



LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

*Celebrating 50 Years of Service*

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018



# EVENT PROGRAM

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**MUSIC AND NETWORKING**

**6:00 PM**

CASH BAR

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**PROGRAM & DINNER SERVICE**

**7:00PM**

WELCOMING REMARKS  
INTRODUCTORY VIDEO  
PROCLAMATIONS

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TESTIMONIALS  
COMMUNITY LAWYERING  
RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS  
CLOSING REMARKS

# Welcome

Good evening!

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate LawNY's 50 years of service in Monroe County. What started as a vision in the late 1960s has grown into an organization today that serves the residents of nearly 10,000 square miles in Western New York.

Tonight we are here to reflect upon the past 50 years and to honor those who have contributed to this meaningful journey. We wish to thank our staff, alumni, community partners, board members, volunteers, funders and donors. Each of you, through your efforts, have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands in need.

Tonight is also about looking ahead. With your help, we hope to strengthen our impact in our communities. Your hard work and dedication to the lives of others can help us continue to grow our capacity to serve the most vulnerable and marginalized in our communities and help repair the world around us. We believe that legal services is a strategic partner in our communities as we strive to make a significant positive change in the anti-poverty efforts in Western New York. We look forward to your collaboration as we embrace the next fifty years.

Tonight, as you reminisce with old friends and speak with LawNY's current staff, join us in re-dedicating ourselves with renewed conviction and vigor to our core mission, achieving equal access to justice for all.

Your Colleagues and Friends at LawNY

**Please use the hashtag #LawNY50 All photos will be displayed after the event on LawNY's 50th webpage [www.lawny.org/50th](http://www.lawny.org/50th)**

## **Hosted by Zosan Soong**



Zosan "Sam" Soong is Senior Patent Counsel at Xerox Corporation in Rochester, New York, where he counsels both Xerox Research Centre of Canada and Advanced Technology Group/GDG. He is a graduate of Cornell University and of George Washington University Law School. He was the recipient of the 2011 Top Counsel Award from The Daily Record. Sam is an active member in the Monroe County Committee of the LawNY Board. In Sam's spare time, he enjoys reading, riding a motorcycle, and performing stand-up comedy at local open microphone venues.

## **Music by Nozomi Murayama & Mark Terentiev**

Nozomi Murayama discovered her love for classical music at the age of 4 when she began playing the piano. She began her violin studies when she was 7 years old and was a finalist in the Osaka International Music Competition in 2011 and Ikaruga Music Competition in 2015. She participated in the Bowdoin International Music Festival in 2017, studying with Roland and Almita Vamos, June Han, and Mikhail Kopelman. Currently a junior at the Eastman School of Music, she studies with Mikhail Kopelman, serving as a concertmaster in the Eastman Philharmonic.



Mark Terentiev began his violin studies when he was 8, becoming a part of Bergen Youth Orchestra a few years later and New York Youth Symphony almost a decade later. During this time he also performed at nursing homes and family events. A 3rd year undergraduate at the Eastman School of Music, he currently serves as a concertmaster in the Eastman Philharmonic and studies with Professor Mikhail Kopelman.

# **Monroe County Projects**

**Basic Needs Legal Assistance**

**Community Health Advocates**

**Community Development and Economic Justice Project**

**Consumer Law Project**

**Equal Justice Works Elder Justice AmeriCorps Program**

**Equal Justice Works Veterans Legal Corps**

**Fair Housing Enforcement Project**

**Finger Lakes Legal Care**

**Independent Consumer Advocacy Network**

**Kin-Help**

**Navigator**

**Nutrition Outreach and Education Program**

**Reentry Project**

**Senior Legal Services Project**

**Solutions to End Homelessness Program**

**Tenant Services Program**

**Veterans Legal Services Project**

**For more details on LawNY projects, visit [www.lawny.org/ourwork](http://www.lawny.org/ourwork)**

**Thank you to our board and committee members who have volunteered their time and services throughout the years.**

**Current LawNY Board Members**

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**Thank you to all of the federal agencies, state agencies, local governments, foundations, organizations and donors that have supported and continue to support our mission.**

Without your generosity, we would not be able to provide the wide variety of legal services we have offered through our last fifty years.

In 1968 Monroe County Bar Association and Action for a Better Community collaborated to create what would eventually become the Rochester office of LawNY. Tonight we recognize their vision and contributions to the mission of equal justice for all.

## Community Partner Awards



*The Monroe County Bar Association is a local bar association founded in 1892 that is dedicated to improving the quality and accessibility of justice and serving as the voice of the law profession in Monroe County. Throughout its existence, the Monroe County Bar has earned statewide and national recognition as an innovative leader among local voluntary bars. Those innovations include the unification of multiple legal service providers under a single roof in the Telesca Center for Justice.*



*Action for a Better Community, Inc. is one of nearly 1,000 nationally recognized Community Action Agencies (CAAs), established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. ABC promotes and provides opportunities for low-income individuals and families to become self-sufficient. ABC continuously works to remove barriers to self-sufficiency and help low income individuals and families get the support they need.*

## **A special thank you to:**



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Thank you for your support of this event as well as our goal of expanding access to justice to all members of our community.

The Genevieve and Nicholas Russo Family salute LawNY and its good work to improve our community and the world through advocacy, equality, and access for all to the justice system.

**"We are not required to finish the task of improving the world, but neither are we free to absolve ourselves from it." -Tarfon**

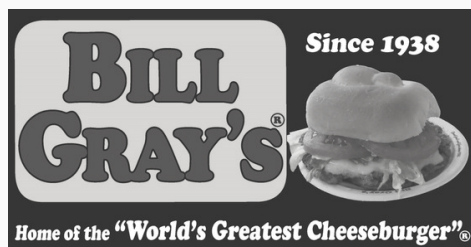


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**16 West William Street**

**P.O. Box 272 Bath, NY 14810**

**607-776-4126**

## **Elmira**

**215 East Church Street, Suite 301**

**Elmira, NY 14901**

**607-734-1647**

## **Ithaca**

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**Ithaca, NY 14850**

**607-273-3667**

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**115 East Third Street**

**Jamestown, NY 14701**

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## **Olean**

**103 South Barry Street**

**Olean, NY 14760**

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