



The Legal Project

Pro Bono Corner May 2013

Lisa A. Frisch, Executive Director

2013 Spring Appeal

We have been very fortunate to receive a **matching grant challenge** from a generous donor who prefers to remain anonymous, to enhance our immigration pro bono efforts, including our assistance for immigrant victims of domestic violence. A grant of **\$20,000** will be made to **The Legal Project** through the **Community Foundation of the Greater Capital District**, *matching each contribution made dollar for dollar, so any donation you make will be doubled.* We have already received a wonderful donation by the **Capital District Women’s Bar Association** of \$2,440 toward this match and a **New York State Bar Foundation** grant of \$2500 for our immigration project, so we are well on our way but *we need your help to make this match!* Tax deductible donations can be made by check or online on our secure website at www.legalproject.org.

2013 Pro Bono Society and Kate Stoneman Events at Albany Law School

The week of April 8th was a busy one at Albany Law School, one of The Legal Project’s wonderful community partners. On April 9th, Executive Director Lisa Frisch was the keynote speaker at the Pro Bono Society Awards Dinner, where many students, pro bono attorneys and community organizations were honored, including The Legal Project. Our relationships with Albany Law School; and with the students, are very important to us, and we were thrilled to accept a Community Partner Award from the Pro Bono Society.



“Nic” Rangel, Pro Bono Fellow, Lisa Frisch and Waqar Sajid, President, Pro Bono Society

2013 Kate Stoneman Awards

Executive Director Lisa Frisch was honored at the Kate Stoneman Awards with a Special Recognition on April 10, 2013. She was thrilled to receive this recognition and honored to be in the presence of the other award winners, listed below.



Hilary Charlesworth, Albany Law School Dean Penelope Andrews, Patricia Williams, Lisa Frisch and Elizabeth Loewy

Lisa also moderated a panel for the Stoneman conference, *Human Rights, Gender and the Law: The State of Equality in Comparative Perspective.* Gwen Wright, Acting Executive Director of the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Professor Janet Calvo of CUNY Law School, Hon. Marjory D.Fields, and Elizabeth Loewy, ADA, Chief of the Elder Abuse Unit, Manhattan DA’s Office were panelists.



Winifred Widmer, Class of 1954 with Executive Director Lisa Frisch. Ms. Widmer was the only woman in her law school class and is a prior Kate Stoneman awardee.

Free CLE Event: How Language Helps Shape our Response to Gender Based Violence

To be held 1 pm, May 30, 2013 at the College of St. Rose.

Claudia Bayliff, Esq., a consultant with the National Judicial Education Program, will be presenting a 2.0 Credit CLE workshop (through the Albany County Bar Association) on this important topic of how language can frame the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. This fascinating, interactive workshop is appropriate for attorneys, judges, law enforcement, advocates, the media and other community partners who deal in some way with intimate partner violence and sexual assault in their work. For more information, please contact Lisa at lfrisch@legalproject.org or Yvonne Masse at Equinox Domestic Violence Services ymasse@equinoxinc.org or (518) 434-6135.

Thank you for volunteering in March!

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