New York State Attorney Emeritus Program

Tenth Anniversary Celebration

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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Costantino Room

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Ten Years of the New York State Attorney Emeritus Program

Ten years ago, the New York State court system launched the Attorney Emeritus Program (AEP Program or Program). New York’s Chief Judge Janet DiFiore has enthusiastically endorsed the AEP and she and her staff provide invaluable guidance and support. Her predecessor, former Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, founded the Program as part of a robust, pioneering campaign to address the State’s justice gap. New York State now leads the nation in the depth of its commitment to addressing the civil legal service needs of low- and moderate-income people.

Over the years, the AEP has evolved and expanded attributable to the innovation and dedication of leaders in the judiciary, including the Honorable Fern A. Fisher, former Director of New York State Unified Court System’s Access to Justice Program, and the Honorable Edwina G. Mendelson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives. Over the past decade, the AEP has grown from a pilot with 42 registrants to one of the largest such programs in the nation. Since its inception, Fordham Law School’s Feerick Center for Social Justice has been privileged to work with a broad array of stakeholders to help design, implement, develop, and support the Program.

This Tenth Anniversary Celebration provides an opportunity to reflect on the first decade of the AEP, the lessons learned, and the best practices in supporting senior volunteer attorneys. The Celebration explores innovations that enhanced the impact of the AEP. The Celebration will also look forward to the next decade and examine promising new strategies for strengthening and amplifying the reach of the Program, including the use of technology, integrating implicit bias training, understanding the health benefits of volunteerism for seniors, and tapping the powerful promise of intergenerational programming.

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Gabrielle Agostino – 2019 Summer Siena College Legal Fellow

Davina Mayo-Dunham – 2019 Summer Siena College Legal Fellow

Ellen McCormick – 2019-2020 Feerick Center Dean’s Fellow

Maris Moon – 2019-2020 AmeriCorps Vista Leader

Maleyah Peterson – 2019 Feerick Center Summer Intern

Sam Schair – 2019 Feerick Center Summer Intern

Daniella Torres – 2019-2020 AmeriCorps VISTA Member

Cora Vasserman – 2018-2019 AmeriCorps VISTA Member
1:00 – 1:30 PM
Check In / Registration

1:30 – 1:40 PM
Welcome and Opening Remarks

Professor John D. Feerick
Senior Counsel and Founder
Feerick Center for Social Justice
Fordham Law School

Dean Matthew Diller
Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law
Fordham Law School

1:40 – 2:00 PM
Keynote Address – Reflections on the New York State Attorney Emeritus Program

Hon. Janet DiFiore
Chief Judge of the State of New York

Introducer
Dean Matthew Diller

2:00 – 2:10 PM
Remarks – The Origins and Progress of the New York State Attorney Emeritus Program

Hon. Jonathan Lippman
Former Chief Judge of the State of New York
Of Counsel, Latham & Watkins LLP

Introducer
Fern Schair, Esq.
Advisory Board Chair
Feerick Center for Social Justice
Fordham Law School

2:10 – 3:15 PM
Panel I – A Decade Supporting Civil Pro Bono Service by Emeritus Volunteers: Best Practices, Lessons Learned, Successful Innovations

Moderator
Hon. Jonathan Lippman

Panelists
David Fleischer, Esq.
New York State Attorney Emeritus Program Volunteer
CAMBA Legal Services, Inc.

Tanisha S. McKnight, Esq.
Director, Appeals, Paralegal, and Volunteer Services
The Children's Law Center

Jeremiah Quinlan, Esq.
New York State Attorney Emeritus Program Volunteer
The Children's Law Center

Louis S. Sartori, Esq.
Director of Pro Bono Practice
The Legal Aid Society

Frances Weinstock, Esq.
Program Director
CAMBA Legal Services, Inc.

3:15 – 3:30 PM
Break

3:30 – 3:45 PM
Remarks – The National Perspective on Emeritus Programs

Judy Perry Martinez, Esq.
President
American Bar Association

Introducer
Fern Schair

3:45 – 4:50 PM

Moderator
Hon. Edwina G. Mendelson
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives
New York State Unified Court System

Introducer
Dora Galacatos, Esq.
Executive Director
Feerick Center for Social Justice
Fordham Law School

Panelists
Linda P. Fried, M.D., M.P.H.
Dean and DeLamar Professor of Public Health
Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health

Caprice R. Jenerson, Esq.
Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer and Director of Pro Bono and Volunteer Unit
New York Legal Assistance Group

Alina Molina
Vice President
Program Services
Community Service Society

Mark O’Brien
Co-Founder and Executive Director
Pro Bono Net

4:50 – 5:00 PM
Special Recognitions and Closing Remarks

Dora Galacatos

Reception
HONORABLE JANET DIFIORE. Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and Chief Judge of the State of New York, has devoted her career as a judge and prosecutor to the fair administration of justice. Judge DiFiore entered public service in 1981 as an Assistant District Attorney in the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office, remaining there until 1987 and returning in 1994 as Chief of the Narcotics Bureau. Judge DiFiore was elected to the Westchester County Court in 1998 and went on to sit by designation in the Family Court, Surrogate’s Court and Supreme Court. In 2002, she was elected to the Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District, and in 2003 was appointed to serve as the District’s Supervising Judge for the Criminal Courts.

Judge DiFiore was elected as the District Attorney of Westchester County in 2006, heading an office that prosecuted approximately 30,000 cases annually. Judge DiFiore improved services for family violence victims, adopted innovative youth education and crime prevention programs addressing youth and gang violence, and established the Child Fatality Review Team. Judge DiFiore also served on numerous commissions, including as Co-Chair of the Justice Task Force, which has successfully proposed reforms to address the systemic causes of wrongful convictions.

On December 1, 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo nominated Judge DiFiore to the position of Chief Judge, and she was unanimously confirmed by the New York State Senate on January 21, 2016. On the same day that she was sworn into office, Chief Judge DiFiore announced the Excellence Initiative, which is focused on improving court operations and case management, increasing promptness and productivity, eliminating backlogs and delays and providing high-quality justice services that support fairness and excellence in judicial decision-making. In addition, Judge DiFiore has launched major reforms to improve the delivery of justice, including establishing Opioid Treatment and Intervention Courts, upgrading and modernizing the New York City Housing Court, revitalizing court-sponsored ADR programs to reduce litigation cost and delay, and supporting a broad array of measures to expand access to civil justice for low-income New Yorkers, including the Attorney Emeritus Program.

Chief Judge DiFiore is a graduate of C.W. Post College, Long Island University (B.A. 1977), and St. John’s University School of Law (J.D. 1981).

MATTHEW DILLER. is Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. He previously served as dean of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law from 2009 to 2015. He began his career as a clerk for the Honorable Walter R. Mansfield of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and then he served as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society in New York.

He entered academia in 1993, joining the faculty at Fordham Law School, where he held the Cooper Family Professorship, was co-director of the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, and was associate dean for academic affairs from 2003 to 2008. Dean Diller served as a member of the board of directors of Legal Services NYC from 1999 to 2009, and he was vice chair from 2003 to 2007. He was a member of the executive committee of the poverty law section of the Association of American Law Schools and was chair in 1999-2000. From 2000 to 2008, he was a member of the board of directors of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. Dean Diller also was a member of the New York City Bar Association’s Task Force on New Lawyers in a Changing Profession. Currently, Dean Diller is a member of the New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice and is chair of the commission’s Committee on Law School Involvement. He also serves on the board of the Legal Aid Society of New York, is a member of the executive committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and is a member of the Leaders Council of the Legal Services Corporation.

In 1991, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York honored him with a legal services award. He has received the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for the Advancement of Urban Law from the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* (2000), the Eugene J. Keefe Award for outstanding contributions to Fordham Law School (2002), and the Fordham Law Dean’s Medal of Achievement (2009). In 2014, the American Association of Law Schools’ Section on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities awarded Dean Diller the Deborah L. Rhode Award for his leadership in legal education and public service. Dean Diller received an A.B. and a J.D., both magna cum laude, from Harvard University, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

JOHN D. FEERICK. Founder and Senior Counsel of the Feerick Center for Social Justice, was the Dean of Fordham Law School from 1982-2002. Since 2004, he has held the Sidney C. Norris Chair of Law in Public Service and was the Leonard F. Manning Professor of Law from 2002-2004. Professor Feerick began his career at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; he spent 21 years (1961-1982) there, developing and heading their labor department.

Professor Feerick’s career is defined by his dedication to public service. He served as a member of the three-person Special Master Panel in the McCain homeless family rights litigation (2003-2005); was appointed to a three-member Referee Panel in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. State of New York* (concerning education equity; 2003); and was Chair of the Commission to Promote Public Confidence in Judicial Elections (2003). From April 2007 to February 2009, Professor Feerick served as Chair of the New York State Commission on Public Integrity. He is the co-chair of the Chief Judge’s Council on the Attorney Emeritus Program. Previously, Professor Feerick was the President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (1992-1994); Chair of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity (1987-1990); and President of the Citizens Union Foundation (1987-1999).

DAVID FLEISCHER. is currently Senior Counsel with Haynes and Boone, LLP. Under the auspices of the Attorney Emeritus Program, David has been providing pro bono services through CAMBA and CLARO since January 2019. Mr. Fleischer is a graduate of The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and New York University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Fleischer joined Battle Fowler LLP as an associate specializing in commercial litigation and became a partner of that firm in 1979. In June 2000, Battle Fowler merged into Paul Hastings LLP where Mr. Fleischer continued practicing in the commercial litigation field as a partner until 2010 when he joined Haynes and Boone as a partner in its litigation department.

Mr. Fleischer has represented clients in a wide array of industries in complex commercial disputes pending before federal, state, arbitration and mediation forums throughout the United States. Mr. Fleischer is known for his successful representation of Marvel Entertainment, the country’s leading comic book publisher and a successful feature film producer, in a variety of high stakes litigation matters involving issues of intellectual property, licensing rights and executive employment disputes. Mr. Fleischer has also represented institutional, private equity and other real estate investors and developers in restructuring and intercreditor disputes arising from investments in real property, mortgage and mezzanine loans as well as clients involved in a wide range of high value contractual disputes and class actions.
LINDA P. FRIED is a world-renowned geriatrician and epidemiologist and a serial innovator, known for tackling the major issues of our lengthening lives. Her scientific contributions include creating the transformational science defining frailty as a medical condition; research on the natural history of frailty and disability; and illuminating their causes and the potential for prevention and treatment as keys to optimizing health for older adults. She is the designer and founder of Experience Corps, an evidence-based senior volunteer program in which older adults serve in public schools. The program was found to simultaneously prevent cognitive loss and functional decline in the volunteers while benefiting students.

Dean Fried advocates for the potential of longer lives to be the basis of a Third Demographic Dividend whereby society benefits from the social capital of older adults and invests in health promotion across the life course. Under her leadership, the Columbia University Mailman School has developed new dimensions of public health science, from the University-wide Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center to the new science of the impact of climate change on health, and has become a key leader in innovation in public health education and in intersectoral partnerships for health.

Dean Fried was named one of the 1% most influential scientific minds of the past decade in 2014 by Thomson Reuters. She is an elected member of the United States National Academy of Medicine, and of its executive council. In 2016-17 she served as the President of the Association of American Physicians. The recipient of numerous awards and prizes, she received the French National INSERM International Prize in Medical Research in 2017.

DORA GALACATOS is the Executive Director of Fordham Law School’s Feerick Center for Social Justice. She is a 1996 Fordham Law alumna with experience working in city government, the nonprofit sector, and legal services for low-income individuals. Prior to coming to Fordham Law School, Ms. Galacatos worked for the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice and the New York City for Mayor’s Office of Drug Abuse Policy from 1989 to 1993, where she focused on program development, program evaluation, and policy analysis. As part of a Skadden Fellowship (1997-98), Ms. Galacatos helped establish a family day care network at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation in Washington Heights, Manhattan. She served as Staff Director to the New York City Family Homelessness Special Master Panel. Ms. Galacatos also served as a law clerk to the late–Honorable Milton Pollack (1996-97) and to the Honorable Paul A. Crotty (2005-2006), both District Judges in the Southern District of New York. Ms. Galacatos is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in History (1987), and the New School for Social Research, where she was a Kaplan M. Fellow and received a Master of Science in Urban Policy (1993). She is a former chair of the New York City Bar Civil Court Committee.

CAPRICE R. JENERSON is the first Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the Director of the organization’s robust Pro Bono and Volunteer program. Caprice is the organization’s key strategist around NYLAG’s efforts to create a more diverse, inclusive, equitable workplace that reflects the communities served and focuses on client-centered service delivery. Caprice also leads a team of volunteer management professionals to expand NYLAG’s capacity to serve a greater number of people with unmet civil legal needs. The team builds relationships with corporations, law firms, and law schools to advance organizational goals and meet the needs of the individual and families experiencing poverty. NYLAG currently engages more than 2,000 pro bono attorneys and other skilled volunteers who donate nearly 100,000 hours. Prior to joining NYLAG, Caprice was a criminal defense lawyer for 19 years and spent two years in Washington, D.C. as the senior resource counsel to Clemency Project 2014 – a collaborative effort to engage and train more than 4,000 lawyers to prepare clemency petitions for individuals incarcerated in federal prisons. Caprice is a graduate of Rutgers University, Georgia State University College of Law, and Cornell University ILR School’s certificate program in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace.

HONORABLE JONATHAN LIPPMAN, former Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and Chief Judge of the State of New York, is Of Counsel in the New York office of Latham & Watkins LLP and a member of the firm’s Litigation & Trial Department. He provides strategic counsel to clients on New York Law and appellate matters nationwide, and is a leader of the firm’s pro bono practice.

Judge Lippman served as Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from February 2009 through December 2015. During his tenure on the Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Lippman authored major decisions addressing constitutional, statutory and common law issues shaping the law of New York, the contours of state government, and the lives of all New Yorkers.

As the state’s Chief Judge, he championed equal access to justice issues in New York and around the country and took the leadership role in identifying permanent funding streams for civil legal services. Chief Judge Lippman made New York the first state in the country to require 50 hours of law-related pro bono work prior to bar admission and established the Pro Bono Scholars and Poverty Justice Solutions Programs to help alleviate the crisis in civil legal services. He strengthened the state’s indigent criminal defense system, addressed the systemic causes of wrongful convictions, created Human Trafficking Courts across New York State, and led efforts to reform New York’s juvenile justice, bail and pre-trial justice systems. Judge Lippman championed the state’s commercial division as a world-class venue for business litigation, reformed the state’s attorney disciplinary system, adopted the Uniform Bar Exam, and succeeded in the creation of a statewide salary commission for judges.

Over a career spanning more than four decades, Chief Judge Lippman has served at all levels of the New York State court system, including service as a staff attorney, administrator and judge. From January 1996 to May 2007, he served as the longest-tenured Chief Administrative Judge in state history, playing a central role in many far-reaching reforms of New York’s judiciary and its legal profession. From May 2007 to 2009, Judge Lippman served as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, dramatically reducing the court’s pending backlogs.

In 2008, Judge Lippman received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, presented each year by the nation’s Chief Justice to a state court judge who exemplifies the highest level of judicial excellence, integrity, fairness and professional ethics. Judge Lippman was selected for his “unparalleled ability to promote and achieve reform in the state courts. His leadership in the New York courts contributed to numerous improvements in that state’s justice system and served as an example for courts across the country.”

In 2013, the American Lawyer named Chief Judge Lippman one of the Top 50 Innovators in Big Law in the Last 50 Years. A New York Times article in December 2015 stated that Judge Lippman had altered the legal profession in New York by using “his authority to promote an ideal of lawyering as a public service.” Judge Lippman was the 2016 American Bar Association’s John Marshall Award recipient, an award whose prior recipients include Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy and Sandra Day O’Connor. Judge Lippman presently serves as the Chair of the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform, a 27 person blue ribbon commission, formed to examine the future of the Riker’s Island jail facilities in the context of systemic criminal justice reform.
JUDY PERRY MARTINEZ of Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn in New Orleans is president of the American Bar Association (ABA), the largest voluntary association of attorneys and legal professionals in the world. Over the past 35 years, Ms. Martinez has held various leadership positions within the ABA, including chair of the Standing Committee on the Future of Legal Services and its Commission on Domestic Violence. She was a member of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, the ABA Task Force on Building Public Trust in the American Justice System, and the Council of the ABA Center on Diversity.

Between 2003 and 2015, while at Northrop Grumman Corporation, Ms. Martinez served as assistant general counsel-litigation before becoming vice president and chief compliance officer in 2011. After retiring from the aerospace technology industry, she spent a year as a fellow in residence at the Advanced Leadership Initiative at Harvard University. Ms. Martinez returned to Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, where she had worked as a commercial litigator from 1982 to 2003, rising to partner and member of the management committee.

Ms. Martinez has held several leadership positions within the New Orleans and Louisiana State Bar Associations, and she served on the board of the Innocence Project New Orleans, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and as an officer of the World Justice Project. She has also served as a distinguished access to justice pro bono fellow for Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. Among her various honors, Ms. Martinez received the Sam Dalton Capital Defense Advocacy Award from the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Counsel, the Distinguished Attorney Award from the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Alliance for Justice Award from the National Gay and Lesbian Law Association, and the Michelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award from the Association of Women Attorneys. She was honored in 2017 with the Louisiana State Bar Association’s David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award and the New Orleans Bar Association’s Presidents’ Award.

She is a member of the board of directors of the American Bar Foundation, a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, and a member of the American Law Institute. Ms. Martinez earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of New Orleans and her juris doctor, with honors, from Tulane Law School.

TANISHA S. MCKNIGHT is a 2004 graduate of Brooklyn Law School. She began her legal career with The Legal Aid Society where she worked both in their Criminal Defense Division and Juvenile Rights Practice. In 2009, Ms. McKnight became the Children’s Law Center of New York’s (CLC) first director of paralegal and volunteer services. In addition to managing the city-wide paralegal team, she practices law in a number of areas including custody, visitation, domestic violence and child protective proceedings. She is responsible for developing and managing CLC’s volunteer programs, which includes forming internship partnerships and recruitment with local high schools, universities and law schools, the development of CLC’s pro bono practice and law firm relationships. Additionally, she supervises CLC’s securing seamless education services (SSES) education advocacy project and jointly manages CLC’s broken adoption project. In 2019, Ms. McKnight became the deputy director of appeals, paralegal and volunteer services. Ms. McKnight is now responsible for strategic planning and developing systems to enhance efficiency and effective utilization of resources within the organization. She continues to present at schools, conferences and forums on the current issues facing family law practitioners and provides motivational talks to students considering entering the legal profession. She was honored as one of the New York Law Journal’s rising stars of 2015.

HONORABLE EDWINA G. MENDELSON was appointed deputy chief administrative judge for justice initiatives in July 2017. Judge Mendelson heads the office for justice initiatives (OJI), which is tasked with ensuring meaningful access to justice for all New Yorkers in civil, criminal and family courts, regardless of income, background, or special needs.

To serve this mission, the office for justice initiatives administers pro bono attorney and other volunteer programs, self-help services, help centers, and many other resources designed to serve unrepresented litigants. Additionally, Judge Mendelson directs several juvenile and family justice initiatives, including the office of court administration’s child welfare court improvement project, and the implementation of the seminal new law raising the age of criminal responsibility in New York State.

Judge Mendelson also remains active on the bench, conducting pro se trials in correctional facilities in her capacity as a court of claims judge, and serves in supreme criminal term, new york county. Previously, she presided over the youth part in new york county supreme court, hearing cases of youth charged as adults. After representing clients in new york city housing court, supreme court and family court, Judge Mendelson joined the court system as a court attorney-referee in Queens County family court. She later became a family court judge in 2003, Queens County supervising family court judge in 2008, and a year later, was elevated to administrative judge of all New York City family courts.

Judge Mendelson, a graduate of CUNY law school, whose motto is “Law in the Service of Human Needs,” also holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, and has been an adjunct professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Hofstra law school. She maintains active membership and leadership positions in several bar associations and court committees involving criminal, family and juvenile justice.

ALINA MOLINA serves as vice president for program services for the community service society (CSS). Ms. Molina oversees all direct services at CSS including the retired & senior volunteer program (RSVP), the income support services program, and the center for benefits & services. RSVP is a nationally-acclaimed program that enlists older adults and retirees to serve as volunteers in their communities. It is the largest RSVP program in the nation with more than 2,500 volunteers, who contribute half of a million hours of service annually throughout a network of 300 nonprofit organizations throughout New York City.

In 1996, Ms. Molina created the New York City experience corps project, an intergenerational, early childhood literacy and mentoring program. Since its inception, the program has provided services to thousands of elementary school children and has achieved national recognition for programming. She is currently leading CSS’s efforts to develop a new statewide program, the education debt consumer assistance program, to help consumers manage their education debt and achieve greater financial well-being. Before joining CSS, Ms. Molina was a community organizer with People Acting through Community Effort in Providence, Rhode Island. Prior to that, she served as a volunteer in service to america (vista) community organizer at Dorchester neighbors organizing neighbors in Massachusetts.
Ms. Molina is the past President of the New York Association for Volunteer Administration (NY/AVA) and has taught Managing and Working with Volunteers at New York University’s School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Ms. Molina holds a master’s degree in Nonprofit Management from the New School’s Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts.

MARK O’BRIEN is the co-founder and Executive Director of Pro Bono Net, a national nonprofit that increases access to justice for the poor and other vulnerable populations through innovative uses of technology, collaboration and volunteer mobilization. Founded in 1998, Pro Bono Net has built web platforms to support public interest lawyers, build broad based justice partnerships, and empower people in need to solve their own legal problems. Prior to starting Pro Bono Net, Mr. O’Brien spent eight years building a nationally recognized pro bono program at Davis Polk. He is a Senior Fellow of the Institute for Technology Law & Policy at Georgetown University Law Center, where he co-teaches the Technology, Innovation, and Law Practice Practicum. Mr. O’Brien was named a 2012 FastCase 50 honoree for his contributions to the legal technology field.

JEREMIAH QUINLAN graduated from Fordham Law School in 1975. After practicing law for thirty-eight years, he retired and enrolled as an Attorney Emeritus in New York State. He first volunteered with the Bronx CLARO Program starting in 2011. He began volunteering for The Children’s Law Center in 2015. He remains an active volunteer in both programs.

Since 2014, he has received five Certificates of Appreciation from the New York State Emeritus Program for providing at least 60 hours of pro bono civil legal services to low- and moderate-income New Yorkers. In 2018, he received a Distinguished Volunteer Service Award from the Unified Court System Office for Justice Initiatives for outstanding contributions to the Attorney Emeritus Program. He has also received three Certificates of Appreciation from Fordham Law School’s Feerick Center for Social Justice and the New York County Lawyers Association in recognition of his dedication to the Bronx CLARO Program.

LOUIS S. SARTORI serves as the Director of the Pro Bono Practice for The Legal Aid Society. Since his appointment in 2011, Mr. Sartori has worked closely with Legal Aid Society staff in developing pro bono projects benefiting trafficking survivors, senior citizens, immigrants, LGBT communities, residents of public housing and the wrongfully accused. Other programs under his direction are expanding volunteer participation in bail reform, economic justice and child welfare advocacy. Owing to its multifaceted role as NYC’s chief public defender, leading provider of civil legal services, and primary advocate for children in Family Court, The Legal Aid Society is able to change the lives of its clients every day, in every borough.

Prior to joining the Pro Bono Practice, Mr. Sartori served as Attorney-in-Charge of The Legal Aid Society’s Manhattan and Staten Island Juvenile Rights offices, supervising staff representing thousands of court involved youth and overseeing the initiation of programs focusing on literacy and the needs of adolescents transitioning from foster care. He has also held senior staff attorney positions in Legal Aid’s Criminal Defense Practice and with Brooklyn Defender Services. Mr. Sartori previously sat on the New York State Supreme Court, First Department, Family Court Advisory Committee and was an Adjunct Professor in the Trial Advocacy program at St. John’s Law School. He is a frequent presenter at the American Bar Association’s Equal Justice and other national conferences. Mr. Sartori co-chairs the annual Practicing Law Institute’s Ethical Issues in Pro Bono program. He has also been recognized by City & State with the “2017 Responsible 100 Award” as one of New York’s 100 most outstanding corporate citizens. The Legal Aid Society’s Pro Bono Practice annually provides over three thousand volunteers with training, supervision and mentorship. Working alongside the staff of one of the foremost public interest law firms in the nation, volunteers deliver critical legal assistance to frequently marginalized members of our communities.

FERN SCHAIR has been chair of Fordham Law School’s Feerick Center for Social Justice Board of Advisors since its inception. Her professional positions have included: senior vice-president of the American Arbitration Association, chief administrative officer of the New York City Bar Association, civil justice program development officer for the Open Society Institute, executive director of the Fund for Modern Courts, and staff attorney for the Community Development Unit of the Legal Aid Society of Westchester. She was the co-founder of The Children’s Law Center and served as its president for ten years.

Ms. Schair had been appointed by Chief Judge Lawrence Cooke to the original New York Task Force on Gender Bias, then appointed by Chief Judge Sol Wachtler to the Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts, designed to follow up on the Task Force recommendations. She has remained a member of that Committee since its inception. She has served as the chair of the Fund for Modern Courts and has remained on its Board of Directors. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Judicature Society, as well as a member of the Editorial Board for Judicature magazine. She was the first woman to chair the Legal Services-NYC Board of Directors and continues to serve as an Emeritus member of the Board. The late New York State Chief Judge Judith Kaye appointed her as co-chair of the Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution for the Courts and also as a member of the Statewide Commission on Indigent Defense. She was appointed to the first Advisory Committee to the New York Courts on Language Access and served as its Chair for ten years. Former New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman appointed her as co-chair of the Committee on Non-Lawyers and the Justice Gap, that was responsible for the formation of the groundbreaking New York Navigators Program.

Her current civic positions include: co-chair of the Chief Judge’s Council on the Attorney Emeritus Program; vice-chair of the Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts; and member of Modern Courts Executive Committee and Task Force on Court Simplification. Ms. Schair attended Cornell University and received her J.D. from St. John’s School of Law.

FRANCES WEINSTOCK is the Program Director of CAMBA Legal Services, Inc. (CAMBA). For the past eleven years, Ms. Weinstock has directed the housing practice at CAMBA and, more recently, coordinated the agency’s involvement in New York City’s Universal Access to Legal Services Law. In addition, she oversees other practice areas as well. Prior to joining legal services, Ms. Weinstock was in private practice and specialized in landlord/tenant law. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester and Brooklyn Law School. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Weinstock was a community organizer and her first legal services position was with DC 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services.
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