hosting this important event.



June 3rd, 2025 Nassau County Bar Association Installation Dinner

LSLI Executive Director **Victoria Osk**, LSLI Deputy Executive Director **Rezwanul Islam**, Supervising Attorney **Sharon Campo**, and Staff Attorney **Ingrid Villagran** at the Nassau County Bar Association Installation Dinner. Congratulations to all of those who were elected!



June 20th, 2025 Senior Fun Day

LSLI Pro Bono Project Secretary, **Nancy Rangel** and LSLI External Relations Paralegal **Jessica Fleischer** at Senator Martinez's Senior Fun day. Thank you to the Senator for having us at your event!



June 22nd, 2025 North Fork Pride Parade

LSLI Supervising Attorney, **Ellen Hoil**, LSLI Suffolk County Pro Bono Coordinator and Staff Attorney, **Kiersten Bartolotta**, and LSLI Compliance Specialist **Patricia Dinis** at the North Fork Pride Festival in Greenport.



“Using the Law to Help Constituents”

A Story of Empowerment and Collaboration



On March 14, 2025, Legal Services of Long Island (LSLI) hosted a seminar titled “**Using the Law to Help Constituents**,” inviting elected officials and their staff from across Long Island. The goal: to strengthen collaboration and share legal resources that directly support community needs.

Executive Director **Victoria Osk** opened the event with an overview of LSLI’s mission and services. **Catherine Lucidi**, Director of Community Relations and the Legal Support Center for Advocates, spoke about LSCA’s role in empowering local advocates. **Sharon Campo**, Supervising Attorney of Volunteers and Community Projects, discussed common debt legal issues and consumer protections, including wage garnishments, the consumer debt court process, and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

Michael Wigutow, Supervising Attorney of the Foreclosure Prevention Project, addressed housing challenges and outlined foreclosure processes and mitigation options for homeowners. **Marissa Luchs Kindler**, Civil Unit Supervising Attorney, covered landlord/tenant law as it applies in Suffolk County. **Courtney Murphy** of the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program provided timely updates on student loans, including repayment strategies, forgiveness programs, and discharge options.

Deputy Executive Director **Rezwanul Islam** closed the event by opening the floor to questions, fostering open dialogue and practical solutions. The seminar was a great success, promoting stronger connections and tools to better serve Long Island’s communities.



A Milestone for Veterans: Honoring Service with Support



July 8th, 2025, was a proud and memorable day for the Veterans' Rights Project. With support from Assemblyman **Steve Stern**, Chairman of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee, we received a generous allocation from the New York State Assembly to further our mission of serving those who served.

The moment was especially meaningful with two former veteran clients—one now a board member—and **Marie France Auguste**, a veteran paralegal from our team, in attendance. The entire Veterans' Rights Project team was present to witness and celebrate this milestone.

We are deeply grateful to Assemblyman Stern for his continued belief in our work and for helping us advance justice and dignity for all veterans.



LEGAL SERVICES LI HIGHLIGHTS

HAPPY MILESTONE EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

Milestones celebrated in March 2025 - July 2025.

LSLI would like to congratulate and thank the following staff for their years of dedicated service:



Robin Sparks, Esq.
Staff Attorney



Larry Tuthill, Esq.
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John Ferro, Esq.
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Diana Amaya
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We would like to wish the following former employees good luck with their future endeavors:

Joshua Margulies, Esq.

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LSLI WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES IN (MARCH 2025-JULY 2025)

Allison Anwalimhonor Paralegal; *Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (Hempstead)*

Cedric Benoit Law Graduate; *Civil Unit (Hempstead)*

Mary Fideli Staff Attorney; *Civil Unit (Riverhead)*

Devanshi Joshi Law Graduate; *Disability and Health Related Units (Hempstead)*

Giovanna Minelli Social Worker; *Social Work Unit (Hempstead)*

Francesca Miranda Staff Attorney; *Consumer Debt Law Project (Hempstead)*

Victorio Roman Staff Attorney; *Domestic Violence Unit (Hempstead)*

LSLI DEVELOPMENT DAY



LSLI Executive Director Victoria Osk presents a certificate of appreciation to Denise Moretti.

On June 16, 2025, we came together for our annual Staff Development Day at Farmingdale State College. This special occasion brought all three of our offices under one roof. The day began with a light breakfast, setting a warm and welcoming tone for what turned out to be a thoughtful and energizing experience.

The morning featured an engaging workshop centered on understanding different "work" personalities. The session was led by Denise Moretti, a retired Human Resources Director and the mother of LSLI staff attorney, Carolyn Lander. We are truly grateful to her for generously volunteering her time and sharing valuable insights that helped us better understand our own work styles and how to collaborate more effectively with colleagues who may approach things differently.

Following a midday lunch, the afternoon continued with a series of dynamic presentations that provided an overview of the entire organization, highlighting each department's mission and introducing the staff members who help drive their work forward. It was a valuable opportunity to gain a clearer picture of each unit's contributions and to deepen our appreciation for how we function together as one organization.



LEGAL SERVICES OF LONG ISLAND PROFILES IN COMMITMENT

LSLI employees demonstrate a deep commitment to our community, driven by a passion for equal justice and public service. We hope you enjoy this feature in our newsletter as much as we enjoy sharing it.

Congratulations, Donna!



Donna Famiglietti Executive Assistant, Legal Services of Long Island

As an executive assistant at Legal Services of Long Island, Donna works to ensure equal access to legal representation for marginalized communities. Starting her journey at LSLI in 2008 as a paralegal in the David Project, Donna worked closely with clients living with HIV/AIDS, handling intakes, eligibility screening, and statistical reporting. Her role expanded when she became instrumental in a 3- year pilot program through ADAP, which focused on helping clients obtain health insurance coverage, enabling the team to assist hundreds of clients. Donna said, "On some level, I related to the clients' issues. I live with a chronic disease and know that without health insurance, the struggle is hard." During her time as a paralegal, also served as union chair of the Staff Association and participated in negotiating support staff contracts with management.

In 2021, she was promoted to Executive Assistant, where she provides administrative support to LSLI Executive Director, Victoria Osk. A graduate of Blake Business School and Suffolk Community College, Donna attributes her success to maintaining a strong work ethic and consistently striving for excellence in all her endeavors. Her commitment to service extends beyond her professional role, as she regularly participates in fundraising events and contributes to her local homeless shelter in Miller Place. Today, Donna oversees a team of four employees at LSLI. Her dedication to serving others and ensuring access to legal services continues to drive her work in the nonprofit sector, where she focuses on service rather than profit.

For all these reasons it comes as no surprise that in November of 2024, Donna was honored with LIBN's Leadership in Law award in the "Unsung Hero" Award. **Congratulations Donna!**



Congratulations Heather!



On April 28th, 2025, the **Suffolk County Bar Association Lawyer Assistance Committee**, in collaboration with **Nassau County Bar Association Lawyer Assistance Program**, presented **Heather Davis Karabec, Esq.**, an attorney in LSLI's Civil Unit, with the **Peter Sweisgood Award** for her dedication and significant contribution to the legal profession by example of integrity, honor, and professionalism. **What an incredible honor, Heather!**

Congratulations Amanda!



Amanda Davis, staff attorney in our ICAN Unit since 2016, recently joined the New York Bombers, an adaptive baseball team for the blind and visually impaired and part of the National Beep Baseball Association (NBBA), which includes 19 teams in the U.S. and Taiwan.

Amanda, a hitting specialist and the team's rookie designated hitter, was recruited in a grocery store and competed with the Bombers' elite 12-player squad in the NBBA World Series in St. Louis, July 20–27, 2025. She took part in the long ball batting competition, the women's scrimmage, and up to 12 games. Her service dog, Venus, was right by her side, staying with her at the Marriott Airport Hotel.

Continue hitting it out of the park, Amanda!

LEGAL SERVICES OF LONG ISLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS



Cathy Lucidi, LSLI Director of Community Relations, presented **Shannon Quinn**, former Chair of the Council, with a token gift of appreciation for enthusiastically leading the council for her June 2024-June 2025 term.



Please welcome our new member **Henry Mascia, Esq.**, Partner at Rivkin Radler, LLP to the council.

On June 12, 2025, we held our annual Advisory Council Thank You Luncheon. Our Advisory Council is comprised of volunteers who are deeply committed to supporting our mission. We are grateful to them for all their time, talents, contributions, and financial support they give to us throughout the year. Congratulations to our newly elected officers of the council:



Chair: **Lidia Szczepanowski, Esq.**
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Director of the Suffolk County
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WE HAVE A MS. GLOBAL UNIVERSE ON OUR COUNCIL!



We'd also like to congratulate Lidia on recently being crowned Ms. Global Universe at the 2025 International Pageant. The event took place in Las Vegas from April 9-12, 2025.

The daughter of Polish immigrants, Lidia's victory holds deep personal significance. Raised in a Polish household, she grew up speaking the language and living the culture, which has always been an integral part of her identity.



Interested in becoming a Legal Services of Long Island Advisory Council Member?

LSLI's Advisory Council is made up of volunteers who support our mission. For more information, please contact Cathy Lucidi, Director of Community Relations, (631) 232-2400.

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Legal Services of Long Island TopGolf Fundraiser

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- ☐ **HOLE IN ONE \$5,000 - 3 Teams of 6, 2 Hours Playtime.** *Fiesta Buffet includes beer, house wine, and soda. **Prominent Recognition:** Bay Sponsor Sign, Logo in Program / on LSLI Website, Featured on Social Media, Co-branded hats with your logo and LSLI's.
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- ☐ **PAR \$1,250 - 1 Team of 6, 2 Hours Playtime:** Logo in Program / on LSLI Website.
- ☐ **BOGEY \$750 - 1 Team of 4, 2 Hours Playtime:** Logo in Program / on LSLI Website.
- ☐ **DOUBLE BOGEY \$500- Two tickets - Two hours of gameplay**
- ☐ **Individual Ticket \$150 - Enjoy two hours of gameplay, Fiesta buffet, and drinks included.**
- ☐ **Non-Golfer \$100** - Guests who are not golfing are warmly invited to attend, enjoy a meal, support our mission, and join in the celebration.



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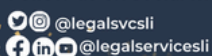
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