our mission

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York provides effective, free civil legal services and education to and advocacy for people with low income or other barriers to accessing the legal system. We secure basic needs, protect and preserve legal rights, provide equal access to justice and seek fairness and dignity for our clients.


executive director
Lillian M. Moy

Celebrating Ten Years
Justice for All Campaign

The Justice for All Campaign, now ten years old, has raised $1.8 million for LASNNY within the past decade and currently has the participation of over 60 firms and individuals. The Campaign provides the safety net that enables LASNNY to protect the legal rights and interests of the many clients without access to private legal assistance.

Recently, former Campaign Chairs were invited to reflect upon the extraordinary growth and success of the Justice for All Campaign.

G. Kimball Williams of McNamee, Lochner, Titus and Williams, P.C., was quick to give the credit to Peter Coffey for getting the project off the ground. "Justice for All was Peter’s brainchild," said Williams. "Peter had heard of campaigns in Boston where firms were solicited to support Legal Aid, based on the number of attorneys continues on page 3
A Busy October

I’m excited to invite you to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Justice for All Campaign on October 28th at the Fort Orange Club. The Campaign, led by leaders of the Bar throughout our 16-county service area, have raised over $1.8 million over the past 10 years.

My deepest thanks to Glenn Lau-Kee and the New York State Bar Association for graciously hosting the Legal Services Corporation (see page 12) at the Bar Center on October 6. That evening, O’Connell & Aronowitz were honored for their pro bono efforts with LASNNY and other providers in the community.

O’Connell & Aronowitz has greatly increased its pro bono representation under the leadership of Kurt Bratten, the Pro Bono Partner, and Jeff Sherrin, Managing Partner. We have long been indebted to the firm and we add our sincere appreciation for their leadership in increasing local pro bono activities.

One of the key activities that O’Connell & Aronowitz attorneys have participated in is the Albany County Family Court Help Center. This collaboration between the Albany County Bar Association, the Albany Law School, the Unified Court System and the Legal Aid Society of northeastern New York provides free information and assistance to pro se litigants in the Family Court. The Help Center is an easy way to give some amount of time to pro bono. I hope that many of you will consider joining us at the Help Center. Please contact Michele Sleight, our PAI Director at msleight@lasnny.org.

October is National Celebrate Pro Bono Month. Together with the entire Capital District Pro Bono Committee, LASNNY is part of the celebration, offering free trainings this Fall on representing the low income taxpayer, serving as an Attorney For The Day in the Albany City Court, or basic matrimonial practice for Fulton and Montgomery County Attorneys. I hope to see you at one of these upcoming events.

Our Capital Campaign for our Saratoga Springs building is in need of your help. While we’ve raised approximately $90,000, we need $211,000 by November 11 to defray our mortgages. This principal payment will save $51,000 over the 15-year life of the loan. This is the equivalent of one Legal Aid attorney. I’m excited to report that if you live in Warren or Saratoga Counties, there are two ways to double your gift. The first is the Warren County Bar Foundation Challenge, and the second is a matching grant from E. Stewart Jones, Jr. and James Towne, Jr. for Saratoga County Bar Association members. I have given to both campaigns; I hope that many of you will as well. LASNNY urgently needs your help to pay down our mortgage and lower our space costs in the future. Please help us now. Contact Deanne Grimaldi at dgrimaldi@lasnny.org or visit our website—www.lasnny.org—to find out how.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your help.

FROM THE executive director

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Disability Advocacy Project
Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Project
Foreclosure Prevention Project
HIV/AIDS Legal Consortium
Homelessness Intervention Project
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Nutrition Outreach & Education
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in the firms and on a multi-year commitment.”

“The best thing I ever did,” offered Coffey, “was to tap Stu Jones to share the work of the campaign. His leadership was key in bringing Legal Aid to the attention of the legal community. He helped us establish the essential presence of LASNNY and mark our effort as one of the definitive fundraising campaigns in upstate New York.”

Arthur Siegel, the first co-chair of the JFA along with E. Stewart Jones, also recalled the fund’s early days. “LASNNY was involved in fundraising, which consisted of a yearly phone-a-thon directed to individual attorneys. There had to be a better way to have firms as a whole contribute to LAS rather than only asking individual lawyers. The JFA was an outgrowth of this thinking. In 2003, Lorraine Power Tharp and I authored the first appeal letter that was a precursor to the Campaign.”

“As lawyers, among our first philanthropic priorities should be the support, including financial support, of the bedrock principle that every citizen deserves access to the civil justice system,” offered E. Stewart Jones. “The Legal Aid Society was in the very best position to provide the legal representation that connected the greatest number of those in need to the lawyers and to the courts.”

Jones, who has served as Chair or Co-Chair of the campaign since its inception, takes the obligation to “give back” very seriously. “I have been privileged to be a lawyer and have the opportunity to do what I do. Shame on me if I did not give back to the profession by participating in JFA and with LAS when the profession has certainly been extraordinarily good to me.”

Early on, McNamie, Lochner, Titus and Williams under the leadership of Peter Pastore, and Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna under the leadership of Phil Gitlen and Michael Whiteman, were the first large firms to pledge substantial gifts to the Campaign and they continue to challenge their peers to do better. The Campaign Board has always made a point of recognizing donors in various publications such as the Business Review, the LASNNY newsletter and various Bar publications.

Thomas O’Connor, who is also a LASNNY Board Member, pointed out that in spite of LASNNY’s efficiency, it cannot meet even half of the demand for legal services to the poor. “I was stunned when I became aware of this fact and it has the same effect on most lawyers who hear it for the first time. Another significant fact is the number of cases disposed

JFA Campaign board members at a planning meeting in November 2011.
Giving Back to the Community

Kurt Bratten

Currently a partner in the Health Law Department at O'Connor and Aronowitz, Attorney Kurt Bratten recently joined LASNNY’s PAI (Private Attorney Involvement) program and eagerly points to his firm’s long, rich history of performing pro bono work and giving back to the community in many other ways. “In 2013, the firm formalized its pro bono activities by creating a firm-wide policy and a Pro Bono Committee to encourage, facilitate and manage these efforts,” said Bratten. “And I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the firm’s Pro Bono Committee.”

Bratten helps his firm’s skilled and experienced attorneys get involved, or get more involved, in providing pro bono services. Bratten uses a targeted approach to match pro bono opportunities to each attorney’s interests. For some, this means using pro bono to develop skills or practice area experience. For others, it means serving a particular type of client or underserved area, like veterans. “Once I am familiar with an attorney’s interests, I facilitate opportunities and trainings that will make pro bono more personal and engaging to that attorney,” continued Bratten. “This approach has worked well so far and should continue to foster the program’s development into the future.”

He eagerly shares the credit for O and A’s contribution to the PAI program with his colleagues, including Will Berglund, Nancy Sciocchetti, Jami Durante Rogowski, Brittnay McMahon, Caitlin Monjeau, Pamela Nichols, Jeffrey Sherrin and Matthew Jackson.

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“What is so special about Kurt is that he undertakes this not as an obligation, but as a privilege. He does not let us forget the contribution we all should be making,” said Jeff Sherrin.

At the LASNNY office, Bratten’s efforts are enthusiastically endorsed. “Kurt Bratten is one of PAI’s most avid supporters and works within O and A to provide a steady supply of pro bono attorneys. Between ensuring that the Albany County Family Court Help Center is staffed every other Friday afternoon, and taking on individual cases, Kurt and his firm have provided a wealth of pro bono service to our clients,” offered Michele Sleight, LASNNY’s Director of the PAI program. “Kurt’s dedication to pro bono work through our organization and to the community should not go unnoticed. We know how very grateful our clients are as well,” said Lillian M. Moy, LASNNY’s Executive Director.

There’s a life outside the office for Bratten, too, that includes his wife, Sally, and a son, Niklas, 8, and a daughter, Eve, 6. Kurt is currently the Co-President of the Board of Directors of the Northeast String Orchestra and serves on the Steering Committee of Leadership Tech Valley and was a 2012 graduate of the program. Prior to joining O and A, Kurt practiced with a law firm in Boston, Massachusetts.

Kristie Cinelli (former LASNNY PAI Director) received the highest achievement award bestowed by the Albany Law School Pro Bono Program at its Annual Achievement Awards ceremony on April 24, 2014. This award, in the form of a crystal gavel, is given to a professional who has demonstrated excellence in providing legal services to the poor for many years. Kristie now works as a paralegal at Wilson Elser in Albany. Wilson Elser provides volunteer hours and financial support to LASNNY.
PAI Update

The PAI Program has undergone significant changes in the last several months. Longtime PAI Director, Kristie Cinelli, returned to the private sector at end of 2013, and I was given the opportunity to continue the wonderful and important programs she established over the years.

Becoming oriented with the PAI Program has been quite a learning experience! For the last eight months, I’ve enjoyed the challenge of overseeing the daily operations of the office, supervising our various programs and clinics, and getting to know my colleagues, within LASNNY, as well as our community partners and pro bono attorneys. Learning about all of the programs, and adjusting them as needed in order to best serve our clients’ needs is ongoing, and my colleagues have been extremely helpful in this regard. Everyone at LASNNY has welcomed me, and I’m so grateful for that. In particular, thank you to Lisa Borthwick, Cheryl Dedes, Adam DeFayette, Deanne Grimaldi, Cherie LaGrange, Linda Larue, Lillian Moy, Carlotta Palmer, Peter Racette, Gerry Schafer, Wendy Wahlberg, and Mary Withington for your endless patience and knowledge.

Our pro bono attorneys continue to assist our clients, for which I, and our clients, are very appreciative. Our clients are extremely lucky to be matched up with attorneys who are both experienced and kind. You are the heart of our program, and without your dedication and support, the PAI Program would be unable to fill the gaps in services faced by people who are most in need.

It has been a rewarding eight months, and I’m excited to continue this work. I look forward to working with our current pro bono attorneys, and bringing some new faces on board!

Thanks to the following attorneys who took cases:

April 24 through August 31, 2014

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Trainings:

**Landlord-Tenant Training**
October 16, 2014
at NYSBA (Albany)

**Matrimonial Training**
November 7, 2014
at The Holiday Inn (Johnstown)

**Domestic Violence/Family Offense Basics Training**
December 5, 2014
Location TBD

Registration: E-mail or call Cheryl Dedes, LASNNY PAI Coordinator, at cdedes@lasnny.org, or (518) 533-5932.
What is the Legal Services Corporation?

LSC is the single largest funder of civil legal aid for low-income Americans in the nation. Established in 1974, LSC operates as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that promotes equal access to justice and provides grants for high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. LSC distributes more than 90 percent of its total funding to 134 independent nonprofit legal aid programs with nearly 800 offices. LSC funding accounts for 18% of LASNNY’s annual budget.

LSC 40th Anniversary

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legal information more accessible to people who can’t afford a lawyer. Our goal is to get some form of effective assistance to everyone who has a civil legal need but doesn’t have the resources to hire a lawyer. In 2013 alone, the LSC awarded $3.4 million in technology grants. Leveraging scarce resources to expand access to legal assistance for low-income Americans requires innovative, smart use of technology. Judges repeatedly tell us that the number of low-income individuals who come to court without legal assistance is rising. I am particularly pleased that LASNNY’s TIG project creating www.lawhelp/español was so successful. I’m proud that several of the 2013 grants will be used to develop information and tools for self-represented individuals.”

In a recent speech, LSC Chairman John G. Levi echoed Sandman’s sentiments. “We at LSC are trying to play our part by calling attention to the circumstances that exist, and we have begun our first-ever effort to raise private support for fellowships, technology and innovative pro bono efforts. Our goal, quite simply, is to provide all low-income Americans some form of effective assistance with essential civil legal needs.”

Sandman and the LSC Board will be in Albany on October 5 – 7, 2014. To learn more about the event, contact Deanne Grimaldi at 689-6336 or email dgrimaldi@lasnny.org.

Want to make a REALLY big impact? Donate your car.

The LASNNY Car Donation Program—operated by Vehicle Donation to Any Charity (V-DAC)—accepts any vehicle, from anywhere in America, running or not. We offer you a simple, fast and secure alternative to trading-in or selling your car, truck or RV. V-DAC handles everything, and you receive a tax receipt within 30 days of the sale, which allows you to deduct the final selling price of the car on your tax return. That often equals more than what you might get for a trade-in or direct sale. Donate online now or call 1-877-999-8322. Please be sure to let V-DAC know you would like your car donation to go to LASNNY.

Jim Sandman, President of the LSC, remembers:

“When I was in high school, some classmates and I volunteered at a place called Providence House on South Pearl Street. It was a social services agency for the poor founded and headed by a young priest we knew as “Father Hubbard.”

Just a few years later, of course, he was appointed Bishop of Albany, the youngest bishop in the world leading a diocese at that time. Providence House to me represents the generosity and big-heartedness of the Albany I know — a spirit that the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York also reflects so well in serving the legal needs of low-income people.”
of by LASNNY (8,428) last year and its average cost per case ($823). Therefore, JFA provides lawyers with a practical response to this problem.”

Williams was eager to project an exciting future for the fund: “It has been most satisfying to replace our former, quite modest annual phone-a-thons with JFA, resulting in much more significant, dependable support for LASNNY. My ambitions are for yet more firms to join and for those who have already joined to increase their level of per-attorney support.”

Siegel added his satisfaction, remarking that through the JFA, money available for legal services to our most vulnerable population has grown. “The uncertainty of public funding makes it imperative that LAS have a safety net of private support to continue doing their vital work to protect the legal rights and interests of the many clients without access to private legal assistance.”

Like his colleagues, G. Kimball Williams is humble. “The campaign works only because LASNNY makes such great use of the funds it generates. The LASNNY staff members are the unsung heroes, paid a fraction of what they could earn elsewhere, on the front lines of the provision of free legal services to those who cannot afford them.”

Peter Coffey also credits the LASNNY staff with the campaign’s success. Lillian Moy has been instrumental in getting the attention of the leaders of our community—fundamental to sharing the perception of Justice for All as a win-win for everyone.”

Leaders of the 2013 Justice for All Campaign gathered at the Fort Orange Club.

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Labor of Love
Sanjeeve DeSoyza

When he’s not coaching soccer, poring over the New York Times, playing softball, or spending time with his growing family, Sanjeeve DeSoyza, one of LASNNY’s newest board members, is an attorney focused on labor and employment matters at the firm of Bond, Schoneck & King.

“It’s a little bit surprising, even to me,” suggested DeSoyza. “I didn’t start out in employment law. After working in an assisted living facility for Alzheimers’ patients for a couple of years after undergrad, I decided to pursue a career in law; I thought at the time that I would focus on elder law. But I took a different direction in law school, with a concentration in litigation; I switched to employment law when I joined Bond 8 1/2 years ago, and have really come to love this area.”

DeSoyza frequently counsels clients on all aspects of labor and employment law, including compliance with equal employment opportunity, reasonable accommodation, wage and hour matters, workplace safety law, handbook and policy development, effective workplace investigations, supervisor training and performance management. DeSoyza also has extensive experience in collective bargaining negotiations, labor arbitrations, proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board and the management of daily labor relations issues.

“I was honored to be asked to serve on the LASNNY Board,” said DeSoyza. “Through my service on the Board, I believe I contribute in a small way to the noble cause championed by LASNNY. I believe access to effective legal representation is fundamental to a just society; LASNNY helps make that access a reality for many of the poorer members in our community who could not otherwise afford it. There are challenges ahead, to be sure. I hope the Board can continue to assist Lillian and her team in maintaining its financial stability, no easy task in our times where funding sources are uncertain and scaling back.

Born in Colombo, Sri Lanka, DeSoyza, the son of a medical librarian and a teacher, immigrated to the USA at the age of 4. He grew up in the Bronx and in

Westchester County. After graduating from SUNY Buffalo in 1997 with a B.A. in Philosophy, he attended Cornell Law School. He’s married to art teacher, Amy Corliss Desoyza, with whom he has three children, Emily, 9; Kira, 5; and Ashan, 19 months.

In 2013, DeSoyza was named one of “New York Super Lawyers Upstate Rising Stars.”

DeSoyza is especially proud to be part of a firm with a deep sense of engagement with Legal Aid. “Bond, Schoneck & King has been a committed, consistent supporter of the Justice for All campaign (LASNNY’s annual campaign) since its inception; most recently, the Firm contributed over $5,000 to the 2013 campaign,” said DeSoyza. “I’m confident that in the coming years, our support for this important work will be ongoing. Without a doubt, the firm recognizes the critical necessity of ensuring that resources are available to assist our poorest citizens with legal counsel.”

“Bond, Schoeneck & King supports LASNNY in a myriad of ways. Sanjeeve is one in a long line of great Board leaders from Bond. I am so glad to have him with us,” said Lillian Moy, Executive Director.
The Speck Fund LAS Grant

A Law-Full Legacy

In 1962, Helene Keller Speck died in Troy, NY, some 32 years after her husband, Henry J. Speck, a legendary lawyer who was active in the Rensselaer County Republican Party. Henry Speck also took interest in early career attorneys, and employed some graduates of Albany Law School in his office as clerks.

More than 50 years ago, Helene—duly impressed by her husband’s lifelong commitments—honored his work by bequeathing to the Rensselaer County Bar Association $10,000 “as and for a Trust Fund in memory of my husband, Henry J. Speck, the income … to be used to provide legal assistance to those financially unable to procure it and I desire that the income be used to assist in establishing a Legal Aid Society [in Troy, NY].”

Helene’s allegiance to American ideals had deep roots. She was a 10th generation descendant of John Alden, one of the Mayflower’s passengers who landed on our shores in 1620, according to Society of Mayflower Descendants in NYS.

Earlier this year, the Legal Aid Society received a grant of $18,000 from interest on the Speck Fund, awarded by the Rensselaer County Bar Association. It was earmarked for Rensselaer County-specific projects, especially services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. LASNNY works to prevent homelessness and promotes housing stability through its collaboration with Joseph’s House, the Commission on Economic Opportunity, Unity House, the YWCA, St. Paul’s Center and other service providers in Rensselaer County. “As the Legal Aid Society that serves Rensselaer County, we are proud to help carry out Helene Speck’s wishes and very grateful to the Rensselaer County Bar Association for supporting our legal services,” said Lillian M. Moy, LASNNY’s Executive Director. Ms. Moy also offered special thanks to Honorable Edward Spain, Kevin Glasheen and Rachel Kruse for working on this grant.

Henry J. Speck

Henry Speck was a prominent Troy attorney in the early 1900s. He was born in Troy in 1867 and died at the age of 63 in 1930. His obituary described him as “one of the most prominent members of the Rensselaer County Bar.”

Mr. Speck was widely known as an active legal practitioner, enjoying a large clientele. While not a graduate of law school, Mr. Speck took a great deal of interest in helping young lawyers at the beginning of their careers. He was “one of the faithful lieutenants” of Governor Frank S. Black, when Black was the Republican leader in Rensselaer County. He was known as an effective orator and his services were solicited on behalf of the Republican party in many campaigns.

—From an article by Judge Spain
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A Staged Reading
adapted from the film
“A Few Good Men”
Reception

See video and slide show online at www.lasnny.org
40 Years—Legal Services Corporation

This year, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC)—which provides cornerstone funding for LASNNY—will celebrate its 40th anniversary at a three-day conference in Washington, DC. Fortunately for Legal Aid supporters in northeastern New York, LSC will hold its October Board meeting in the Capital District. Additionally, the LSC Board will host a panel discussion on the importance of access to justice with Judge Lippman and other leading jurists from the region. The event will take place at the historic 1842 courthouse of the New York Court of Appeals.

Carl Rauscher, Director of Communications and Media for the LSC, itemized some LSC’s reasons to celebrate: “Every day we fund programs like LASNNY that help people facing legal challenges in civil law, including issues such as domestic violence, unlawful foreclosure, predatory lending, and veterans’ issues.” Among other accomplishments, Rauscher also identified a new competitive grant called the Pro Bono Innovation Fund, which encourages innovation and replication of effective practices in pro bono legal service delivery.

“Our goal is to get some form of effective assistance to everyone who has a civil legal need but doesn’t have the resources to hire a lawyer.”

LSC President Jim Sandman (who hails from Albany) pointed to one specific program that also showcases LSC’s commitment to increasing access. “For the last 10 years, the Legal Services Corporation has funded more than 500 tech projects—promoting new uses of technology to simplify legal processes and to make

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