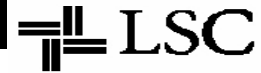


Law Services News



FEBRUARY, 2007

NSLS Wins Fight for Handicapped-Accessible Buses in Suffolk

Nassau/Suffolk Law Services (NSLS) filed a complaint on behalf of eight persons with disabilities against Suffolk County and its Department of Public Works, Transportation Division (SCT), for the failure of the County and SCT to provide handicapped accessible bus transportation as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The court complaint was filed in 2004, following an administrative complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation in 2003.

The complaint alleged that fixed route bus service in Suffolk has been non-compliant with ADA regulations requiring that buses have operational lifts for mobility impaired persons and that bus stops, major intersections, and destination points be announced for visually impaired passengers. It alleged that violations of these requirements have per-

sisted for years, notwithstanding continuous complaints by riders and advocacy groups such as the Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO). For example, SILO conducted random testing of SCT's fixed route buses in 2002, which revealed that more than half of the tested routes had no stop announcements and less than 30% of the tested routes complied with the rules for announcing stops. These results were conveyed to SCT, but no meaningful steps were taken to correct the problems. The complaint alleged that failure to announce stops and have operational lifts resulted in passengers being stranded and left in dangerous circumstances. Plaintiffs alleged that these problems also forced persons with disabilities to avoid Suffolk's fixed route buses and use the more expensive, alternative paratransit program.

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Better Late Than Never—Client Illegally Evicted Awarded \$15,000 After 4 Year Wait

Back in 2002, in a particularly shocking illegal eviction case, Law Services' civil unit in Suffolk decided to represent a tenant in her damages suit against the landlady.

The tenant had been taken to court in August of 2001 for non-payment of rent. At the trial, she represented herself and a judgment was entered against the tenant for \$1950 (2 month's rent) and possession of the premises. An eviction warrant was

sent to the Sheriff and at the beginning of October, she received a 72 hour notice. By that time she had already paid part of the judgment and then met with the landlady and paid her the remainder of the judgment along with the rent for September and October, thereby creating a new tenancy.

After receiving the money owed to her along with two more months of additional rent, the landlady

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The complaint further alleged that Suffolk's paratransit program, Suffolk County Accessible Transportation (SCAT), which the ADA requires for persons with disabilities who cannot ride the fixed route system, was plagued with violations of federal requirements and deprived persons with disabilities equal access to Suffolk's transportation system. For example, paratransit riders have been routinely deprived of next day service (scheduling a ride 24 hours in advance) and the right to obtain a ride within one hour of the requested travel time. Riders also complained of excessively long trips. Additionally, for years SCAT riders have had to endure hours of waiting to get through to an operator to schedule a paratransit ride.

The settlement reached by the parties addresses all of the issues raised in the complaint and provides both long-term and interim measures to assure ADA compliance in Suffolk's fixed route and paratransit programs.

The County has agreed to complete the purchase of 59 new fixed route buses by the end of this year and to complete installation of a fully automated stop announcement system for all its bus routes by 2008. The paratransit system is being augmented by a new computer reservation system which is subject to monitoring and record keeping. Additional paratransit buses are being added to the system for a total of 50 buses by 2008 with the purchase of additional buses if needed for full ADA compliance by 2009.

Other measures in the Stipulation to assure ADA compliance include:

- the provision of alternative transportation to passengers where lifts are inoperable and stops unannounced,
- bi-annual proficiency training for private bus company employees who provide fixed route and paratransit bus service for the County,
- bi-annual compliance monitoring of bus employees to assure they are complying with the ADA,
- the development of policies and procedures by SCT to enforce ADA requirements and the incorporation of these provisions in all subsequent contracts with private bus companies and paratransit
- procedures imposing disciplinary requirements for private bus company employees who violate the ADA
- the appointment by SCT of an ADA coordinator to address compliance issues, the establishment of an ADA complaint procedure to enforce ADA requirements, and the provision of notice to the public of SCT's responsibilities under the ADA, among other provisions.

Rob Briglio, the staff attorney who handled this case, said the settlement was "very substantial and a groundbreaking victory for the disabled, who struggle with inadequate public transportation systems throughout the county". He also noted that the county showed "good faith" by agreeing to changes not mandated by federal law, such as more comprehensive training, monitoring and disciplinary measures for transit employees. For more information about the *Collins v. Suffolk* Stipulation, contact The Protection and Advocacy Project at 631 232-2400.

New York Needs More Funding For Legal Assistance to the Poor

New York State—the birthplace of legal services for the poor—is now among the worst in the country when it comes to providing low-income people the most basic of legal needs in areas such as elder care, child care assistance, special education and disability rights, health services, domestic violence, housing and human rights. This is true despite the proven track record of civil legal services saving the state money, in essence, paying for themselves on many fronts.

Last year, New York State provided only \$6.85 million for civil legal services, despite a population with more low-income people (and consequent need) than other states that provide much more funding. For example, New Jersey, with just 25% of the poverty population of New York, dedicates over three times more in civil legal services funding.

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Illegal Eviction Judgment Awarded

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called the Sheriff in the tenant's presence, to cancel the eviction. Reassured, the tenant then went off to work. Twenty minutes later, the Sheriff's records showed, the landlady called the sheriff again and reinstated the eviction. Two days later, the tenant returned from work to find her belongings on the streets. Some of her possessions were already gone.

The client contacted Law Services and explained what had happened to her. Although our civil unit has a very limited staff, this unusually egregious action by the landlord compelled a response. Law Services sued the landlady for treble (triple) damages and punitive damages in Supreme Court. As a result, the tenant was awarded a judgment that included the value of her lost belongings and the storage fee for the remainder of her belongings. The damages were tripled because of the illegal eviction. The tenant was also awarded punitive damages of \$5000 due to the landlady's outrageous behavior. The judgment was then filed with the Suffolk County Clerk which has the effect of placing a lien on any real property owned by the landlady in Suffolk County. A later attempt by the landlady to vacate the judgment was unsuccessful.

In October, 2006 the landlady sold her house and the tenant was able to collect the \$15,000 in satisfaction of the judgment and lien from the proceeds of the sale. After a very distressing experience, our client was thrilled to receive compensation, however delayed, for her losses.

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NY Needs More Funding

The results of under-funding have been devastating. In the 18 years since the New York State Bar Association found that just 14% of the legal needs of New York's low income population were being met, that situation has worsened principally as a result of decreases in federal Legal Services Corporation (LSC) funding and proceeds derived from the state's Interest on Lawyer Accounts (IOLA) program.

Compounding the problem is the growth in the number of people living in poverty, along with the complexity in the laws, rules and regulations that govern the services these individuals so desperately need. Who are these individuals? They are indeed faces within the "family of New York" who

you, or someone close to you, likely know well as a co-worker, neighbor, friend or loved one. They are:

- The elderly couple with a "right" to appeal a denial of their prescription drugs under the confusing Medicare Part D program;
- The young mom struggling to hold onto her new job trying to challenge the denial of child care assistance;
- The victim of domestic violence desperately seeking to free herself from an abuse;
- The disabled adult, confused and panicked over termination of health benefits;
- The almost 90% of unrepresented tenants in housing courts attempting to defend their homes against landlords who are often represented by private attorneys.

What will it take to turn things around? Ten years ago, when Justice Kaye created the Legal Services Project it was estimated that \$40 million in a permanent and dedicated funding stream was needed annually to meet the basic civil legal needs of eligible New Yorkers. According to the report issued by the Project, "[a]gainst the need and the principles at stake, \$40 million is a small down payment toward access to justice, and obtaining a substantial measure of justice is a bargain at this price." That amount, adjusted for inflation, the growth in population living in poverty and the growth in legal needs, is now estimated to be at least \$50 million.

Said Chief Justice Kaye at the time of the report:

"A Justice system that allows disparities in justice based on ability to pay is inconsistent with a fundamental principle of our free democratic society - equal justice for all."



*The Empire Justice Center is a non-profit law firm with focus on poverty law, and undertakes research and training, acts as an informational clearinghouse, and provides litigation backup to local legal services programs and community based organizations.

Home Equity Theft On the Rise

Homeowners beware! While the cost of living on Long Island continues to mount, so does the pressure of mortgage payments. Law Services frequently hears unfortunate stories of desperate homeowners trying to salvage their mounting mortgage debt by entering into shady deals.

One of the most common scams is home equity theft or “deed theft” whereby the homeowner deeds their property over to an investor who agrees to pay off the arrears and “rent” the house to the homeowner with

the understanding that they can buy it back. The buyback often never occurs and, instead the family is evicted by the new owner within months and the investor then sells the property keeping the equity. Or the investor may get a new mortgage cashing out the equity for themselves (which is often significant given rising property values) resulting in an unaffordable rent payment being demanded from the prior homeowner.

The Home Equity Theft Prevention Act (Senate bill S .4744A or Assembly bill A.10057B) amends the banking law and goes into effect February 1, 2007 in an attempt to protect homeowners from these scenarios:

- Under the new law the agreement between equity purchasers and equity sellers must be in writing (if Spanish is the primary language of the seller, the agreement must also be in Spanish). The seller can cancel the transaction for any reason within 5 business days for any reason.



- If the agreement includes an option to repurchase the property, the agreement is deemed a loan and the seller must verify that the seller has the ability to repurchase the property within the term of the agreement. The rental agreement terms must be commercially fair and reasonable. If the seller cannot afford to repurchase the property at the end of the term, he is entitled to receive 82% of the fair market value of the property minus the purchaser’s expenses. If the property is sold by the investor to a third party, the seller must sign off on that transfer.
- The transaction can be rescinded within 2 years for any violations including failure to prove a complete and accurate agreement. If the property has been sold, the purchaser could be sued for treble damages, attorney fees and costs within 6 years of the violation. The Attorney General can also sue an equity purchaser for violation of the laws.
- All foreclosure notices must now include warnings about scams with a phone number for the New York Banking department.

The hard truth is that many homes in or approaching foreclosure cannot be saved. The home is often unaffordable and cannot be salvaged short of selling the property before the foreclosure is completed and the house goes to auction. Selling the property can often be the only way to save the equity investment, however most homeowners are reluctant to face the reality, and either involve themselves in hopeless schemes to save the property or just do not take action until the foreclosure is well underway.

But protections afforded under the new law will hopefully thwart attempts by unscrupulous lenders to exploit desperate homeowners. Long Island Housing can also assist with counseling and advice on foreclosure and predatory lending issues 631 467-5111.

Please share a copy of this newsletter with your colleagues

New Law Strengthens Protections Against Hospital Debts

A new law in New York State, effective January 1, 2007, requires hospitals that receive funding from the state's bad debt and charity care pool, to implement procedures to provide financial assistance to those who cannot afford their hospital bills.

"Charity Care" has been in existence for some time but has not worked very well on Long Island with many inconsistencies and poor advertisement, despite the monitoring of health advocacy groups. Under the new law, hospitals must inform patients that financial aid is available and how to obtain further information. Hospitals must provide this information at the time of intake or with bills and statements.

Hospitals must have financial aid policies in place as a condition of receiving the funding. These hospital policies must reduce charges for low income patients with inadequate or non existent health insurance and can also reduce or discount copayments and deductibles if the patient cannot pay them. Specific guidelines for sliding scale proportional payments have been set up using the Federal Poverty guidelines which will hopefully remove some of the inconsistencies that occurred in the past with charity care assistance. For example, patients with income under the Federal Policy level cannot be charged more than a "nominal payment" (to be defined in later guidelines) The higher the income in relation to the poverty level, up to 300% of the poverty level, the higher percentage of the maximum payment that can be required by the hospital

When repayment agreements are made, monthly payments cannot exceed 10% of the patient's gross monthly income. If there are significant assets (NOT including the primary residence, IRA, college savings accounts, cars regularly used by family), they can be taken into account in determining the payment amount. Though hospitals can place liens on the primary residence for uncollected debts, they cannot seek foreclosure or force sale of the residence. Accounts cannot be referred for collection if there is an application for charity care pending. If a patient is eligible for Medicaid, no collection action is permitted. **(Remember there is still a legal defense to a hospital debt where a hospital fails to file for Medicaid on behalf of a potentially eligible patient).**

Hospitals are required to report to the Department of Health regarding the number of patients who applied for financial assistance, how many were approved, the number of Medicaid applications that were filed by the hospital, etc. Monitoring hospitals for compliance with the new law is key. Advocates are asked, to report any difficulties involved in accessing a hospital's charity care program to call the Legal Support Center at 232-2400 x 3369.

Two New Specialized Units

Law Services is pleased to announce the addition of two specialized units to our organization:

PADD Unit The Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (CQC), the state's designated Protection and Advocacy Program, provided funding for Nassau/Suffolk Law Services to represent clients with developmental disabilities. This new PAAD unit has been added to our existing Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) unit and together comprise the Protection and Advocacy (P & A) Project. The new unit provides free legal assistance to persons with developmental disabilities in issues including the right to a free appropriate public education, institutionalization issues, neglect and abuse, and discrimination issues in employment, housing, public accommodations, and government programs.

There is no financial eligibility for the PADD Unit but due to limited staffing, case intake will necessarily be prioritized. The disability must be present before the age of 22 and be chronic and severe. Examples would be an individual who is mentally retarded, medically fragile, orthopedically involved as well as some individuals with autism. Look for our upcoming presentation listed in the Training Schedule on p. 10.

PLAN - Permanency Legal Assistance Needs Project.

The New York State Department of Health has funded this bi-county project for persons and families affected by cancer. Services will be targeted to low income individuals and families though there is no specific means test.

The Project is staffed by an attorney with a medical background. The purpose of the PLAN Project is to provide legal services to individuals and families affected by cancer to cope with legal, financial and medical issues, and to plan for the future of the family through the course of the illness and afterwards. A major focus will be assisting families to develop a legally enforceable long term plan for the care of children, and assuring that client's own wishes regarding end of life decisions are carried out through the designation of health care proxies, advance directives, powers of attorney and wills. We also expect to handle problems with Medicaid, Medicare and private health insurance, and may be able to assist with SSI and Social Security Disability matters, long term disability problems and issues involving public assistance.

At a time when individuals and families are rendered most vulnerable by cancer and least emotionally and physically able to focus on difficult decisions, the most difficult decisions of their lives must be made. The project is designed to help them make these decisions and provide the legal support to effectuate them.

Bits and Pieces

Thinking About Changing Your Medicare Health Plan—Now's the Time!

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If you are unhappy with your current Medicare Part B health plan, now is the time to switch plans. The Open Enrollment Period runs from **January 1st through March 31st**. During this period, you can switch to a different health plan, or go back to original Medicare. If you need help deciding what plan is best for you, you can go to www.medicareinteractive.org for assistance. This site will list the key factors you should consider when choosing between a private Medicare health plan and Original Medicare.

For more information on Medicare policies and updates check out the Medicare Rights Center website at: [ww.medicarerights.org](http://www.medicarerights.org).

Great News for Public Assistance Recipients Awaiting their SSI

In some cases, public assistance recipients with pending SSI applications may be required to work off their grants despite their disability, as a condition of receiving public assistance. When the public assistance recipient is approved for SSI, the county is usually reimbursed directly from the Social Security Administration (SSA), for the public assistance provided in the "interim", thereby reducing the amount of retroactive SSI benefits to the client.(this does not apply to Social Security Disability).

Thanks to a recent decision, *Elwell v. Weiss*, SSI recipients will now be entitled to get credit for the amount of worksite hours they performed while on public assistance. The credit will be calculated at the minimum wage rate* for the number of hours they worked and will reduce the amount of interim assistance taken out of their retroactive SSI check. For those SSI recipients who did not receive this work credit, there is a statute of limitations of two years. For more information and assistance please contact Peter Dellinger or Susan Antos at the Empire Justice Center at (518) 462-6831.

*minimum wage 2006 - \$6.75, 2007\$-7.15

New Law Enables Consumers to Place "Freeze" on Credit Report

Effective November 1, 2006 the Credit Report Security Freeze went into effect in New York State. The law allows New Yorkers to put a freeze on their credit report, thereby preventing third parties from accessing their information. The law is intended to help consumers who are victims of identity theft and/or consumers who are at risk of identity theft.

Consumers can place a freeze on their credit report by sending a written request via certified mail or overnight mail to each of the credit reporting agencies. The three main credit reporting agencies are Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The Credit Reporting Agency should place the security freeze on the account within five business days upon receiving the request. Once the freeze is on the account, unauthorized third parties will not be able to get a copy of the consumer's credit report, or their credit score. The freeze will remain on the report indefinitely. If the consumer would like to remove the freeze (for example, when he/she wishes to apply for credit) the person can do so by a sending a written request to the reporting agency for a small fee of up to \$5. For more information regarding New York's Security Freeze Law, credit reports and identity theft visit The NYS Consumer Protections Board's website at <http://www.consumer.state.ny.us>.

Streamlined Medicaid Documentation

Medicaid applicants/recipients do not have to document citizenship or identity if they receive SSI or are enrolled in Medicare. GIS O6 MA/024.



HELP WITH OIL HEAT:

Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program in conjunction with Citgo offers 200 gallons of discount heating oil

to low income families. Call 1 877 563-4645 or download application at:

<http://www.citizensenergy.com/APohApply.htm>

More Sad Goodbyes

We were sad to say goodbye to several of our colleagues who left Law Services for other positions. We wish them much success in their future endeavors:

- **Corinne Lundstrom** came to Law Services four years ago and has been representing clients who are infected and affected by AIDS/HIV. Prior to that she worked at Legal Assistance of the Finger Lakes and My Sister's Place, a domestic violence agency in Westchester. While at Law Services, Corinne worked with disabled women and children and will be continuing her commitment to working with low income families in her new position. She will be joining the Center for Family Representation in New York representing low income families who are facing neglect and abuse charges in Family Court. Corinne, known for always being thorough and a perfectionist in her legal advocacy, will be greatly missed by her clients and coworkers alike.
- We were glad to have **Dan Evans** join the Nassau Mental Health Law Project in September of 2005—a true Legal Services attorney with tremendous awareness of the social work needs of our clients. We were so glad that we overlooked the obvious difficulties of his living in New York City and depending on Long Island's public transportation. Then he was made an offer he couldn't refuse, to work right around the corner from home helping equally needy New Yorkers at the Gay Men's Health Crisis. He's leaving with our blessings and thanks for the nearly year and a half of smart, compassionate advocacy. Dan applied just the right mix of independent research and consultation with others to his clients' problems. His patience and persistence brought him a high percentage of success in his cases, and his pleasantness made him friends throughout the Nassau office. We know he'll do well at the new job, and we're relieved that he'll no longer be dashing across Hempstead Turnpike in the dark to catch the train back to the City!
- After more than 6 years as a staff attorney, **Antonia Ezechi** has left Nassau/Suffolk Law Services to become an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. For those clients who were fortunate to be represented by Antonia and those colleagues who worked with her in the Islandia Welfare Unit, she will be sorely missed. Antonia brought a combination of intelligence, resolve and compassion to her work that benefited the countless clients she served. We at Law Services wish her well in her new position and we know that the same qualities that made her a successful advocate will make her an outstanding Administrative Law Judge.

Good luck! We will miss them all...



Pictured clockwise Damian Bernache, Terri Minnott, Cheryl Keshner-Asch, Antonia Ezechi, Carolyn McQuade, and Cathy Lucidi.



Volunteer Attorney Recognized for His Work

By Rhoda Slevin



Suffolk and Nassau Recipient

Pro Bono Attorney of the Month for December 2006, **Lewis C. Edelstein** spreads his pro bono beneficence throughout Long Island. A member of both the Suffolk County and Nassau County Bar Associations, he has devoted 843 hours in the past ten years to the Pro Bono Project and NCBA's Volunteer Lawyers Project together, with 495 of the hours given to Suffolk County clients. A phenomenal record indeed!

Accounting for his commitment to serving the indigent so extensively, he said, "Most of the time when I take on these cases they seem straight-forward. By the time the human factor kicks in, they get complicated. I can't take that lightly, especially when kids are involved. Children are the most important feature in any divorce. Attending to their needs is always paramount. Distressed children become distressed adults, who may require more intensive judicial attention later on."

Edelstein serves on SCBA's Matrimonial and Family Law Committee and Elder Law Committee. His NCBA activities include the Matrimonial Law Committee, the Family Court Law and Procedure Committee, and the Community Relations and Public Education Committee. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and its Family Law Section. The Volunteer Lawyers Project named him Pro Bono Attorney of the Month in March 2001. In 1987 he formed the firm of Edelstein and Edelstein and became a solo practitioner the next year. His firm is in Garden City.

For an attorney to give so much pro bono service to both the Nassau and Suffolk Bar Associations is rare. It honors the Pro Bono Project to show its appreciation as well by honoring Lewis C. Edelstein as Pro Bono Attorney of the Month for both Nassau and Suffolk County.



Congratulations to the following staff members celebrating their milestone employment anniversaries :

Staff Member	Years of Dedicated Services
Marie Connelly, Receptionist	5
Jim Denson, Paralegal	15
Gladys Gallery, Receptionist	20
Carolyn McQuade, Staff Attorney	5
Terri Minnot, Staff Attorney	5
Meredith Nadler, Staff Attorney	15
Miriam Pismeny, Senior Staff Attorney	20
Diana Short, Paralegal	15

New Staff Members

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff members and wish them well in their Law Services' Careers:

- Hannah Abrams — Staff Attorney, David Project, Riverhead*
- Damien Bernache — Law Graduate, Civil Unit, Suffolk*
- Jennifer Cook, — Law Graduate, PADD Unit, Nassau*
- Patricia Dinis— Receptionist, Suffolk*
- Kristen Drumm — Law Graduate, Welfare Unit, Nassau*
- Donna Famiglietti — Paralegal , David Project, Suffolk*
- Meredith Lafler — Law Graduate, Civil Unit, Riverhead*
- Marissa Luchs Kindler — Staff Attorney, Civil Unit, Suffolk*
- Yolanda Neems — Paralegal, Welfare Unit, Suffolk*
- Denise Snow — Staff Attorney, PLAN Project, Bi-County*
- Leslie Tse — Law Graduate, Civil Unit, Nassau*
- Marsha Vogel — Paralegal , PADD Unit , Nassau*



We are also pleased to congratulate all of the above Law Graduates for passing the New York Bar Examination and will soon be admitted to practice as attorneys!

Law Services Winter, 2007 Training Schedule

We will be conducting trainings at our Suffolk site: 1757 Veterans Hwy, Suite 50, Islandia and at our Riverhead site: 313 Main St. Riverhead. Please note the site of the trainings you choose. To pre-register, please call the Training Line at 631 232-2400 Ext 3357 or you may e-mail Cathy Lucidi at clucidi@wnylc.com. The fee is \$30 per person per training session and is payable to "Nassau Suffolk Law Services". To confirm your phone reservation or e-mail reservation please mail your payment in advance of the training date with the registration form below. Space is limited so register early. In case of inclement weather, call 232-2400, Ext 3357 and listen to entire message for possible advisories.

- **Using the Law in Crisis Intervention;** We will be discussing ways to meet emergency needs: rent supplements, rent arrears, expedited food stamps, utility arrears assistance, emergency prescription needs, emergency housing, 72 hr notice of eviction etc. Thursday, March 1, 2007 9:30-12:00 **Islandia** Office Fee \$30 Please make sure to indicate your preferred training site. **FOR THE EASTENDERS AN ENCORE PRESENTATION** at our RIVERHEAD OFFICE 313 Main St. **Riverhead** (minimum of 10 registrations): Friday, March 2, 2007 9:30-12:00 Fee \$30
- **Social Security Work Incentives:** Recipients of SSI and SSD receive work incentives from the Social Security Administration which permit and encourage them to work while disregarding portions of earned income, continuing Medicaid eligibility, and offering options in setting aside savings for planned vocational goals. We will be describing these incentives, their advantages, and pitfalls. Thursday March 8, 2007 9:30-12:30 Islandia Fee \$30
- **Fair Hearing Skills Training** Especially for advocates who want to try out their "lawyering" skills, this training will prepare you for the challenges of representing your clients at an Administrative Fair Hearing in their appeals with the Department of Social Services Thursday March 22, 2007 9:30-12:30 Islandia Fee \$30
- **Rights under the Americans With Disabilities Act:** A discussion of the ADA especially as it relates to government programs and services including homecare, emergency housing, Medicaid, housing, Section 8 etc. Also covered will be the right to free appropriate public education, institutionalization issues and discharge issues. Tuesday April 17 9:30- 12:30 Islandia office \$30 Fee



Training Registration Form

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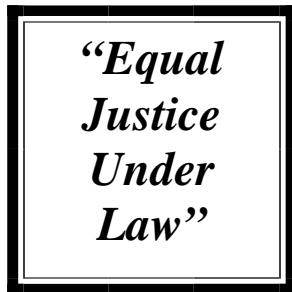
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Amount Enclosed _____

Please check if payment will be sent at a later date or on the date of the Training

Please return with applicable fee to: Nassau/Suffolk Law Services, 1757 Veterans Highway, Suite 50, Islandia, N.Y. 11749 Attn: Cathy Lucidi. This form may also be faxed to Cathy at (631) 232-2489

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