



LIHBA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021

March 2, 2021



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

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

**March 4, 2021 at 6:00
PM**

This webinar is designed for law students and new lawyers but all are 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. and Scott Limmer, Esq. as they share the essential skills involved in networking.

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Legal Community***

**The 24th Annual
NLLSA Conference &
Moot Court
Competition starts
next week:**

The 24th Annual Virtual Conference and Moot Court competition will bring together law students, professionals, and organizations from across the country to continue supporting the Latinx legal community! Over the course of three days, conference attendees will have the opportunity to attend virtually interactive panels and networking events

You can register for the 24th Annual Conference at **www.nllsa.org/registration**

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UPCOMING EVENT:

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

On January 28th, the LIHBA hosted a Facebook LIVE Webinar Know Your Rights on Immigration-What to do if you Encounter Ice. This was presented by LIHBA's former treasurer Rebecca Medina, of the Law Offices of Brill & Medina, LLP in both English and Spanish. The webinar was recorded and can be found on YouTube LIHBA.

REFLECTION: *Chat with the Experts*

On February 2nd, the LIHBA presented Chat with the Experts where law students were introduced to four successful practitioners in growing and exciting areas of law. They discussed their career paths and how to best prepare for entry into this area of law. Thank you to Moderator, Joaquin Lopez, of Barshay, Rizzo and Lopez PLLC and panelists, Jessica Lee, Loeb & Loeb; Pallvi Babbar, Babbar & Associates, P.C.; Oscar Michelen, Cuomo LLC; and Ivan Parron, Parron and Associates.

REFLECTION: *Afro-Latinos in the US and in the Law*

The Puerto Rican Bar Association Presents:

Veteran's Committee Presents: New York State Veteran's Treatment Court-An Introduction and Review

**March 25, 2021
5:00-6:15pm**

**1 CLE Credit-
Professional Practice**

Puerto Rican Bar Association presents

Continuing Legal Education
New York State Veteran's Treatment Court- An Introduction and Review

March 25, 2021
5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Panelists:
Hon. Joseph Gubbay,
Justice, NYS Supreme Court,
Kings County, Veteran's Treatment Court

CDR Sergio Villaverde, Esq.
Law Offices of Sergio Villaverde, PLLC
(USCGR-Retired)

Sponsoring Committee:
PRBA Veteran's Committee
Chair, Hon. Lizette Colon
prbavetcmte@gmail.com

Register:
<https://prbaony.wildapricot.org/event-4181880>

1 CLE Credit
Professional Practice

FREE

This program is acceptable for newly admitted and admitted attorneys.

This CLE will discuss the purpose of and proceedings in New York State Veteran's Treatment Court. NYS OCA describes the Courts as follows: A Veteran's Treatment Court/Track is located within an existing Drug Treatment or Mental Health Court. It provides veteran-defendants suffering from addiction, mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders with links to community-based services as well as to local, state, and federal agencies specializing in veterans' affairs. Similar to drug treatment and mental health courts, a Veterans' Court/Track uses a team-centered approach to address the needs of veterans who find themselves involved in the criminal justice system. This approach involves the cooperation and collaboration of traditional stakeholders found in drug treatment and mental health courts with the addition of representatives from The United States Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans' support organizations and peer mentors.

Please register in advance by clicking here.

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UPCOMING EVENT:

Latino Judges Association Presents:

Para Todos Los Ninos: Mendez v. Westminster A

On February 10th, the LIHBA co-sponsored a webinar Afro-Latinos in the US and in the Law. Attendees received a free CLE credit as they explored the cultural history and diversity of Afro-Latinos in the U.S. Thank you to Candace Gomez and Bond Schoeneck & King for coordinating this program and special thanks to all the panelists including Support Magistrate Aletha V. Fields, Julio Guit-Guevara, L.L.M, Managing Director of SUDECC, Inc., and Miguel A. Martinez, Jr. Director of Government, Regulatory Affairs and Public Policy at Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

REFLECTION: “Do's and Don'ts of the Interview Process”

On February 25th, LIHBA hosted “Do's and Don'ts of the Interview Process” where our LIHBA internship applicants heard from Rosevelie Marquez Morales, Diversity and Inclusion Director at Hogan Lovells as she provided essential tips on how to make the right impression at an interview. Students also participated in mock interviews with our attorney volunteers.

Many thanks to Judge Mejias, Frank Torres, Gianna Crespo, Pallvi Babbar, Denisse Mira, Veronica Renta-Irwin, Joaquin Lopez, Oscar Michelen, Brian Vasquez, and Maria Schwartz for volunteering their time to interview our students.

Seminal case Toward Desegregation

**April 14, 2021
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Register NOW

Free 1.5 NY CLE credits:
1.0 in Diversity and Inclusion and Elimination of Bias and .5 in Areas of Professional Practice

The Latino Judges Association
Proudly Presents

PARA TODOS LOS NIÑOS: MENDEZ v. WESTMINSTER
A Seminal Case Toward Desegregation

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 • 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Free Live Webinar Open to the Public

On the 74th anniversary of the seminal decision of Mendez v. Westminster School Dist. of Orange County (161 F.2d 774 [1947]), join us for a panel discussion moderated by NYS Court of Appeals Judge Jenny Rivera that will be followed by the screening of the Emmy-winning documentary on this rarely-discussed school desegregation case involving Mexican Americans in California. The Mendez case, which predates Brown v. Board of Education, set the stage for the United States Supreme Court's reversal of the "separate but equal" doctrine.

FREE 1.5 NY CLE Credits: 1.0 in Diversity, Inclusion, and Elimination of Bias & 0.5 in Areas of Professional Practice Provided by the Judicial Institute

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For more info & to register:
eventbrite.com/e/para-todas-los-ninos-mendez-v-westminster-registration-139700438773

Please **Register** in advance for this meeting

Register Here

Partners in the Community.

Join Alzheimer's Association, Long Island Chapter for a **FREE** Legal and Financial

INTERESTED IN HIRING A LAW STUDENT INTERN FOR THE SUMMER

The LIHBA internship program helps place law students in rewarding summer internships.

If you're interested, please contact Liza Milgrim-Reyes at lihbacontact@gmail.com

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.

These programs are recorded and translated to Spanish and will be posted on our YouTube channel as well as disseminated to our local community partners to help our community understand their rights and services available to them and their families.



Planning Conference (in English and Spanish) March 15-17th 11am-1pm; This is a 3 day webinar series for people with early- state dementia, their care partners and family caregivers. Please share with your networks.

Legal & Financial Planning Conference

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 15-17

The Alzheimer's Association Long Island Chapter will host a free three-day webinar series for people with early-state dementia, their care partners and family caregivers.



Monday, March 15

Topic 1: Advance Directives, Power of Attorney and Guardianship — Irene Villacci, Esq.
Topic 2: Basics of Estate Planning and Securities Act — Britte Burner, Esq.

Tuesday, March 16

Topic 3: Asset Protection and Nursing Home Medicaid — Vivian Garrastegui, Esq.
Topic 4: Community Medicaid — Brian Tully, Esq.

Wednesday, March 17 (Presentations in Spanish)

Topic 1: Asset protection and Nursing Home Medicaid — Vivian Garrastegui, Esq.
Topic 2: Community Medicaid — Liz Lambert Gullo, Esq.

Thanks to our sponsor



To register, call 800.272.3900

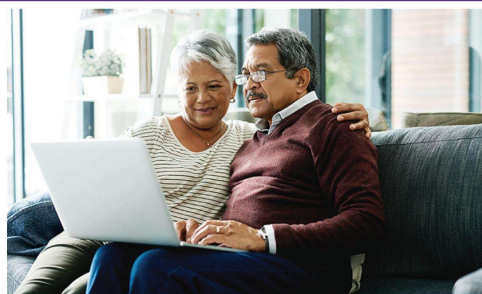
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This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

Conferencia de Planificación Legal y Financiera

Miércoles, 17 de marzo de 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Alzheimer's Association Capítulo de Long Island tendrá una serie de videoconferencias en español para personas en etapa temprana de demencia, para sus cuidadores y familiares.



Tema 1: Protección de finanzas, cuentas bancarias y bienes raíces para calificar para Medicaid en un hogar de ancianos — Abogada Vivian Garrastegui
Tema 2: Medicaid Comunitario — Abogada Liz Lambert Gullo

Gracias a nuestro patrocinador



Para registrarse, llame al 800.272.3900

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Este programa es realizado en parte por una subvención del Departamento de Salud del Estado de Nueva York.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES!!

The Following Announcements have been sent to the LIHBA for dissemination to the General Membership - the LIHBA is not involved in the hiring process of these entities. Please contact the persons listed from each entity directly for more information.



St. John's University School of Law is searching for a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

[For a full description of the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position, please click here.](#)



Seton Hall Law is seeking to hire an Assistant Dean for Equity, Justice and Engagement. **[For the description and link to apply, please click here.](#)**

You can also reach out to Solangel Maldonado | Eleanor Bontecou Professor of Law with any questions: **solangel.maldonado@shu.edu**



Pagan Law Group is seeking attorneys with some experience in criminal law and procedure, family law, real estate and commercial closings, landlord tenant, and Immigration Law. Candidates must speak Spanish and should reside close enough to the office that commuting there will not be an issue.

Please send your resume to **paganlawgroup@optonline.net**.



Advocates for Children of New York
Protecting every child's right to learn

Staff Attorney

Advocates for Children of New York, Inc. (AFC) seeks an energetic attorney determined to make a difference for NYC families struggling to gain appropriate educational services for their children in the country's largest school district during an unparalleled time of difficulty for low-income families of children with disabilities.

The focus of this Staff Attorney position will be representing families with children with disabilities in the NYC administrative proceedings that are often the difference maker in a child's future. The day-to-day responsibilities of this position include conducting intake, reviewing school records and psychological evaluations, attending school meetings and speaking to relevant parties in the student's life, and researching and visiting schools and services that may serve as potential remedies. After a request for a hearing is drafted and filed, the special education case of each student culminates in litigation at a hearing, where the attorney will execute the opening statement, witness testimony, closing argument, and legal briefing required to prevail.

AFC is a social justice organization that strives to ensure a high-quality education for New York students who face barriers to academic success, focusing on students from low-income backgrounds. AFC works on behalf of children and youth who are at greatest risk of academic failure due to poverty, race, ethnicity, disability, homelessness, immigration status/limited English proficiency, or involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems.

We use uniquely integrated strategies to advance systemic reform, empower families and communities, and advocate for the educational rights of individual students. This position will take the most urgent cases from AFC's Helpline, which serves close to 4,000 families each year.

Qualifications:

- Law degree required and admission to the NYS bar preferred;
- Demonstrated commitment to serving the public interest;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Experience working with low-income and special needs communities;
- Interest in educational issues and issues affecting children with disabilities and low-income families;
- Experience working with children or families;
- Litigation skills and experience;
- Organizational skills, flexibility, initiative, maturity, and cooperative attitude;
- Spanish fluency preferred.



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Staff Attorney for Impact Litigation and Direct Services

Advocates for Children of New York, Inc. (AFC) is hiring a staff attorney who will represent parents and students in systemic reform litigation with respect to education in New York City. Responsibilities may include drafting pleadings and briefs, writing and arguing motions, conducting hearings, appearing in federal court, supervising and undertaking document discovery, taking and defending depositions, negotiating settlements, and monitoring final settlements and orders.

The attorney also will represent low-income parents of students with disabilities in administrative proceedings to obtain appropriate educational services. This representation involves working with individual families to identify appropriate placements and services, drafting pleadings and motions, participating in school meetings, appearing at administrative hearings, and securing implementation of settlements and hearing orders. The representation in these special education hearings frequently informs our federal court and systemic work.

During the first year of this position, the attorney will split time equally between systemic federal litigation and direct representation of clients in NYC special education hearings. After the first year, the goal for this position is to work primarily on our federal and systemic cases while still working on 5 or 6 direct representation hearings a year related to our systemic litigation.

Working in partnership with New York City's most disadvantaged families to secure quality public education services, AFC is a not-for-profit social justice organization that enforces civil rights law. AFC works on behalf of children and youth who face barriers to education due to poverty, race, ethnicity, disability, homelessness, immigration status/limited English proficiency, or involvement in the child welfare or juvenile/criminal justice systems. We use uniquely integrated strategies to advance systemic reform, empower families and communities, and advocate for the educational rights of individual students.

Qualifications:

We are looking for an attorney with two or more years of legal experience, including prior federal court practice. Applicants should have outstanding oral advocacy skills; strong research, writing and analytical skills; ability to manage multiple cases simultaneously; and a demonstrated commitment to public interest law. Experience and/or knowledge of education, disability and general civil rights law strongly preferred. Proficiency in a language other than English is preferred but not required.

Advocates for Children of New York, Inc. (AFC) AFC is a not-for-profit social justice organization with over 50 years of history working in partnership with New York City's most disadvantaged families to secure quality public education services. Two positions available.



Job Title: Veterans Initiative Staff Attorney—Northport VA

About NYLAG

Founded in 1990, the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) is a leading not-for-profit civil legal services organization advocating for adults, children, and families that are experiencing poverty or have low income. We tackle the legal challenges and systemic barriers that threaten our clients' economic stability, well-being, and safety. We are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion and constantly improving how we respond to systemic issues of racism that affect our clients in their pursuit of justice. We address emerging and urgent needs with comprehensive, free civil legal services, direct representation, impact litigation, policy advocacy, financial counseling, medical-legal partnerships, and community education and partnerships. Last year, we affected the lives of 90,000 people.

Mission

The New York Legal Assistance Group uses the power of the law to help New Yorkers in need combat social and economic injustice. We address emerging and urgent legal needs with comprehensive, free civil legal services, impact litigation, policy advocacy, and community education.

Values that guide us

- We reduce the effects of poverty by providing high quality, effective civil legal services.
- We partner with our clients to help them transform their lives and strengthen their communities.
- We address our clients' multiple legal needs by collaborating across our practice areas.
- We are at the forefront of identifying and understanding New Yorkers' most pressing legal needs, rapidly adapting to meet these needs with innovative programs and partnerships.
- We assess need broadly, recognizing that need is not a function of income alone.
- We collaborate with community organizations and engage pro bono attorneys and volunteers to serve a greater number of people with unmet civil legal needs.
- We achieve systemic change through class actions, impact litigation and by advocating for just laws and policies.
- We work to create a welcoming and inclusive work environment that reflects the communities we serve.
- We teach and train the next generation of legal service professionals.

Job Description:

LegalHealth, a division of the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), is seeking a staff attorney for its Veterans Initiative with a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and an interest in working with veterans. LegalHealth partners with medical professionals in 36 hospitals in New York to address the non-medical needs of low-income people with serious health problems. LegalHealth complements health care with legal care - providing free legal services on site in medical facilities as well as training healthcare professionals to understand the legal issues their patients may encounter.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The attorney will be responsible for staffing LegalHealth's Northport VA Hospital Legal Clinic, providing on-site legal services to local veterans in a wide range of issues including veterans benefits, discharge upgrades, other public benefits, housing, employment, and advance planning.

LegalHealth, a division of the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG). An open staff attorney position to head the clinic at the Northport VA Medical Center



Wolters Kluwer Law Department has two positions that are currently available.

1) The first position is a **Senior Counsel** role.

2) The second position is a **Legal Counsel** role.

The Advisory Council of the Housing Part for the NYC Civil Court is accepting applications for Housing Court Judge.



The deadline to apply is **April 22, 2021.**

See Posting with details here.

For your convenience, **linked please find the Housing Court Judge Questionnaire.**

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.

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