

CITY OF ROCHESTER

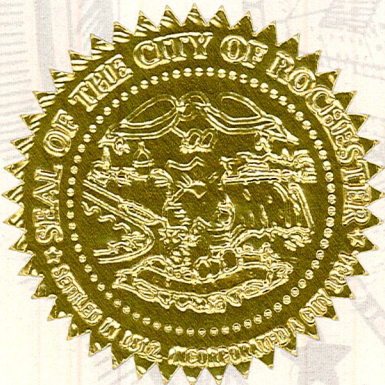
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** *Legal Assistance of Western New York (LawNY) celebrates 50 years of service to our Rochester community in 2018. The mission of this valuable not-for-profit corporation is to expand access to legal aid services to all members of our community – providing free legal aid and advice to low income individuals and other vulnerable populations with civil legal problems; and*
- WHEREAS:** *LawNY began in Rochester in 1968 when Action for a Better Community and Monroe County Bar Association joined together to create Monroe County Bar Legal Assistance Corporation (MCBLAC). In the first eight years of the formation of the original MCLAC, the agency was able to assist over 15,000 people by 1977. Over the next 42 years this small collaborative would grow to serve 14 counties of Western New York. Today LawNY serves over 18,000 low-income individuals per year (more than 4,000 in Rochester alone); and*
- WHEREAS:** *With a three-year grant from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation, LawNY Rochester entered into a new project – Finger Lakes Legal Care. The grant allows LawNY Rochester to expand its medical-legal project with Rochester Regional Health (RRH); LawNY also established a Consumer Law Unit (CLU) in 2017 to assist individuals with consumer law problems – resolving 345 hotline issues in just over a year – avoiding or eliminating over \$60,000 in debt for clients; Another recent project is the IOLA Community Development and Economic Justice Project aimed at attacking the root causes of poverty; and*
- WHEREAS:** *One of the most impactful contributions to the Rochester community is the agency's residency in the Telesca Center For Justice, 1 West Main St., the building in which LawNY and three other legal aid service providers reside (Empire Justice Center, Legal Aid Society of Rochester and Volunteer Legal Services Project). The Telesca Center made Monroe County the first in the nation to integrate all legal services providers under one roof; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The services of LawNY over the years have been monumental to many of the residents in our community – to those who would otherwise find themselves incapable of securing adequate legal services and, thus, tossed into a state of chaos. LawNY often helps people through the crisis – helping to secure stability and safety after the emergency is resolved. The City of Rochester is most grateful for the professional help provided by the attorneys, paralegals and other dedicated staff of LawNY to our many residents in dire need.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lovely A. Warren, Mayor of the City of Rochester, New York, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2018 to be a day to celebrate:

LAWNY 50TH ANNIVERSARY



In Witness Whereof, I Have hereunto set my hand on this twenty-seventh day of October in the year 2018.

Signed:

Mayor, Rochester, New York

NEW YORK STATE
SENATE



RICH FUNKE
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
55TH DISTRICT

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK ON THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the citizens of the 55th District to recognize and commend those dedicated and distinguished organizations that are committed to the pursuit of excellence for the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Legal Assistance of Western NY is one such organization, they provide legal assistance to those who cannot otherwise afford it, including those without health insurance, Veterans, the elderly, and the homeless, the success of Legal Assistance of Western NY in advocating for these groups makes for a better way of life for all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Legal Assistance of Western NY has risen from a small group into being one of the most prominent practices in the region with more than 50 staff members now employed in and around the Rochester area; and

WHEREAS, Legal Assistance of Western NY continues to collaborate with dozens of community organizations, including libraries, homeless shelters, healthcare providers, and veterans' organizations to help serve people in need; and therefore let it be

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Rich Funke, hereby congratulate Legal Assistance of Western NY on their 50th anniversary of practicing law; and be it further

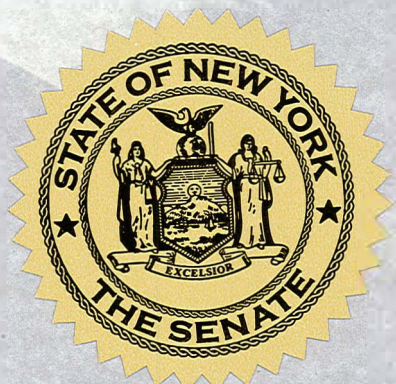
PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Legal Assistance of Western NY, Inc.

NOW BE IT RECOGNIZED that I, New York State Senator Rich Funke, HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand this twenty-seventh day of September in the year two thousand and eighteen.

Dated:

September 27, 2018

Rich Funke
New York State Senator
55th District



MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHERYL DINOLFO

Proclamation

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. has been a legal force for the underprivileged and most vulnerable in Monroe County for fifty years. With seven offices across fourteen counties in Western New York, the diverse and professional legal team has provided advice and litigation to generations of families and private citizens.

LawNY is a not-for-profit corporation that allows vulnerable populations to receive representation in the justice system. The citizens affected oftentimes do not have the resources or connections to seek legal help for civil disputes and struggles, and without the assistance of LawNY would be left defenseless. LawNY ensures that these individuals are granted access to their nationally endowed rights of self-advocacy and legal representation.

The individuals serviced by LawNY have often encountered struggles with landlords, health insurance providers, student debt, domestic violence, housing discrimination, homelessness and incarceration. Clients come from all backgrounds, ethnicities and walks of life. Hard times and civil disputes do not discriminate based on race, gender and age, and the mission of LawNY is to support anyone and everyone who may face a difficult situation.

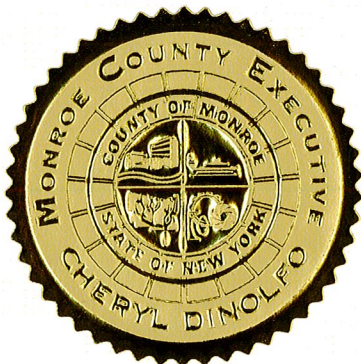
LawNY has grown into a well-known and professionally-managed legal defense over its 50-year history. The longer it has been in our community, the more our community members have utilized and benefited from their services. It is an incredible service to our community that LawNY operates in the best interest of the most vulnerable among us.

THEREFORE, I, Cheryl Dinolfo, Monroe County Executive, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 27, 2018 to be:

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK DAY

in Monroe County, for celebrating 50 years of legal support in our community, and building stronger individuals and stronger families among us.

I HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand this twenty-seventh day of September in the year two-thousand and eighteen.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cheryl Dinolfo".

CHERYL DINOLFO
MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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DAVID F. GANTT
Assemblyman 137TH District

CHAIRMAN
Transportation Committee

September 21, 2018

LawNY
One West Main Street, 4th Floor
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear LawNY,

Today it is an honor to recognize Legal Services of Western New York (LawNY) in celebration of fifty years of serving those in need in our community. For half a century LawNY has provided free legal assistance to those in poverty because it recognizes the importance of access to justice for all.

I commend and applaud the efforts of all current and former LawNY members who, for the past five decades, have dedicated themselves to advocate on behalf of thousands and thousands of people in need. Through the hard work and tireless devotion of LawNY staff, New Yorkers in Monroe County and across western New York receive life-changing services ranging from preventing homelessness to securing assistance for family members facing disability. I personally have had a part in securing funding for their re-entry project that assists individuals with criminal records overcome barriers to employment. Your compassion, perseverance, and drive to fight for those in need give us inspiration to work to better the lives of those around us.

I have always been a proud supporter of LawNY and I am deeply appreciative to all of you for the outstanding work you do to improve the lives of those in our community. I thank you on behalf of myself and the countless clients you have helped over the last fifty years. I wish you congratulations and a Happy 50th Anniversary!

Sincerely,

David F. Gantt

The State of New York



Proclamation

From the Majority Leader of the State Assembly

Whereas,

It is the practice of the New York State Assembly to take note of and publicly acknowledge those exemplary organizations whose purposeful work and distinguished service have positively impacted the lives of New York State residents; and

Whereas,

attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and honor Legal Assistance of Western New York as they mark 50 years of service to our community; and

Whereas,

for 50 years, Legal Assistance of Western New York has provided free legal services to every corner of the Western New York region, ensuring that the most vulnerable and often voiceless in our community have access to vital legal representation; and

Whereas,

we recognize and applaud Legal Assistance of Western New York for 50 years of moving our legal system toward greater equality and fairness in matters of housing and homelessness, health care, disability rights, education, domestic violence and sexual assault, family court, rehabilitation and reentry, and veterans services.

Now, therefore,

be it resolved that I, Joseph D. Morelle, Majority Leader of the State Assembly, do hereby recognize and express sincere gratitude to Legal Assistance of Western New York on the occasion of celebrating 50 years of service to our community and contributions to our legal system.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the New York State Assembly this 23rd day of September, Two Thousand and Eighteen

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle, Majority Leader