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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Crisis in Civil Legal Assistance

Consider these startling facts:

- 120,000 indigent families in New York each year need—but cannot find—legal representation for housing matters.
- 60,000 such indigent families need—but cannot obtain—a lawyer to assist them in seeking public benefits to which they are entitled.
- More than 250,000 domestic violence reports were filed this year in New York City. Many of those reports were made by low income women who need legal assistance to obtain orders of protection from the batterer, or to assist in custody or matrimonial disputes.
- Most indigent New York City women who want a divorce from their abusive husbands must wait more than a year before a pro bono lawyer is available to represent them.

- Federal funding for the Legal Services Corporation has been reduced by more than 25% in New York City. This means that at a time when the new welfare and immigration laws have increased the need for legal assistance to the poor, only \$10.5 million is available to fund the legal services offices in this city that provide legal assistance to the 300,000 families living below the poverty line.

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EVENTS

General Interest

Cardozo Lecture:
 "Liberty or Equality?
 Some Thoughts on
 Constitutional Theory"
 December 2, 7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Hon. Guido Calabresi

Special Education in New York
 City: Where Are We and Where
 Do We Go From Here?
 December 5, 7:00 P.M.

How to Become a Judge,
 December 7, 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Keynote Address:
 Hon. Judith S. Kaye

Featuring:
 Hon. Michael Finnegan
 Counsel to the Governor

Books-at-the-Bar
 Wednesday, December 11,
 8:30 A.M.

Featured guest: James Stewart,
 Author of *Blood Sport*

Business

Dirt Lawyers' Luncheon:
 Retail Explodes in New York—
 How and Why
 December 3, 12:00 P.M.

CLE Introduction to the Deal:
 What Is Involved in a Bank
 Financing?
 December 6, 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Municipal Affairs Breakfast:
 Job Development—Are Financial
 Incentives Enough?
 December 11, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

CLE Introduction to the Deal:
 What Is Involved in a Securities
 Offering?
 December 13, 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Litigation

CLE Conducting and Defending
 Depositions: A Practical Guide to
 Efficient and Effective EBTs,
 December 11, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Professional Development

Small Law Firm/Sole
 Practitioners Luncheon:
 Small Law Firm Marketing —
 Luxury or Necessity?
 December 3, 12:00-1:30 P.M.

The Complete Job Search
 Workshop, Part I & II,
 December 3 & 10, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

CLE Certified Guardian and
 Court Evaluator Training: Article
 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law,
 December 6, 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

Making Deals and Resolving
 Disputes: Smart Negotiating for
 Lawyers, December 9, 6:30 P.M.

**For full program details,
 see Calendar of Events,
 pages 7-10. Tech Center
 Programs, page 6.**

EX "D"

DECEMBER 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

How To Become A Judge

A program designed to inform lawyers about the paths, elective and appointive, to becoming a state or federal judge in New York City.

Saturday, December 7, 1996, 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Welcome:

MICHAEL A. CARDOZO

President, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

HON. L. PRISCILLA HALL

Chair, Special Committee to Encourage Judicial Service

Address:

FREDERICK SCHAEFFER

Vice Chair, Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary

10:30 A.M.

**Supreme and Civil Court
Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan,
Queens (Concurrent Panels)**

Bronx

Moderator:

HON. BURTON B. ROBERTS

Supervising Judge, Supreme Court, Bronx County

ROBERTO RAMIREZ

Member, New York State Assembly; Democratic Leader, Bronx County

HON. ANITA R. FLORIO

Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department

HON. LUCINDO SAUREZ

Supreme Court, Bronx County

HON. ALEXANDER W. HUNTER, JR.

Supreme Court, Bronx County

Manhattan

Moderator:

HON. JOSE A. PADILLA, JR.

Civil Court, New York County

HON. RICHARD ANDRIAS

Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

HON. SALVADOR COLLAZO

Supervising Judge, Civil Court, New York County

HON. SHEILA ABDUS-SALAAM

Supreme Court, New York County

HERMAN D. FARRELL, JR.

Member, New York State Assembly; Democratic Leader, New York County

HON. SHIRLEY WERMER KORNREICH

Civil Court, New York County

Queens

Moderator:

HON. LESLIE G. LEACH

Supreme Court, Queens County

HON. DANIEL LEWIS

Supreme Court, Queens County

HON. JAMES P. DOLLARD

Civil Court, Queens County

HON. LAURA D. BLACKBURNE

Civil Court, Queens County

DOUGLAS KRIEGER

Judiciary Committee, Queens County Bar Association

Brooklyn/Staten Island

Moderator:

HON. WILLIAM C. THOMPSON

Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department

HON. BARRY A. COZIER

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the City of New York

HON. ROBERT J. GIGANTE

Democratic Leader, Richmond County

HON. CLARENCE NORMAN, JR.

Member, New York State Assembly; Democratic Leader, Kings County

HON. MICHELLE WESTON PATTERSON

Associate Justice, Appellate Term, Second and Eleventh Districts

HON. FRANK V. PONTERIO

Civil Court, Richmond County

HON. THOMAS R. SULLIVAN

Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department

12:00 P.M.

Luncheon Recess

(optional buffet, see registration form)

1:00 P.M.

Keynote Address:

Hon. Judith S. Kaye

Chief Judge of the New York

Court of Appeals

1:30 P.M.

**Housing Court, Court of Claims,
Federal Court, Family/Criminal/
Interim Civil Court (Concurrent
Panels)**

Family/Criminal/Interim Civil

Moderator:

HON. DOUGLAS S. WONG

Criminal Court, Queens County

HON. CIRA A. MARTINEZ

Supervising Judge, Family Court, Bronx County

TELESFORO DEL VALLE, JR.

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York Judiciary Committee; former member, Mayor's Judiciary Committee

HON. LA TIA MARTIN

Criminal Court, Bronx County

HON. RICHARD BERMAN

Family Court, Queens County

MARCIA LYNN SELLS

Former member, Mayor's Judiciary Committee

Housing Court

Moderator:

HON. JACQUELINE W. SILBERMANN

Administrative Judge, New York City Civil Court

HON. SUE ANN HOAHNG

Housing Court, Kings County

HON. RUBEN A. MARTINO

Housing Court, Bronx County

HON. SHELDON J. HALPRIN

Housing Court, Bronx County

DAVID ROSENBERG

Chair, Advisory Council to the Housing Court of the Civil Court

HON. MARIAN DOHERTY

Housing Court, Bronx County

HON. GILBERT BADILLO

Housing Court, Queens County

Court of Claims

Moderator:

HON. CHARLES J. TEJADA

Court of Claims

HON. MICHAEL FINNEGAN

Counsel to the Governor

HON. CHRISTOPHER J. MEGA

Presiding Judge, Court of Claims

HON. ANTONIO I. BRANDVEEN

Court of Claims

HON. RENA K. UVILLER

Court of Claims

HON. FRANKLIN R. WEISSBERG

Court of Claims

Federal Court

Moderator:

HON. SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN

U.S. District Judge, Southern District of New York

MICHAEL F. ARMSTRONG

Member, Senator D'Amato's Judicial Selection Committee

HON. CORNELIUS BLACKSHEAR

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York

HON. ROBERT M. LEVY

U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York

RICHARD K. EATON

Chair, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's Judicial Screening Panel

Registration and \$20 advance payment for optional lunch buffet by December 6 is necessary. Please register on page 9.