

# Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. ®

We provide free legal aid to people with civil legal problems in western New York.

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The law is extremely powerful. It can mean the difference between having a roof over your head and being homeless, having food on your table or going hungry, having access to childcare so that you can maintain your employment or being unemployed. Your gift will help us make sure that our families can meet those most basic needs.

In 2017, LawNY® closed 8,880 cases benefitting 18,906 people. The breakout of the cases was as follows: income maintenance (29%), housing (23%), family (18%), health (15%), employment (5%), consumer (4%) and other (6%). LawNY® achieved at least \$297,569 in ongoing monthly benefits and at least \$2,501,238 in one-time payments for total awards to our clients of at least \$6,072,066 over 12 months. Through our hotline system, we offer legal information and referrals to people we do not have the capacity to represent. In 2017 we completed 1,119 hotline calls across our service area.

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Throughout our fourteen county service area, we operate a variety of civil legal services projects, such as foreclosure prevention, domestic violence prevention, disability advocacy, veterans legal services, seniors legal services, consumer legal services, medical-legal partnerships, and homelessness prevention. LawNY® receives funding from a variety of sources, including federal, state and local government, the United Way, and private foundations.

The need for legal services in our communities is still great, and many of our community

members face barriers to access to justice. Civil legal services programs like LawNY® have the capacity to meet only about 20% of the legal needs of our client population. Your donation will go towards serving local community members in need of legal services.

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**Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.**

**Attn: C. Kenneth Perri, Executive Director**

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LawNY® is a non-profit law firm that provides free legal aid to people with civil legal problems in Western New York. LawNY® has seven locations in Bath, Elmira, Geneva, Ithaca, Jamestown, Olean, and Rochester, serving 14 counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates.

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