

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

OUR MISSION

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York fights for **fairness, dignity, and justice** for those living in poverty and for a society which is **inclusive and equitable** for all. We transform lives, build community and empower people by using the law to address individual and systemic wrongs and inequities.

SERVING 16 COUNTIES

- Albany
- Clinton
- Columbia
- Essex
- Franklin
- Fulton
- Greene
- Hamilton
- Montgomery
- Rensselaer
- Saratoga
- Schenectady
- Schoharie
- St. Lawrence
- Warren
- Washington
- & the St. Regis
- Mohawk Reservation

OUR VALUES

- We believe equal justice for all means protecting and advancing the rights of the most vulnerable.
- We recognize that the barriers of poverty are compounded by discrimination due to characteristics such as nationality, race, ethnicity, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, and political affiliation.
- We provide transformative justice through collaborative, everyday legal services on behalf of poor people.
- We live and work in our communities for positive change, promoting growth and human potential, redressing systemic and historic wrongs, seeking the freedom and equitable participation for all in civic, economic, and social life.
- We use the full range of legal tools and work with key partners and communities to achieve creative and innovative solutions.
- We listen, learn from, and empower the communities we serve by addressing their needs and being accountable for our work.
- Our culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion reflects our values inside and out.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of LASNNY,

As we reflect on 2025, one thing is clear: access to justice changes lives. Every day, we see how timely legal support can mean the difference between stability and crisis for individuals and families across our region.

2025 AT A GLANCE

This year, LASNNY grew to more than 130 staff members across six offices serving 16 counties in upstate New York. With that growth came greater impact. Every new attorney and advocate expands our ability to help families stay in their homes, support survivors seeking safety, and ensure people receive the benefits and protections they are entitled to under the law.

In 2025, we handled over 9,000 cases, each representing someone's safety, stability, and future. Our work was also recognized with the Excellence in Local Impact Award from the Capital Region Chamber, reflecting the strength of a team committed to showing up for our communities every day.

WHAT JUSTICE LOOKS LIKE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

Justice is shaped by who is able to access it. The majority of those we serve include women, veterans, and seniors, to name just a few, many of whom are navigating urgent challenges while trying to maintain stability.

Upstate New York is a region defined by resilience and a strong civic fabric, but too many people still face barriers rooted in systemic inequities. At LASNNY, we address both the immediate need and the broader systems behind it. We advocate for individuals while working to create lasting, meaningful change.

BUILDING BRIDGES BEYOND THE COURTROOM

Our work extends beyond individual cases. Through partnerships with courts, community organizations, and legal networks, we help shape policies and practices that expand access to justice. By bringing the experiences of our clients into these spaces, we work to ensure that systems better reflect and serve the communities most affected by them.

LOOKING AHEAD

This work is only possible because of a strong and dedicated community. To our staff, partners, and volunteers, thank you for your commitment. To our clients, thank you for trusting us. And to our donors and supporters, your investment makes this work possible.

As we look to 2026, we remain focused on strengthening access to justice across our region. The need continues to grow, and so does our resolve to meet it.

With gratitude,



Nic Rangel, Esq.
LASNNY Executive Director



LASNNY BY THE NUMBERS

LASNNY provides a range of targeted programs designed to address the most pressing legal needs across our 16-county region. These services vary by county to ensure the right support is available where it is needed most.

To learn more about each program and service area, please visit lasnny.org.

PROGRAMS

- Disability Advocacy Program (DAP)
- Crime Victim's Attorney Project (CVAP)
- Domestic Violence Legal Assistance
- Foreclosure Prevention Project
- Eviction Protection Program
- HIV/AIDS Law Consortium (HALC)
- Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC)
- Senior Legal Services (SLS)
- Education Law Project (ELP)
- Workers Protection Program (WPP)
- Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP)

2025 CLOSED CASES

PLATTSBURGH	1,029
CANTON	1,055
AMSTERDAM/ GLOVERSVILLE	1,349
SARATOGA	1,952
ALBANY	3,682
TOTAL	9,067

895 CASES HANDLED BY
PRIVATE ATTORNEYS PRO BONO

153 INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED
THROUGH PRO SE CLINICS

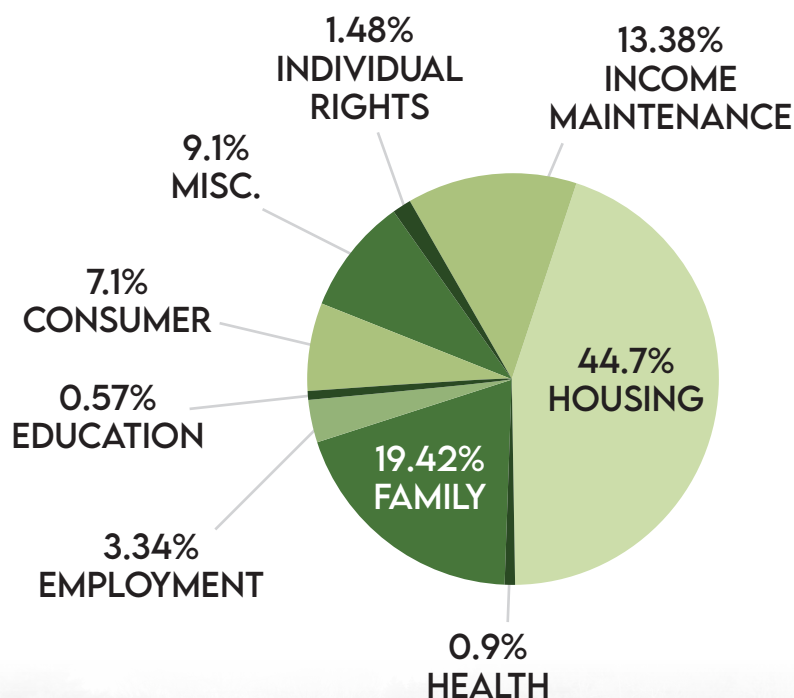
9,067 CASES CLOSED
BENEFITING **18,941 INDIVIDUALS**

8,443 INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED
THROUGH OUTREACH

\$1.62 MILLION

SECURED IN SSD/SSI
BENEFITS FOR CLIENTS

CASE TYPES



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of LASNNY,

It was an honor to serve as President of the Board of Directors during 2025, a year that demonstrated both the growing need for civil legal services and the strength of this organization in meeting that need.

Across Northeastern New York, too many individuals and families continue to face complex legal challenges without the resources to navigate them alone. Whether the issue is housing stability, access to public benefits, or safety from domestic violence, the consequences are immediate and deeply personal. What stands out to me, time and again, is how LASNNY meets those moments with skill, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to dignity.

In 2025, LASNNY expanded its reach and impact, growing to over 130 staff across six offices and handling over 9,000 cases across the region. Behind each of those numbers is a person, a family, or a community whose future was shaped by having access to trusted legal support. That work is made possible not only by dedicated staff, but also by the many partners, pro bono attorneys, and supporters who stand alongside this organization.

From a board perspective, our role is to ensure that LASNNY remains strong, sustainable, and responsive to the communities it serves. This past year, we have been focused on supporting the organization's continued growth, strengthening its infrastructure, and positioning it for the future. We are proud to support an organization that is both deeply rooted in its communities and forward-looking in its approach to expanding access to justice.

I am especially grateful for the leadership of Executive Director Nic Rangel and her team, whose vision and commitment continue to guide this work. Together, staff, board members, volunteers, and supporters are building something that is both impactful today and essential for the future.

As we look ahead, the need for civil legal services will only continue to grow. With that need comes opportunity: to deepen partnerships, expand capacity, and ensure that more people can access the legal help they deserve.

Thank you for being part of this work. Your support helps make access to justice a reality across our region.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Mills, Esq.
President, LASNNY Board of Directors (2025)



JUSTICE FOR ALL AWARDS

LASNYY was honored to host the 2025 Justice for All Awards at the historic Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, bringing together attorneys, advocates, and community partners committed to expanding access to justice across the Capital District and North Country.

The event celebrated an exceptional group of honorees whose leadership and service reflect the mission and values of LASNYY. We are grateful to our sponsors and Honorary Committee, whose support made this inspiring evening possible and continues to strengthen our work on behalf of the communities we serve.



Dr. Nilanjana Dasgupta (left), Executive Director Nic Rangel (right)

2025 HONOREES

JUSTICE FOR ALL (LAW FIRM) AWARD

Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, *Paul Buehler, Esq.*

JUSTICE FOR ALL (INDIVIDUAL) AWARD

Elisabeth A. Ruthman, Ph.D.

PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT (PAI) PRO BONO AWARD

Dena Defazio, Esq.

RUTH M. MINER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Tracy Pitcher, MSW

WILLIAM E. BYRON EQUAL JUSTICE AWARD

Michelle Sandoz-Dennis

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

St. Joseph's Outreach Center

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JOIN US FOR THE NEXT JUSTICE FOR ALL AWARDS ON
OCTOBER 7, 2026, AT THE EDISON IN SCHENECTADY

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ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

LASNYY's Annual Golf Classic brings legal professionals together for a beautiful summer day on the course, featuring networking opportunities, contests, and prizes, all in service of programs that transform lives in our community.

The 2025 Classic, held at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Clifton Park, welcomed dozens of attendees and raised vital funds to advance our work providing no-cost civil legal services.

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CHEVROLET

NINE YEARS, ONE ATTORNEY, AND THE FIGHT FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

A LASNNY CLIENT STORY

Somewhere in their home, a senior cat is likely napping in a patch of sunlight. Ian and his partner, Michelle, have built a quiet life caring for older cats, giving them love and comfort in their final years. Ian finds it deeply fulfilling. "I try to do as much good as I can," he said.

It's a peaceful image – one Ian spent nine years fighting to achieve.

Since 2016, Ian has been trying to secure the Social Security Disability benefits he is entitled to, a struggle familiar to many living with invisible disabilities. What isn't visible on the outside often tells only part of the story. Ian has faced mental health challenges for much of his life, shaped in part by a difficult childhood.

In 2016, after accompanying his father to medical appointments at the VA, Ian experienced profound loss when his father was hospitalized and later passed away. The impact on Ian's mental health was overwhelming. His depression made it impossible to work. "You don't know when you'll get out of it," he said.

With encouragement, Ian began therapy through a family counseling program. His therapist suggested applying for Social Security Disability benefits, an idea that initially surprised him. "I saw depression as something you keep to yourself," Ian said. "So it really opened my eyes."

He applied and was denied. "It's usual to get denied the first time," he said. "I didn't know that. I was ready to give up." After a private attorney failed to show up for a scheduled meeting, Ian's therapist pointed him to the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York.

Before LASNNY, Ian knew "absolutely nothing" about the process. "I had no idea what was going to happen," he said. "I didn't know if I was going to have to defend myself."

At LASNNY, he found both support and an advocate in attorney Allison Zaloba. "She took ahold of my case and was so organized," Ian said. "She gave me a lot of hope. When I had Allison, I never lost faith."

Allison gathered years of medical records and built a comprehensive case that reflected the full scope of Ian's disability. For the first time, Ian felt believed in.

After a hearing in December 2022, his claim was denied again in June 2023. But Allison did not stop. She appealed, revisited the record, and prepared for a second hearing in September 2025.

On October 21, 2025, Ian received the news: he had been awarded benefits, retroactive to August 2016, totaling over \$110,000. "It was worth continuing and not giving up," he said. "I had the right people in my corner."

Today, Ian no longer has to worry about where the money will come from. He can focus on his mental health and building a better life with Michelle and their cats. "My dad would be proud of me," he said.

For others who feel denied, discouraged, or out of options, Ian has a message: **"Legal Aid gave me hope. They do care about each and every person."**

DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

248

CASES CLOSED

91 WINS

3 REMANDS

117 TOTAL CASES

REPRESENTED BEFORE SSA

77.77 %

PERCENTAGE
OF WINS

\$2,235,391

RETROACTIVE
BENEFITS TO CLIENTS

\$144,458.40

IAR

(MONEY RECOVERED
BY THE COUNTIES)



LASNNY clients Michelle & Ian, (left)
and their attorney, Allison Zaloba (right)

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

A LASNNY CLIENT STORY

When Elaine lost her daughter, Maya, Brandon also lost his mother. Brandon was seven years old when Maya was murdered by her abusive ex-husband.

Brandon is non-verbal and autistic and was in custody of his stepmother after his mother's death, who at one point allowed six months to pass without letting Elaine visit Brandon. She didn't know how her grandson was doing, or when she would see him again.

"It was tough. I didn't know where to turn," Elaine said.

She took it upon herself to find help. The first time she went to court, Elaine went alone, not knowing the type of help she was entitled to. She searched for an attorney and found LASNNY online. She was connected with Barbara Lynne Gifford, a Domestic Violence Senior Staff Attorney in Saratoga Springs. Barbara came into the picture exactly when Elaine needed her.

"She fought the hardest, right there beside me," said Elaine.

Elaine and Barbara went through months of litigation together. It became clear that Brandon's stepmother had left him with his paternal grandmother, and his medical needs were neglected. Elaine also discovered that the stepmother had pursued custody because of the Social Security Survivor Benefits in Brandon's name – not out of concern for him.

In August, Elaine was awarded sole custody of Brandon, with no visitation rights granted to his father. The moment she found out, she was overjoyed and gave Barbara a big hug.

"If it wasn't for her, I never would've gotten here.

She was definitely devoted. She made it a lot easier."

When Brandon first came to Elaine, he was struggling developmentally. He hadn't even known that his mother had passed away, but was told she had left him. Elaine sat with him and told him the truth. She has been doing everything she can to help him thrive and honor her daughter.

"She'd be happy he's with me," Elaine said. "She would just want him to be happy and healthy, and to be the normal little boy that he should've been able to be."

Brandon is now nine years old and is fully caught up at the second-grade level, no longer in diapers, and loves math and playing with his cousin. Elaine says that he's excelling in almost everything he does.

Elaine now hosts an annual domestic violence awareness event in honor of Maya, bringing together survivors and advocates and giving people a chance to have a voice. She knows what it is to stand alone with nowhere to turn.

"It's okay to feel what you're feeling while you're going through it, to be unsure and scared," Elaine said. "You're not alone. There is definitely help out there. Don't give up. You never know when it'll turn."

Because of LASNNY, Elaine did not have to face the legal system alone. With an experienced advocate by her side, she was able to secure safety, stability, and a future for her grandson.

Every day, LASNNY stands with survivors and families in moments like these, helping them navigate complex legal challenges and rebuild their lives with dignity and support."

**CLIENT NAMES CHANGED FOR PRIVACY*

“IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE I CAN FINALLY BE A PART OF SOCIETY, NOW THAT I HAVE AN INCOME. I FINALLY FEEL FREE.”

— LASNNY DAP CLIENT



PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT (PAI)

895 CASES OPENED

407 CASES ACCEPTED BY VOLUNTEERS

1064 HOURS VOLUNTEERED

109 VOLUNTEERS WHO ACCEPTED CASES

- 93 LICENSED ATTORNEYS
- 1 PARALEGAL
- 15 LAW GRADUATES/STUDENTS

43 PRO SE DIVORCE CLINICS HOSTED

21 ATTORNEY FOR THE DAY EVENTS HOSTED

4 KNOW YOUR RIGHTS EVENTS CO-HOSTED

- 3 WITH IN OUR OWN VOICES
- 1 INTERNAL

3 NAME CHANGE CLINICS HOSTED

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- BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY
- SCHENECTADY PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 CLE'S PROVIDED

For many in the communities we serve, 2025 felt heavy. Laws changed. Policies shifted. Information was hard to follow, and the consequences felt personal. Families worried about staying in their homes. Workers questioned their job security. The uncertainty wasn't abstract. It showed up in sleepless nights, difficult conversations at the dinner table, and the quiet fear of not knowing where they could turn.

In the middle of that uncertainty, our volunteers remained a steady and reliable presence. They provided clarity when the path forward felt uncertain. They brought stability to complicated situations and treated clients with dignity, patience, and respect. Even as the legal landscape continues to evolve, our volunteers remain constant. Offering not just their skill and professionalism, but reassurance and compassion when it matters most.

LASNNY is thankful to our volunteers who continue to give their time and talent, for showing what access to justice truly looks like. As the need for assistance continues to grow, we invite others to lend their time and talent. This work is stronger, and our impact greater, when more of us carry it together.

Thank you,



MALLORY GIBSON
PAI DIRECTOR



PRO BONO HONOREES

Our 2025 Pro Bono Honorees exemplify the dedication and generosity that has expanded access to justice across our region. Through their time, expertise, and commitment to serving others, they have made a meaningful difference in the lives of LASNNY clients.

Victoria Esposito, Esq., a visiting assistant professor at Albany Law School and former LASNNY Advocacy Director, was recognized for her outstanding pro bono service in 2025. She represents income-eligible tenants facing eviction at their initial housing court appearances, helping secure stability at critical moments. Her work also includes advancing access to housing and public benefits, and she plays a key role in mentoring future attorneys, often bringing law students into housing court to encourage pro bono service and deepen their understanding of the legal system.

Kaitlyn McClaine, Esq., of Barclay Damon LLP, was honored for her impactful pro bono contributions in 2025. In addition to her legal practice, she is dedicated to supporting women and immigrants through volunteer legal services. Her work with LASNNY's Private Attorney Involvement Program included successfully defending a client in a zoning case, saving them from substantial fines and preserving their financial stability. Her advocacy reflects a strong commitment to using legal expertise to achieve meaningful outcomes for those in need.

2025 PAI VOLUNTEERS

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Dormin, John	Khanna, Ann	Peck, Kristen	Snyder, Christine	Wolf, Elizabeth*
Dribusch, Christian	Knox, James C.	Pfeiffer, Justin	Soltus, Ross	<i>*licensed paralegal</i>

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Pro bono volunteers allow the opportunity for justice for all, especially for those who come to LASNNY for help. The need for legal services far outweighs attorney resources. Usually, we—YOU—are the only chance at ensuring our clients' legal interests are protected and they receive a fair and just outcome—something everyone deserves. The PAI program facilitates this.



For more about different volunteer opportunities, benefits, and more, email pai@lasnny.org.

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“I contribute to the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York because, after working in corporate practice in New York City, I left and became a legal aid attorney myself in St. Louis, New York City and West Virginia before joining the faculty at Albany Law School.

I personally saw the importance of our work to the lives of our clients in each of those cities.

I hope many will join me in supporting the Legal Aid Society.”

— STEPHEN GOTTLIEB
ALBANY LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR,
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TURNING RESOURCES INTO JUSTICE: HOW WE INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES

In 2025, every dollar entrusted to us was used to expand access to justice across 16 counties in Northeastern New York.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT – AND WHAT IT MADE POSSIBLE

GENERAL CLIENT PROGRAM SERVICES

81%

\$17,165,554 was invested in attorneys, paralegals, client services coordinators, and essential tools to deliver legal services across our region, including rural and underserved communities. This includes outreach clinics and partnerships with community organizations.

This represents the majority of our funding because it reflects the core of our work: turning legal expertise into stability, safety, and economic security.

MANAGEMENT & GENERAL

15.7%

\$3,339,452 was devoted to operations, finance, human resources, and coordination to support programs and ensure services reach as many people as possible. This investment ensured responsible stewardship of over **\$21 million** in funding, supported grant compliance and reporting, and coordinated services across one-third of the state.

Strong operational support makes this work possible.

PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT

2%

\$436,654 supported our private attorney involvement program, expanding our ability to serve more community members through pro bono partnerships. This funding maintained compliance with federal and state requirements and supported ongoing training to strengthen advocacy in complex cases.

Pro bono volunteers extend our reach and deepen our impact across the region.

FUNDRAISING

1.3%

\$245,926 supported programs, events, and campaigns that strengthen relationships with current and future supporters and sustain our work.

Our supporters are essential partners in advancing access to justice.

TOTAL 2025 EXPENSES:
\$21,187,586

HOW LASNNY IS FUNDED

State, County & City Grants	\$7,794,540
Judiciary Civil Legal Services	\$6,375,430
Interest on Lawyers Accounts	\$3,865,499
Legal Services Corp	\$2,435,921
Other Federal Funds	\$1,173,687
Miscellaneous Income	\$442,919
Individuals, Corps, & Law Firms	\$194,578
Other Grants	\$59,525

TOTAL REVENUE
\$22,342,099

RETURN ON IMPACT

LASNNY is an investment in your community.

For every \$1 invested into legal services = \$6 returned in economic benefit, including benefits secured, avoided shelter costs, and increased stability.

In 2025, LASNNY returned an economic benefit to the community of more than \$100,000,000.

MEETING A GROWING DEMAND

As many clients as we were able to serve, others were turned away due to limited resources. The need continues to outpace capacity.

With additional funding and resources, we could:

- Serve hundreds more
- Expand housing stability services in high-need areas
- Increase access to legal services for rural communities

EVERY DOLLAR YOU INVEST EXPANDS ACCESS TO JUSTICE.

Together, we are turning financial resources into housing, safety, and stability for our neighbors.

SCAN TO DONATE



A PATH TO STABILITY FOR SARA

A LASNNY CLIENT STORY

In October 2024, Sara S. reached out to LASNNY as she faced foreclosure on her two-family home in Schenectady. The situation was complicated: the property was jointly owned with her estranged husband, and multiple liens and financial hurdles stood in the way of a resolution.

Attorney Stuart Thalblum helped Sara understand her options and take action. He filed a Notice of Limited Appearance and worked with her to prepare and submit a legal response, including a cross-claim related to the shared ownership of the property. Over the following months, Stuart represented Sara at several settlement conferences and guided her through each stage of the process.

At the same time, Sara was working with housing counselor Kara Collins at Better Community Neighborhoods, Inc. Together with LASNNY, they helped Sara apply for a mortgage modification, respond to ongoing requests from the bank, and strengthen her financial position. With their guidance, Sara took steps to increase rental income from her tenants and address outstanding tax obligations.

One of the biggest challenges was securing clear ownership of the property. Sara needed either her estranged husband's cooperation or a legal transfer of his interest. With Stuart's help, she successfully obtained and recorded a quitclaim deed, clearing a major obstacle.

As negotiations continued, an unexpected breakthrough occurred. New York State announced it would forgive all remaining Homeowner Assistance Fund loans, eliminating \$48,000 in subordinate debt tied to Sara's property.

With this barrier removed, Sara was able to accept a revised loan modification. She paid off her tax arrears, finalized the agreement, and signed a stipulation to end the foreclosure case. In August 2025, the case was formally closed, and the cloud on her title lifted.

With LASNNY and its partners by her side, Sara was able to protect her home, regain control of her finances, and move forward with renewed stability.

HOUSING BY THE NUMBERS

4,053

TOTAL HOUSING CASES

2,310

LANDLORD/TENANT CASES

8,772

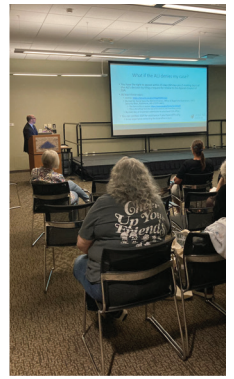
**PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM
HOUSING LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

5,177

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE
BENEFITTED**

**549 EVICTIONS CASES
BENEFITING 1,268 PEOPLE**





DONATE TO JUSTICE

Now more than ever, your community needs access to free civil legal services to help with homelessness prevention, food insecurity, tax disputes, disability, and hundreds of other civil legal matters. With your donation, you can make an impactful difference in people's lives. **Thank you for your support.**

The generous financial support LASNNY receives from law firms and individual attorneys, corporations, foundations, and the public demonstrates strong community support for our mission and reflects our deep ties with the private bar, the business sector, and the communities we serve.

By augmenting funding provided by a variety of federal, state, and local grants, as well as the United Way of Northeastern New York, such voluntary support enables LASNNY to provide access to justice to thousands of poor and low-income people who otherwise would have nowhere else to turn for help with their legal crises.

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By donating \$10, \$25, or \$100 per month, you can help our most vulnerable populations.

2. MAKE A YEARLY GIFT TO 1 OF 2 GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Justice For All: This campaign invites partner organizations, primarily law firms throughout our service area, to invest in our civil legal aid programs and guarantee justice for future generations.

Annual Fund: Support LASNNY through financial contributions, stand-alone fundraisers, and unrestricted community grants.

3. LEAVE A LEGACY WITH THE GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE

Are you interested in planned giving or leaving a bequest to LASNNY in your will? The Community Foundation of Greater Capital Region administers our Guardians of Justice Endowment Fund.

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Contact your broker about donating stock to LASNNY. We can accept gifts of stock through donatestock.com and Charles Schwab.

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