



New York City at a Crossroads: The Role of Civil Legal Services in Preserving Diverse Communities

**Friday, November 13, 2015
Conference Agenda**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration and Breakfast

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM: Keynote Address: Honorable Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Plenary Panel

Panelists:

Steven Banks, HRA Commissioner

Julissa Ferreras, New York City Council Member

Rory Lancman, New York City Council Member

Jumaane D. Williams, New York City Council Member

10:45 AM – 12:35 PM: Workshop Session 1

- A. Reimagining Rezoning: Organizing and Legal Strategies to Support Equitable Neighborhood Change
- B. Children in Removal: Rights and Challenges of Children from Detention to Settlement in New York
- C. Best Practices for Breach of Lease Collection Actions
- D. Criminal Law for the Civil Practitioner: Understanding and Navigating NYC's Criminal Justice System
- E. Organizing and Representing Tenants Groups: HP Proceedings, 7A Cases, Rent Strikes and Harassment Cases

**12:45 PM – 1:30 PM: Lunch and Remarks by
Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker New York City Council**

1:45 PM – 3:35 PM: Workshop Session 2

- A. Housing and Worker Co-ops as Alternatives to Economic Exploitation
- B. One Strike and You're Out...of Your Home? Defending Against the Housing Consequences of Drug-Related Arrests
- C. Maximizing Benefits and Protecting the Rights of Low Income and Regulated Tenants of 421-a Buildings
- D. Immigrant Workers' Rights Advocacy: Immigration Relief for Victims of Labor Law Violations
- E. Stand for Tenant Safety: Legal Strategies for Protecting Tenant Health and Preventing Displacement

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM: Workshop Session 3

- A. How to Maintain SCRIE/DRIE Benefits and Preserve Diversity Across Generations
- B. Ethical Concerns for Busy Public Interest Lawyers
- C. Introduction to Employment and Labor Laws Affecting Low Wage and Immigrant Workers
- D. Legal Services in the Context of the Black Lives Matter Movement
- E. Healthcare Access for Undocumented Immigrants: The World of PRUCOL

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Closing Reception

**Registration required and space limited. Please RSVP
by October 30, 2015 at:**

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community-based legal services providers and city-wide public interest advocacy groups that receive funding from a variety of public and private sources.

Together the 14 groups employ over 400 lawyers, advocates, organizers and other staff members who provide critical assistance benefitting nearly 120,000 low-income individuals every year through innovative legal services delivery models.

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