



# LIHBA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

January 18, 2020



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The LIHBA is proud to announce that Board member Pallvi Babbar, Esq was interviewed by Joe Torres of Tiempo on WABC-TV New York on December 13, 2020. The interview highlighted Judge Nicholas G. Garaufis' Order to begin accepting DACA applications reversing a memorandum issued by Chad Wolf, acting secretary of Homeland Security and the impact of this Order.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The LIHBA would like to congratulate student Board member Brian Vasquez as well as the other LIHBA members who passed the 2020 NYS Bar Exam. We know conditions were not easy and we are very proud of your accomplishments. The entire LIHBA membership stands behind you as you take your next steps to becoming an admitted attorney. Felicidades!



**Community**  
**Outreach**

**THE GIVING  
CONTINUES—LIHBA**

**The LIHBA  
presents the  
following  
upcoming events:**

**January 28, 2021**

***Know Your Rights:  
Immigration Law-  
Encountering ICE***

***JOIN LIHBA  
FACEBOOK LIVE!  
6:00PM***

Join former LIHBA treasurer, Rebecca Medina, Esq. an immigration attorney as she provides a detailed account of the most relevant immigration issues. Ms. Medina will be available after the program to answer questions in both English and Spanish. Rebecca Medina is a partner at Brill & Medina LLP located in Hempstead, New York.

**Coming in February:  
February 2, 2021  
6:00-8:00 PM**

***CHAT WITH THE  
EXPERTS***

Join the LIHBA as they host **"Chat with the Experts"!**  
Hear experts speak about their career path and what it is like to practice in the areas of:

**Cybersecurity  
Immigration  
Civil Rights and  
Wrongful Convictions**

**TOY AND COAT  
DRIVE**

LIHBA members continued the spirit of giving in the month of December. Thanks to the generosity of our members and the law firms of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath Coffinas & Cannavo, PC, Grey and Grey LLP, Duffy and Duffy PLLC, Schneider, Garrastegui & Fedele PLLC, and Bower Law PC, Maria Schwartz, P.C. and the John A. Rodger Jr. Foundation, Inc., we were able to donate 60 new toys, 80 new winter coats, Target gift cards and over 300 gently used winter coats. Donations were made to Sepa Mujer, Latina Sisters Cancer Survivor Group and the Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association.

**Job Opportunity:  
LIBRARIAN**

**The Nassau County Civil Service Commission** has posted openings for Librarians for Nassau County School District Libraries, Village Libraries and Special District Libraries.

## Sports and Entertainment Law

Moderator:

**Joaquin Lopez, Esq.,  
Barshay, Rizzo, and Lopez  
PLLC**

Speakers:

**Oscar Michelen, Esq.,  
Cuomo LLC.  
Pallvi Babbar, Esq.,  
Babbar & Associates, P.C.  
Jessica B. Lee, Esq.,  
Loeb & Loeb, LLP  
Ivan Parron, Esq.,  
Parron Law**

[Register](#) in advance for this meeting:



### LIHBA Presents Chat With the Experts

Hear experts speak about their career path and what it is like to practice in: Cybersecurity, Immigration, Civil Rights and Wrongful Convictions and Sports and Entertainment Law

This program will introduce law students to four successful practitioners in growing and exciting areas of law. Each presenter will discuss how they came to practice in their field; what led them to their practice area; the current market for their practice area; and how law students can best prepare themselves for entry into this area of law. This is an exciting opportunity to hear from experienced practitioners about what they do and how they got to where they are. Breakout rooms with Q & A will follow.



**MODERATOR**  
**Joaquin Lopez**  
Partner at Barshay, Rizzo, and Lopez PLLC

#### Presenters



**CYBERSECURITY LAW**  
**Jessica B. Lee**  
Loeb & Loeb



**IMMIGRATION LAW**  
**Pallvi Babbar**  
Babbar & Associates, P.C.



**CIVIL RIGHTS & WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS**  
**Oscar Michelen**  
Cuomo LLC



**ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS LAW**  
**Ivan Parron**  
Parron and Associates

<b>DATE</b> Tuesday, February 2, 2021	<b>TIME</b> 6-8 pm	<a href="#">Zoom Meeting Link</a>
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**Coming in February:  
Black History Month  
History of Afro-Latinos**

**February 10, 2021  
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Laura Curran, County Executive  
Martha Krisel, Esq., Executive Director  
Deborah Welt, Deputy Executive Director



**COMMISSIONERS**  
Alan M. Parker, Chairman  
Gary L. Ackerman, Commissioner  
Carmel T. Foskey, Commissioner

**NASSAU COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
40 MAIN STREET HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550  
PERSONNEL CHOSEN FOR MERIT AND FITNESS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.

**EXAM TYPE:** Open Competitive  
**JOB TITLE:** LIBRARIAN II  
**EXAM #:** 67-575  
**EXAM DATE:** NO WRITTEN EXAMINATION  
**FEE:** \$50.00  
**DATE ISSUED:** 12/31/20  
**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO:** 01/20/21  
**SALARY & OTHER INFORMATION:**

**ANNOUNCED FOR:**  
NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES, VILLAGE LIBRARIES, AND SPECIAL DISTRICT LIBRARIES

**SALARY:** Varies according to jurisdiction.

**DUTIES:**

Performs professional librarian work involving circulation, technical services, and/or public services; performs related duties as required.

For these and other open Civil Service positions, click [here](#).

## Partners in the Legal Community

### UPCOMING EVENT:

**Tuesday  
January 26, 2021  
6:00 PM**

*Reflections on a  
Path to the  
Judiciary with:*

**Magistrate Judge  
Ramon E. Reyes, Jr.**

Pre-Registration is required

**Presented by:  
The Theodore Roosevelt  
AMERICAN INN OF COURT**

# FREE CLE- 1 Credit in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias

## Black History Month Celebration: Afro-Latinos in the U.S. and in the Law - Complimentary Webinar

February 10, 2021

Join us as we celebrate Black History Month by exploring the cultural history and diversity of Afro-Latinos in the United States. We will also discuss important issues impacting Afro-Latinos in the law, government and public policy.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Free CLE Credit  
1.0 Credit in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias

### Speakers



Support Magistrate Aletha V. Fields, Suffolk County Family Court



Julio Guty-Guevara, L.L.M., Managing Director of SUDECC, Inc.



Miguel A. Martinez, Jr., Esq., Director of Government, Regulatory Affairs, and Public Policy at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

### Moderator



Candace J. Gomez, Esq., Member at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC

[Click here to register](#)

Sponsored by: *Amistad Long Island Black Bar Association; Bond, Schoeneck & King; Bond Diversity Committee; Long Island Hispanic Bar Association; Syracuse University College of Law*

[Click here to register.](#)

**Coming in March:  
March 4, 2021**

## *How To Network – Dos, Don'ts and Musts*

This webinar is designed for **New Lawyers Committee**, but all our welcome to join. Networking is critical for long-term success. It is about building valuable relationships and friendships and understanding how to maintain those relationships and contacts even in the midst of a pandemic. Join LIHBA VP of Programs, Oscar Michelen, Esq. as he teaches the essential skills of networking. Oscar Michelen is a partner at Cuomo LLC.

**Registration info to follow.**

## Constant Contact

THEODORE ROOSEVELT AMERICAN INN OF COURT  
*Inn-Sights on the Law: A Special Program Series*

“Reflections on a Path to the Judiciary”

**Magistrate Judge Ramon E. Reyes, Jr.**

Magistrate, Eastern District of New York  
United States District Court

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Non CLE Program  
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

Topic: “Reflections on a Path to the Judiciary”

When: January 26, 2021 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join?register=tZAncuqaqTgH9THX6LqfBnmOHYnNRuReDgYl>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email. This email will contain information to allow you to join the meeting.

This is a non CLE program.

## Partners in the Legal Community

### UPCOMING EVENT:



**April 14, 2021**

The Latino Judges Association (LJA) is planning an event for the 74th anniversary of the seminal decision of *Mendez v. Westminster School Dist. of Orange County*, 161 F2d 774 (1947). LJA will be hosting a virtual Panel to engage in discussion and explain the significance of this case. This case was the first to rule that school segregation was unconstitutional and violated the 14th Amendment. There will be a viewing of a documentary highlighting the families involved followed by a

## *Program Reflections*

### **REFLECTION: SOCIAL MEDIA FOR LAWYERS**

On December 15, 2020 LIHBA hosted a webinar “Social Media for Lawyers.” Thank you to LIHBA Board member Pallvi Babbar, Esq. and LIHBA member Denisse Mira, Esq who taught our members how to use social media to market themselves and their practice and to connect with their clients. They also gave valuable tips on the ethics of social media. Thank you Pallvi and Denisse for your time and efforts!

### **REFLECTION: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW**

On December 7<sup>th</sup> LIHBA held a Facebook Live Webinar “Know Your Rights in Special Education Law.” This webinar was held in Spanish. Thank you to Assemblyman Phil Ramos who is a member of the Subcommittee on Students with Special Needs and who opened the program with a special message to our constituents. Thank you to panelists Sonia Mendez-Castro, Esq. and Alicia Gerez, Esq. for educating our community on early signs of developmental delays, how to request an initial evaluation for special education services, how to prepare for and participate in a Committee

panel to lead the discussion on the impact of this pivotal case, which set the legal groundwork and precedent for the success of *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954)

## *News in Nassau County*

### **RENT RELIEF FOR NASSAU COUNTY RESIDENTS!**

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran announced the County's new rental assistance program designed to assist residents struggling to pay their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning January 6, 2021, you can fill out an **"Initial Inquiry Form."**

Click [here](#) to review the Eligibility requirements!

**[Nassau County Resident  
Rental Assistance Program  
English](#)**

**[Nassau County Resident  
Rental Assistance Program  
Spanish](#)**

## *Partners in the Community*

The Long Island Language Advocates Coalition is hosting its 2021 Virtual Conference:

### **Lessons From the Pandemic:**

on Special Education (CSE) Meeting, how to review an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and how to appeal an IEP Program. Also for pointedly noting the importance of advocating for your child. Thank you for your time and efforts in making this webinar so informative. The webinar was recorded and can be found on Youtube LIHBA.

**LIHBA'S 2021  
SUMMER INTERNSHIP  
PROGRAM  
CALL FOR LAW FIRMS  
TO PARTICIPATE**

Please reach out to President  
Liza Milgrim-Reyes at  
[lihbacontact@gmail.com](mailto:lihbacontact@gmail.com) by

**January 29, 2021**

if your law firm is interested in participating in the 2021 summer internship program. Together we can help provide our next generation of lawyers a memorable summer internship.

**INTERESTED IN  
BEING A PRESENTER  
FOR A KNOW YOUR  
RIGHTS PROGRAM ?**

Please reach out to LIHBA Vice-President of Programs **Oscar Michelen, Esq.** at [lihbacontact@gmail.com](mailto:lihbacontact@gmail.com). These programs are recorded and translated to Spanish and will be posted on our YouTube channel as well as disseminated to our local community

**Advancing Justice &  
Bridging the Language  
Access Gap on Long  
Island**

**Thursday  
January 28, 2021  
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

[Click here to  
Register for this FREE event!](#)

**Program Flyer-  
English**

**Program Flyer-  
Spanish**

THE LONG ISLAND LANGUAGE ADVOCATES  
COALITION (LILAC) INVITES YOU TO ITS  
VIRTUAL 2021 CONFERENCE

**LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC:  
ADVANCING JUSTICE & BRIDGING THE  
LANGUAGE ACCESS GAP  
ON LONG ISLAND**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021  
10:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: NY State Assemblywoman Michaelle C. Solages

**Workshop Topics Include:**  
Protecting & Empowering Essential Workers  
Language Access and Police Reform  
Know Your DACA and TPS Rights  
Virtually Possible: Working with Interpreters  
Improving Your Program's Vision, Hearing and Language Accessibility  
Mental Health and Language Access During a Public Health Crisis  
Report Card on School Performance  
County and Community Collaborations and Challenges  
Keeping Tenants Housed During Trying Times

FOR FREE REGISTRATION: [CLICK HERE.](#)

Thanks to Our Sponsor: Empire State University

**Partners in the  
Community**

LIHBA Joins The Suffolk  
County anti-Trafficking  
Initiative in recognizing:

partners to help our community understand their rights and services available to them and their families.

### LIHBA & THE ABC COLLECTIVE

The LIHBA is part of the ABC Collective and would like to offer the Interview Exchange program to its members.

To request an interview please fill out this form:

[Interview Request Form.](#)

To volunteer to be an Interviewer, please fill out this form:

[Interviewer Volunteer Form.](#)

## Human Trafficking Awareness Month- January 2021

January 2021

NEWSLETTER

**SCATI**

Suffolk County Anti-Trafficking Initiative Events & Campaigns in Recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month January 2021  
Visit <https://linktree/scatlongisland>

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**FIGHT FOR CHANGE**

Join us for 'Fight for Change: SCATI's #KnockOutHT Kickboxing Class and Challenge.' Saturday, January 2, 9 - 9:30 a.m. Free Zoom Kickboxing Class. Registration required. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yckymoa>

**Fight for Change: SCATI's #KnockOutHT Kickboxing Class and Challenge**  
Let's kick off the New Year and recognize Human Trafficking Awareness Month January 2021!  
Watch about #BlueMaskSLI Challenge in our video!  
[REGISTER HERE](#)  
[Watch Video](#)

Watch James Robinson, Officer #100000000 Challenge  
Hosted by SCATI Suffolk County Anti-Trafficking Initiative (SCATI) Video, Saturday, January 2, from 9 - 9:30 a.m.  
[Watch Video](#) [Register Here](#)

**SHOW SUPPORT IN JANUARY**  
It's easy to tag @scatlongisland

**Wear a Blue Mask in January to show your support for National Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

Remember to enter people you wear blue masks and share on social media with #bluemaskslitwitter hashtag. #HTAM2021

**#BLUEMASKSLI**

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office generously donated blue masks produced by County inmates for SCATI members and the community to wear in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

1. Wear a blue mask
2. Share on social media
3. Nominate 5 people to wear a blue mask, record their reasons, & share on social media.

Visit the [Suffolk County Anti-Trafficking Initiative](#) to register for events and programs presented by SCATI and for other ways to get involved.

### Our Mission

The Long Island Hispanic Bar Association is dedicated to the science of jurisprudence, and the protection of civil and political rights of the Hispanic community on Long Island, as well as the community at large.

**Officers**

**President- *Liza Milgrim-Reyes, Esq.***  
**President- Elect- *Veronica Renta Irwin, Esq.***  
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**Vice President (Programs)- *Oscar Michelen, Esq.***  
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**Secretary - *Candace Gomez, Esq.***

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**Click to Visit Our Website**

**JOIN/RENEW YOUR  
LIHBA MEMBERSHIP**

**STAY CONNECTED**

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