



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2017

It is with great pleasure that I announce that my friend and long-time Board Member, **Myra L. Freed**, has been nominated to serve as my successor as President of the New York Women's Bar Association. She was selected unanimously by the Nominating Committee because there simply is no person who is more qualified to serve as President of this esteemed organization. In 2007, Myra received the Association's Doris S. Hoffman Service Award for her commitment to serving NYWBA and enhancing the status of women in society and the law.



Deborah G. Rosenthal

Since joining in 1984, Myra has served on numerous NYWBA committees and held several officer and co-chair positions. She joined the NYWBA Board of Directors in 1998 and served as Vice President from 2002-2004. Most recently, she served as Corresponding Secretary from 2015-2016. She has been active on the Matrimonial Law Committee, which she chaired from 1988-1991. Congratulations, Myra! I am confident that the NYWBA will thrive under your stewardship!

Congratulations to new nominees for Director positions on the Board, **Melissa G. Ephron-Mandel**, who has served with distinction for many years as co-chair of the Civil Courts Committee, and to **Sabrina E. Morrissey**, who became a co-chair of the Elder Law and Disabilities Committee in 2016. Congratulations are also in order for long-time Board member **Dawn M. Cardi**, who is nominated to become Corresponding Secretary in June, 2017.

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Check www.nywba.org for more Meetings, Programs & Events.

The New York Women's Bar Association invites you to join us in honoring our special guests

The Newly Elected, Newly Appointed and Re-Elected Judges of New York County

at a **Cocktail Reception**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Ave., NYC
(at 44th St., across from Grand Central's west entrance)

Cost: **\$85 Members** (paid in advance);
\$100 Non-Members (paid in advance);
\$115 for all, at the door (space permitting)

Note: **No charge for:**

- Judges of the New York Court of Appeals
- Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- Justices of the Appellate Division, First Dept.
- Judges and Magistrates newly appointed in the Southern District of New York
- Judges and Justices who are *newly elected, newly appointed, or re-elected* in New York County

Sponsorship: Law firms, companies, and individuals are invited to make a donation to help support this event at the following sponsorship levels:
Platinum (\$1,000) Gold (\$750) Silver (\$500)

Sponsors will be acknowledged at the event, on our website, and in the NYWBA Newsletter, and they will be entitled to free admissions (Platinum-3; Gold-2; and Silver-1) (*Contributions of \$100 or more are welcome and will be recognized at the "Friend" level.*)

(Send an email to JudgesReception@nywba.org for details on how to contribute at the Friend level.)

Info: For questions or information, call (212) 490-8202 or email JudgesReception@nywba.org.

RSVP: <http://www.nywba.org/2017-judicial-reception/>

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Many thanks and best wishes to Past President **Jennifer P. Brown** and long-time Board member and current WBASNY Officer **Amy Saltzman**, who will join the NYWBA Advisory Council on June 1.

I invite all of you to our **Annual Judiciary Reception on February 28, 2017**, at the Yale Club. This event honors the newly elected, newly re-elected, newly appointed Federal and State judges in New York County. This is always a wonderful festivity, bringing together attorneys and jurists to celebrate the dedicated public servants that we are fortunate to have in New York County and at the Court of Appeals. Many thanks to **Magnolia D. Levy** and **Jennifer P. Brown**, who serve as co-chairs of this event, and to Executive Director, **Karen Lu**, and the entire Judiciary Reception team.

On January 12, we sponsored what I hope will be an annual event on Human Trafficking entitled, **"Combatting Sex Trafficking."** Thank you to **Proskauer Rose** for hosting this event and providing the CLE credits and to the co-chairs of the Domestic Violence Committee, NYWBA Recording Secretary **Amanda B. Norejko**, and **Laura A. Russell**, for planning this important event.

On January 19, the Children's Rights Committee sponsored the third part of our CLE on **Delinquency**. Thank you to Committee co-chairs, **Hon. Monica D. Shulman** and **Danielle M. Rodriguez**, and to Past President **Jo Ann Douglas** for planning these programs, which were offered free to 18-b Attorneys and Family Court Personnel.

On February 8, 2017, the NYWBA's Alternative Dispute Resolution, Matrimonial & Family Law, and Domestic Violence Committees, and the New York City Bar Matrimonial Law Committee, will be sponsoring a CLE program entitled, **"Mediation What's in it for Me – The Matrimonial and Family Law Practitioner."** This program will take place at the New York City Bar, which will also co-sponsor the program.

Finally, on page 5 you will find a memorial to **Dianne Abeloff**, one of our treasured past Presidents who passed away in December. Her life and contributions to NYWBA and the profession were extraordinary, and she will be sorely missed.

Deborah

NYWBA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At its **November 29, 2016** meeting, the *NYWBA Committee on Nominations* nominated the following candidates to serve for the positions and terms stated below. The elections will be held at the Association's Annual Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, April 26, 2017**.

OFFICERS (2017-2018)

President:	Myra L. Freed
Vice Presidents:	Virginia A. LoPreto Amy B. Goldsmith Amanda B. Norejko
Treasurer:	Jean J. Han
Recording Secretary:	Magnolia D. Levy
Corresponding Secretary:	Dawn M. Cardi

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors to be Installed (by Class)

Class of 2017-2020 (New Terms)

Michael W. Appelbaum	Jocelyn L. Jacobson
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Class of 2016-2019 (to fill unexpired terms)

Deborah G. Rosenthal	Andrea Vacca
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Class of 2015-2018 (to fill unexpired terms)

Melissa Ephron-Mandel	Sabrina E. Morrissey
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Directors Continuing in Office

Yacine Barry-Wun	Julie Hyman
Leona Beane	Hon. Kelly O'Neill Levy
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NYWBA DELEGATE NOMINEES TO WBASNY BOARD (2017-2018)

Yacine Barry-Wun	Marjorie A. Martin
Elizabeth A. Bryson	Amanda B. Norejko
Dawn M. Cardi	Deborah G. Rosenthal
Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin	Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann
Julie Hyman	Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff
Virginia A. LoPreto	

SUPPORT THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

The New York Women's Bar Association Foundation's goals are: (1) to eliminate gender bias and other forms of discrimination from the legal system and legal profession, (2) to promote the social and economic equality, safety and well being of women and children, and (3) to address the unmet legal needs of women and children. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization which supports and funds charitable and philanthropic programs to aid women and children throughout Manhattan and beyond.

NYWBAF initiatives are made possible through the financial contributions of members of the New York Women's Bar Association, colleagues and friends. Donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

Help us advance our mission to aid women and children in New York and beyond by giving to the Foundation. Please go to <http://nywbaf.org/donate> to make a contribution.

NYWBA wishes to acknowledge the generous gift from

**FOUNDER AND PAST PRESIDENT
HON. FLORENCE PERLOW SHIENTAG
(1908-2009)**

Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of this Newsletter and many of our CLE programs.

COMMITTEE NEWS

• **Alternative Dispute Resolution, Matrimonial & Family Law and Domestic Violence Committees** present a CLE entitled **"Mediation: What's In It For Me – The Matrimonial and Family Practitioner?"** on **Feb. 8** at 6:00 p.m. at the New York City Bar, 42 West 44th Street (btwn. 5th/6th Aves.), NYC. Email ADR@nywba.org with questions. For more information see notice p. 6.

• **Civil Courts Committee** will host its **Express Lunch Series Program: "Current Topics in Rent Regulation – High Rent Vacancy Deregulation"** on **Feb. 16** from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. at the New York County Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre Street, 12th Fl. Boardroom, NYC (White Street entrance only). RSVP CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org. See notice p. 7.

• **Criminal Law Committee** will meet **Feb. 6** at 6:15 p.m. at The Hoffinger Firm, 150 East 58th Street, 16th Fl., NYC. RSVP CrimLawChairs@nywba.org.

• **International Women's Rights Committee** will meet **Feb. 13** and **March 13** at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Mutual, One Battery Park Plaza, 29th Fl., NYC. RSVP IntlChairs@nywba.org.

• **Litigation Committee** will meet **Feb. 22** and **March 22** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD. RSVP Litigation@nywba.org.

• **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** will meet **Feb. 7** and **March 7** at 6:30 p.m. RSVP reproductiverights@nywba.org. The Committee will also present its annual program on **March 28** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., **"State of the Uterus: Reproductive Rights Policy & Activism in the Trump Era."** All meetings and events will take place at Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Ave., NYC (see notice, p. 7).

• **Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee** will host a meeting, **"Networking Strategies"** on **Feb. 16** at 8:30 a.m., location TBD. RSVP SSFChairs@nywba.org. The Committee also presents a CLE: **"The Discovery Dialog System: Effective Communications with Prospects and Clients"** on **March 16**, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (see notice, p. 7).

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

With their generous contributions, our sustaining members make it possible for us to accomplish so much more. We honor and thank them for their support.

Nicholas J. Bergman
William G. Goldsmith

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Monika Amirian
Catalina Cadavid
Athanasia Charmani
Susan E. Costigan
Katherine Erickson
Meredith Firetog
Hilary Gingold
William G. Goldsmith
Jandranka Jakovcic
Richa Khanna

Young Mee Kim
John A. Kornfeld
Robert H. Moses
Sara Rubin
Kate Thompson
Alice E. Vosmek
Chelsea A. Walcker
Tara M. Whelan

as of 1/18/17

NOTICE TO MEMBERS – ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **April 26, 2017**, when the President & Treasurer will present reports on the State of the Association and its finances, and the Association will hold elections for Officer, Director, and Delegate positions. (See p.2 for the NYWBA Nominations Committee Report, which includes a list of all open positions, terms of office and nominees, as well as a list of Directors continuing in office.)

Article XIV, Section 1 of the By-Laws provides that only members who are in good standing and whose membership dues were received by **January 31, 2017** may vote at the Annual Meeting.

Article XVII, Section 10 of the By-Laws provides that any fifty members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting may, by a writing delivered to the Corresponding Secretary not less than *forty days* prior to the Annual Meeting, propose candidates for officer or director positions to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Such petition must be *received* no later than **March 15, 2017** and must be addressed to Corresponding Secretary Magnolia D. Levy, New York Women's Bar Association, The Chrysler Building, 132 East 43rd Street, # 716, NYC 10017-4019.

The **Annual Meeting and Elections** will be held at **Frankfurt Kurniz Klein & Selz, PC**, 488 Madison Ave., NYC. Immediately after the elections, NYWBA will present an Ethics CLE Program (*program details to be announced soon*).

NOTES ON MEMBERS

NYWBA announces with great sadness that 1987-1988 Past President **Dianne Abeloff** passed away in December 2016 after a long battle with cancer. Ms. Abeloff had an illustrious 30-year career at the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct, where she was responsible for prosecuting physicians for professional misconduct ranging from sex abuse to gross deviations from accepted medical standards. She received the DOH Lifetime Achievement Award prior to her retirement in 2015. Condolences may be sent to her husband, Sanford (Sandy) Nager and their sons Max and Jake at 106 South Elliott Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217. For those wishing to make a donation in her memory, the preferred charity is Planned Parenthood Federation of America. See article p. 5.

Warm congratulations to Past President **Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann** on recently becoming Of Counsel at Dobrish, Michaels and Gross LLP.

Best wishes to Employment and Labor Law Co-Chair **Jessica Shpall Rosen** on the birth of her daughter, Amalia Henna Rosen, born on November 11, 2016.

Congratulations to NYWBA Board member **Julie Hyman** on her appointment to the Advisory Board of the Humane Society of New York. Ms. Hyman's appointment is in recognition of her personal and legal advocacy on behalf of animal rights.

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to Newsletter@nywba.org.

“Beyond Brooke S.B.: Litigating Same Sex Parenting Cases in the New Legal Landscape”
By Virginia A. LoPreto

On December 8, 2016 the NYWBA LGBT, Matrimonial and Family Law and Children’s Rights Committees presented a CLE program **“Beyond Brooke S.B.: Litigating Same Sex Parenting Cases in the New Legal Landscape”**. Against the sparkling Manhattan skyline, courtesy of JAMS and their Matrimonial Arbitration team of **Caroline M. Antonacci, Esq.** and **Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin**, the long-awaited demise of *Alison D.* was heralded as the rights of non-adoptive and non-biological parents were shepherded in with glee. If this sounds like a holiday song, it is, because *Brooke S.B.* is a gift, which, as our program illustrated, is likely to keep on giving.

This program was the work of three NYWBA Committees whose disciplines are most impacted by the Court of Appeals decision of ***In the Matter of Brooke S.B. v. Elizabeth A.C.C.***, 26 NY3d 901 (2016). As a former co-chair of the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee and current co-chair of the LGBT Committee, I had the honor of introducing the panel for the more than 70 attorneys and mental health professionals who attended: **Hon. Ellen Gesmer**, Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department of the New York State Supreme Court, who presided over a matrimonial part from October 2006 until her appointment to the Appellate Division in February, 2016, **Dr. Peter J. Favaro**, a child psychologist and court-appointed forensic expert, **Margaret Canby, Esq.** a partner at Blank Rome LLP and frequent lecturer on issues such as gender bias in custodial proceedings as well as one of the current attorneys representing Brooke S.B., and **Eric Wrubel, Esq.**, the chair of the matrimonial department of Warsaw Burstein LLP and lead appellate counsel to the appellant, the Attorney for the Child, before the Court of Appeals in *Brooke S.B.*

Justice Gesmer opened the program with the comment that there is no definition of “parent” anywhere in the Domestic Relations Law, and yet the Court of Appeals decision in *Alison D. v. Virginia M.* determined that a “parent” referred only to adoptive and biological parents. Since New York did not then allow same-sex marriages or second-parent adoptions, the decision effectively precluded same-sex parents from seeking custody or visitation against a biological parent. Justice Gesmer pointedly noted that the strong dissent of Hon. Judith Kaye in *Alison D.* focused on the best interest of the child and her concerns that children raised by unmarried couples would be at risk. In the years that followed *Alison D.*, the Court of Appeals, as well as lower courts, struggled, often times rendering decisions that could not be reconciled with *Alison D.* and its progeny.

Looking ahead to the filing of applications by parents who were denied access to their children under *Alison D.*, Dr. Favaro focused on those interventions likely to succeed. Suggesting that both legal and mental health professionals avoid using the “same set of rusty tools,” Dr. Favaro offered some new approaches he has used with success where the parent and child have become estranged. Notably, he praised the use of frequent non-contentious contacts among family members, rather than just separate therapy sessions.



Speakers: Dr. Peter Favaro; Margaret Canby, Esq.; Hon. Ellen Gesmer; Eric Wrubel, Esq. (l. to r.)

Ms. Canby represents Brooke S.B. in the custody proceedings and analyzed the Court of Appeal’s decision in terms of what it did and did not do: it did not set a uniform test for determining standing and instead limited its decision to fact that the plaintiffs in *Brooke S.B.* and in *Estrallita A. v. Jennifer D.*, also decided that day, had alleged that there was an agreement for both parents to raise the child. Ms. Canby also addressed how she envisioned the Court’s requirement that such agreement be proven by “clear and convincing evidence” be met.

Mr. Wrubel brought the program full circle with an insightful presentation of who is a “parent” now and how practitioners for parents and children should proceed, questioning whether the presumption of legitimacy married opposite sex couples enjoy would apply to same sex couples. He explained how same sex parents were applying to the courts for adoption orders to protect their status as parents in states and countries that may not otherwise be receptive to their rights. In addition, he cautioned that the bar not turn a blind eye to the other legal bases (*i.e.*, equitable estoppel and extraordinary circumstances) upon which to assert custodial rights, as well as the different ways a pre-conception agreement may be proven. Mr. Wrubel shared that he was most intrigued by Justice Pigott’s question during oral argument about the possibility of more than two parents — an issue that has already been raised in the related Second Department cases of *Giavonna F. P.-G. (Frank G.--Renee P.-F.)* and others that are being litigated in New York.

A spirited question and answer session followed the program, which concluded with a lovely reception provided by JAMS.

Virginia A. LoPreto is an Officer of the NYWBA and the Co-Chair of the LGBT Committee. Ms. LoPreto is a principal of LoPreto + Levy, LLP, a small boutique firm focused on the representation of parties in all aspects of matrimonial and family law matters.

Remembering Dianne Abeloff

By **Anne T. Schwab** (PAST PRESIDENT 1986), **Madeline C. Stoller** (PAST PRESIDENT 1983),
and **Irene A. Sullivan** (PAST PRESIDENT 1985)



Dianne Abeloff (Past President of NYWBA – 1987) passed away on December 9, 2016 after an almost 4 year struggle with stage 4 ovarian cancer. For those of us who knew her, we have wonderful memories of her smile, her wit, and her courage. For those who did not know Dianne, we want to tell you about a woman who was an attorney, a wife, mother, sister, friend, colleague, traveler, avid reader, theatre goer, and excellent athlete.

Dianne worked for 30 years at the New York State Office of Professional Misconduct rising through the ranks to Senior Counsel. She prosecuted doctors who engaged in professional misconduct and received the agency's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. Dianne volunteered her talents, time and energy to the NYWBA for many years, eventually becoming President in 1987. She recognized that women lawyers face challenges that their male colleagues do not, such as that women lawyers must constantly prove themselves to be accepted and to be respected as professionals. She believed it was very important to encourage women to become engaged in the practice of law and to stay engaged – especially by offering their support to other women in the legal profession. The NYWBA offered an opportunity for her to do that.

Dianne's life continued to enlarge while working and contributing her time to the NYWBA. She married (Sandy Nager), had two wonderful sons (Max and Jake), and added a pet bouvier, first Tika, and then Sadie, as her daily walking companions. With her husband and children, she travelled to many parts of the world. She continued her participation in competitive tennis, horseback riding, and cycling with her family. She encouraged her friends and colleagues to stay physically active and to follow her example of regular exercise. In addition to her work and her family, throughout her life she ensured that she made time for her friends, whether it was a luncheon date, a weekly tennis game, or long walks to work over the Brooklyn Bridge with a colleague. At the memorial service held on December 17, 2016, many of those friends shared fond memories of their time with Dianne.

Dianne faced her illness with determination and amazing courage; yet, she did not let it define her. She continued her involvement in sports, travelling, and volunteering at the Family Court in Brooklyn. (Yes, she won the case she was assigned.) Even in the later stage of her illness, Dianne was always there to offer encouragement and support to her friends and family. Her smile and wonderful laugh never failed.

There is so much more to say about Dianne. In the words of Past President Nancy Loudon (1984), "words are pathetically inadequate in capturing how special Dianne was."

We hope by sharing a little bit about Dianne, it will encourage other women lawyers to take time to develop their careers as part

of their lives as a whole; to take time for themselves, their friends and their family.

Dianne Abeloff will be deeply missed.

Contributions in memory of Dianne can be made to Planned Parenthood, Heifer International, or Nature Conservancy.

The strength of the NYWBA in the 1980's was a force to behold and propelled many careers forward, including mine. Dianne shared in the support, wisdom and friendship that was a bedrock to women in our profession and the people we serve. What a splendid colleague to us all. —Hon. Sheri R. Roman



Save the Date!

***The New York Women's Bar Association's
2017 Annual Awards and Installation Dinner***

***The President's Special Award
will be presented to
Chief Judge Hon. Janet DiFiore***

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Three Sixty°

10 Desbrosses Street, Tribeca, New York

***Cocktails and Silent Auction to benefit
the NYWBA Foundation and its
Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin Fellowship
at 6:00 p.m.***

Dinner and Program at 7:15 p.m.

**Stand Out When You Stand Up:
Preparing for Court – Essential Do's &
Don'ts to Make Your Case**
By Hon. Eileen N. Nadelson (Ret.)

The NYWBA *Civil Courts Committee*, in association with the *Assigned Counsel Plan of the Appellate Division, First Department*, had its first *Express Lunch Series CLE Program* of the season on October 25, 2016, entitled “*Stand Out When You Stand Up*”. The program, which had a record attendance and lively interaction, touched on being prepared for your court appearances and the essential “do’s” and “don’ts” for making an effective argument. *Hon. Eileen N. Nadelson (Ret.)* was joined by her former court attorney, *Jeffrey A. Helewitz, Esq.*, now a Special Referee at Supreme Court, New York County, in presenting the program.

The presentation focused on motion practice, which statutorily requires oral argument in the Civil Courts of New York. Since a large percentage of cases are settled well before trial, the only opportunity to argue your case before the court begins, and frequently ends, in motion practice. Advocacy is particularly crucial in a motion for summary judgment when the case may be continued or cast aside based upon arguments presented in court and in the brief. Beware of the misconception that motion practice is just that – “practice” – for the “real” test of trial. Therefore, preparation of your papers and for your argument is key.

Motion practice is governed under the Civil Practice Law and Rules (CPLR), Section 2214. The procedure is specific in the statute, so follow it as required, and don't forget to include the exhibits to back up your argument, including tabs for the judge! Believe it or not, the most crucial document in your motion papers is the Notice. If it does not accompany your filing, the motion will not be entertained by the court. Another tip provided was to be generous in granting extensions to the statutory time for response, which may derail your adversary's argument that he or she did not have sufficient time to respond to your papers.

The audience was cautioned to never use an Order to Show Cause in lieu of the standard motion papers, unless, of course, the case warrants expediency. Examples may be dissipation or damage or secretion of the assets underlying the action. Remember, also, to check out the jurisdictional limitations in the Civil Court Act, Article 2. While the issues are similar under the CPLR, your civil court action may be constrained to monetary ceilings (\$25,000) and some specific applications.

The second part of the program dealt with court demeanor and collegial conduct. There were a number of comments from the attendees relating to uncivil, hostile, even brutal, behavior from adversaries and colleagues. The key is to keep your cool, without retort, *i.e.*, avoid playing in the mud. Be forewarned that judges do not like such demonstrations, and whether or not the jurist steps in to stop the fray, it will register.

Do not be stonewalled by a continuing lack of communication by your adversary. Keep making contact and document each

*NYWBA's Alternative Dispute Resolution,
Matrimonial & Family Law, Domestic Violence
Committees, and the New York City Bar
Matrimonial Law Committee*

present a CLE Program:

***Mediation: What's In It For Me -- the
Matrimonial and Family Law Practitioner?***

Speakers:

Jenifer J. Foley, Alter, Wolff & Foley, LLP
Antoinette Delruelle, Senior Staff Attorney and
Founder of The Mediation Project at NYLAG
Elizabeth (“Libby”) Fee, The Law Offices of
Kraus, Diamond & Fee, PLLC

Hon. Deborah Kaplan, Statewide Coordinating Judge
for Family Violence Cases

Dan Weitz, Statewide ADR Coordinator,
NYS Office of Court Administration

Moderator:

Lisa M. Courtney, Special Projects Counsel,
NYS Office of Court Administration

Date: *Wednesday, February 8, 2017*

Time: *6:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

Place: *New York City Bar*, 42 West 44th Street, NYC
(between 5th/6th Avenues)

CLE: *Credits: 2.5 Professional Practice**

Cost: *Free* for NYWBA Members

Info: Email *ADR@nywba.org*

RSVP: *http://bit.ly/2jjNs5w*

* *CLE Credits:* The New York City Bar is an accredited CLE provider. Approval of CLE credit is pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board for the above-listed credit hours for established attorneys and as transitional credit hours for newly admitted attorneys.



attempt. Apprise the court of your perseverance even if it is to no avail. Speaking from my own experience as Judge, the court recognizes that a lapse in communication slows the process, so the chances are favorable for some judicial intervention on your behalf and on behalf of judicial economy.

The bottom line is to serve your clients competently and professionally. In that vein, always remember that it all boils down to preparation and professional conduct.

Hon. Eileen N. Nadelson (Ret.) is a member of the Civil Courts Committee and is the founder of *Judge For Yourself*, a mentoring service that prepares attorneys for court.

NYWBA Civil Courts Committee

presents:

**A Civil Court Express Lunchtime Series Event
Current Topics in Rent Regulation: High Rent
Vacancy Deregulation**

with speakers:

Eileen O'Toole, Esq.
Elizabeth Donoghue, Esq.

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017

Time: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Place: NY County Civil Court
111 Centre Street, 12th Fl. Boardroom
(White Street entrance only)

RSVP: Email CivilCourtChairs@nywba.org

Note: Space is limited & RSVP is required.

NYWBA's Solo and Small Firm Committee

presents the following CLE Program:

**The Discovery Dialog System: Effective
Communications with Prospects and Clients**

featuring speakers

Amy B. Goldsmith, Esq.
Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP

Charles Bernard
Criteria for Success

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP
1350 Broadway, NYC
12th Floor Boardroom

CLE: 1 Credit pending*

Cost: Free for NYWBA members **
\$35 for non-members

RSVP & Info: Email SSFChairs@nywba.org

* 1 CLE credit (0.5 professional practice, 0.5 skills): NYWBA is an accredited CLE provider. Approval of CLE credit is pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board for the above-listed credit hours for established attorneys and as transitional credit hours for newly admitted attorneys

** Free NYWBA members, \$35, non-member: Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For info on the guidelines and to apply, contact CLE Co-Chairs **Amy B. Goldsmith** or **Ariel Chesler** at cle@nywba.org or 212-216-1135. All requests are confidential.

**NYWBA's Reproductive Rights and
Women's Health Committee**

presents

**State of the Uterus:
Reproductive Rights Policy &
Activism in the Trump Era**

featuring

Stephanie Demmons

Director of Community Organizing,
Planned Parenthood NYC

Emily Kadar

Government Affairs and Advocacy Manager,
National Institute for Reproductive Health

Jennifer Keighley

Staff Attorney, Planned Parenthood
Federation of America

Bethany Van Kampen

Policy Analyst, National Latina Institute
for Reproductive Health

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Time: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Program

Place: Blank Rome LLP
The Chrysler Building
405 Lexington Ave., NYC

CLE: 1.5 Credits pending*

Cost: Free for NYWBA Members
\$35 for Non-Members**

Info: Email ReproductiveRights@nywba.org

RSVP: www.nywba.org/?p=2045

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