

## Foundation's \$250,000 Grant to Foster Entrepreneurship Among Disabled Military Veterans

**T**he **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV)**, conducted at Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management, has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from The New York Bar Foundation. The grant, to be funded over three years, will enable 35 additional veterans to attend the EBV program free of charge. The grant monies also will be expended to further develop curriculum to include a business ethics module and to develop additional tools to measure EBV program outcomes.

Founded in 2007, the EBV program is designed to leverage the skills, resources and infrastructure of higher education to offer cutting edge, experiential training in entrepreneurship and small business management to post-9/11 U.S. military veterans with disabilities resulting from their military service. Based on the success of the program, a consortium was formed in 2008 as a national educational initiative, and the EBV program is now offered at six additional university campuses. The EBV is designed around two central elements: focused, practical training in the tools and skills of new venture creation and growth, reflecting issues unique to disability and public benefits programs; and the establishment of a support structure for graduates of the program.

Funding for the grant was recently received by the Foundation under a signed order by U.S. District Court for the Southern District of NY Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska. The order approved a plan submitted by class counsel and the Foundation for a cy pres distribution of residual class action settlement funds of \$850,000 in *City of Detroit v. Grinnell Corp.* The remaining funds have been awarded to the University of Pennsylvania Law School's Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition (CTIC). CTIC conducts conferences, workshops and symposia, focusing its energies on exploring the type of issues that initially arose in the Grinnell litigation. Over the three-year life of

the new grant, CTIC will hold additional conferences and host additional visiting scholars and research fellows, as well as conducting classes and summer research, taking its exploration of these issues to another level.

The funds will be used to further the goal of increasing public understanding of the U.S. antitrust laws and the jurisprudence and significance of the *Grinnell* case in U.S. antitrust jurisprudence, particularly as applied to the information services industry, which the protective services industry involved in *Grinnell* helped spawn. The projects also foster the types of entrepreneurship promoted by U.S. antitrust laws and are conducted to benefit important groups of worthy individuals.

The *Grinnell* litigation involved several national class actions consolidated in the Southern District of New York that alleged defendant companies violated the Sherman Act for purported price fixing among four service providers in the market for central station alarm services.



**Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship, Mike Haynie, contributes his perspective on frontline business issues to an EBV class at Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management.**

# Message from the President

**W**hat an exciting year already for The New York Bar Foundation. Recently, our Board of Directors awarded 69 grants to nonprofits, agencies and bar associations from the far corners of the state in Buffalo all the way down to the five boroughs of New York City. The purposes of the grants span law-related issues that are affecting people in every community where we live, work and play.



M. Catherine Richardson

You should be pleased to know that the dollars you contribute to the Foundation are making a difference in the lives of many, including the elderly who suffer at the hands of abusers, children in foster care, people on the brink of losing their homes to foreclosure, and adults and children living with HIV/AIDS, to name a few. In addition to the grants described on page one, the Foundation has awarded \$572,452 in grants to four organizations in New York City and to the New York State Bar Association to continue education programs that relate to tenant blacklisting and screening.

As indicated on page seven, six well-respected attorneys will be joining our Board of Directors in June. We look forward to welcoming them and are anxious to have them working on your Foundation's activities. But we have miles to go before our work is finished, and we can not do it without your help and support. So please continue to be generous to The New York Bar Foundation as we strive to assist as many people as possible with their law-related needs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine".

M. Catherine Richardson

## STEPS to End Family Violence to Conduct Joan L. Ellenbogen Memorial Fellowship

**S**TEPS to End Family Violence, a program of Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families, plans to use a Foundation grant to provide the **Joan L. Ellenbogen Memorial Fellowship** to a law student during the 2011 academic fall semester. The grant will be used to augment the access to justice for victims of dating and domestic violence throughout New York City, particularly those adults and children from marginalized and underserved communities in East Harlem and South Bronx.



STEPS plans to train the fellow in how to handle a matrimonial case, including conducting a client interview, performing legal research, drafting matrimonial documents and filing them in Supreme Court. Where needed, the fellow will refer clients to in-house attorneys for assistance with family law and immigration matters. The fellow will be selected by the organization.

The goal of the fellowship is to encourage lawyers and students in the practice of matrimonial law so that individuals will have access to representation and a greater understanding of their rights in matters relating to matrimonial and family law in New York State.

From 1979 when the law firm of Ellenbogen & Goldstein, P.C., New York City, was founded with Marcia C. Goldstein, until her death in 2001, Joan Ellenbogen practiced matrimonial and family law. This fellowship was made possible because of generous gifts to the Foundation.

# Immigrants and Migrant Workers Helped Through Our Grants

## Youth in Foster Care Learn of their Immigration Rights

A Foundation grant to Lawyers for Children (LFC) has been put to work to help children in foster care who are eligible for special immigrant juvenile status to obtain green cards. The children come from all five boroughs of New York City and are in foster care due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Through the Immigration Rights Project for Youth in Foster Care, LFC will screen approximately 3,000 children in foster care this year to determine their immigration status.

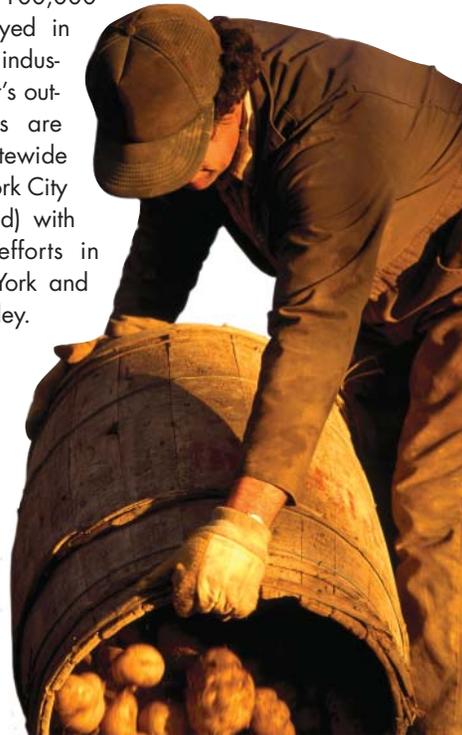
Undocumented children, assessed for special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS), will have the requisite special findings order filed and obtained from Family Court. For children without immigration representation, LFC prepares and files the subsequent SIJS applications with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which includes obtaining the required documents from the foster care agency. LFC files applications to replace expired or missing green cards and refers children eligible to become a U.S. citizen to organizations that assist with naturalization.



## Farm workers to Receive Legal Rights Information

The backbone of New York's agricultural industry is migrant and seasonal farm workers, the majority of whom are people of color with the largest single sub-group being Latino. In most instances, farm workers are Spanish-speaking, with limited literacy and ability to speak English, and are unaware of labor laws.

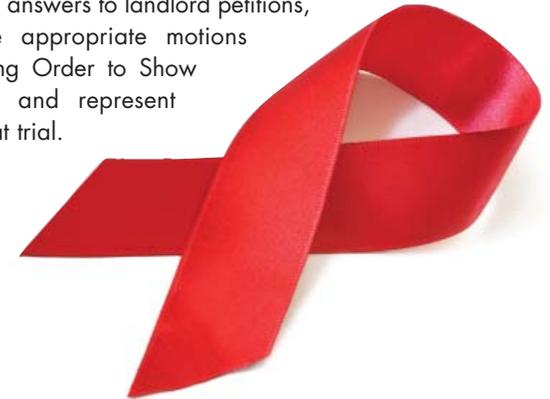
Farmworker Legal Services of New York, Rochester, is applying its grant funding to update and print materials, in English and Spanish, about farm workers' legal rights. With more than 100,000 workers employed in the agricultural industry, Farmworker's outreach activities are conducted statewide (except New York City and Long Island) with concentrated efforts in western New York and the Hudson Valley.



## People living with HIV/AIDS to Have Free Legal Services

In the population of mostly single men and women living with HIV and AIDS, the need for advice, counsel and legal representation in the areas of immigration and housing is profound. GMHC, New York, expects to handle more than 1,800 cases in this year alone.

With financial support provided through a Foundation grant, two lawyers are now able to address immigration issues by preparing and submitting petitions (including family-based petitions), asylum applications, applications for citizenship, requests for deferred action, applications for HIV waivers and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) applications. Additionally, clients will be represented in deportation hearings. In landlord-tenant matters, they will help the client to gain an understanding of the relevant law, prepare answers to landlord petitions, prepare appropriate motions (including Order to Show Cause), and represent clients at trial.



# State Bar's Trusts and Estates Law Section Contributes \$10,000 to Establish Law Student Fellowships

**T**he Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association has contributed \$10,000 to the Foundation to establish fellowships for second-year law students. Two fellowships of \$5,000 each will be awarded to second-year law students enrolled in law schools in New York State.

This year's ten-week fellowships will take place during the summer months. One fellow will work in the Chambers of the Honorable Barbara Howe, Surrogate, Erie County Surrogate's Court in Buffalo, and one fellow will work in the Chambers of the Honorable John M. Czygier, Jr., Surrogate, Suffolk County Surrogate's Court in Riverhead. (See next page for details about this year's winners.)

The fellowship program will provide students with an opportunity to experience trusts and estates law practice. The ultimate goal of the fellowship is to create a network and forge relationships among trusts and estates law attorneys throughout the State of New York.

Each fellow will be a guest member of the State Bar's Trusts and Estates Law Section for one year starting with the award of the fellowship. Additionally, they will be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings of the Section during the summer fellowship.

## 9 Grants to Fund Projects Focused on New York's Teens

Thanks to your generous gifts to the Foundation for **The Judith S. Kaye Youth Court Fund**, nine grants have been awarded this year to support youth-related activities. Youth courts in Bethlehem, Warren County, Livingston County, Staten Island, Huntington, Ontario County, and Rochester have received funding from the Foundation. In addition, two grants to the Center for Court Innovation, New York, are providing funding to assist in developing a model operations manual for youth courts in New York State and to conduct research and analysis about juvenile crime in Brownsville, Brooklyn.



Hon. Judith S. Kaye

The Fund was renamed in 2009 to honor retired Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, Judith S. Kaye, and to serve as a tribute to her commitment to the youth of New York State. Youth courts seek to improve juvenile

justice outcomes through an alternative to the criminal justice system for community youth and have been emerging as the fastest growing juvenile intervention programs in the country. They are specifically designed to help those who have committed offenses no more serious than a misdemeanor through early intervention and education.

To help continue our support for youth court programs, please

make a contribution to the Foundation for The Judith S. Kaye Youth Court Fund. Mail your check in the enclosed envelope, made payable to The New York Bar Foundation, and indicate it is for 'The Judith S. Kaye Youth Court Fund'. Or you may make your donation online at [www.tnybf.org](http://www.tnybf.org). Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution, as permitted by law.



# Law Students to Gain Legal Experience from Summer Fellowships

New York City residents **Mariel S. Fernandez**, a student at Columbia Law School, and **Danielle D. May**, a student at Fordham University School of Law, are the 2011 recipients of The New York Bar Foundation's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section Minority Fellowships.

As the winners of \$6,000 fellowships, Ms. Fernandez will work this summer in the chambers of Acting Justice O. Peter Sherwood, and Ms. May will work in the chambers of Justice Barbara R. Kapnick in the New York State Supreme Court, New York County, Commercial Division.

Ms. Fernandez is the Hamilton Fellow and Wien Scholar at Columbia Law. She is a member of the European Union Law Moot Court Team. She earned a B.A. in International Studies from the University of Chicago, where she was a University Scholar.

Ms. May earned a B.A. in Spanish at Florida State University *magna cum laude* and also pursued studies in Panama. She is involved in the Domestic Violence Action Center, Courtroom Advocacy Project.

The Fellowship recipients were honored at an awards ceremony at Lincoln Center in New York City on April 14th.



Left to Right, Michael M. Martin, Dean of Fordham Law School; Justice Barbara R. Kapnick; Danielle D. May; Foundation Board Director Kay Crawford Murray; Mariel S. Fernandez; Judge O. Peter Sherwood and then NY State Bar President Stephen P. Younger



Claire H. Fortin



Lauren Morales

2011 Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellows

**Claire H. Fortin of Amherst**, a student at University at Buffalo Law School, and **Lauren L. Morales of Melville**, a student at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, are the first recipients of The New York Bar Foundation's Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellowships.

As the winners of \$5,000 fellowships, Ms. Fortin will work this summer in the chambers of Erie County Surrogate Judge Barbara Howe in Buffalo and Ms. Morales will work in the chambers of Suffolk County Surrogate Judge John M. Czygier, Jr. in Riverhead.

Ms. Fortin, a *magna cum laude* graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, expects to graduate from the University at Buffalo Law School in May 2012.

She is the executive editor of the *Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal*, a member of the Buffalo Public Interest Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs, and a participant in the Advocacy in Mediation Competition.

Ms. Morales, a Boston College alumna, expects

to graduate from Touro Law in May 2012. She is an associate editor of *Touro Law Review* and student co-director of the Legal Education Access Program. She previously was a judicial extern for the U.S. District Judge Leonard Wexler of the Eastern District of New York, Central Islip.

*"The Trusts and Estates Law Section is proud to provide funding for these exceptional fellowships," said Section Chair Elizabeth A. Hartnett of Syracuse (Mackenzie Hughes). "We hope Claire Fortin and Lauren Morales will gain professional skills and competencies that will help them shape and attain their professional goals."*



Daniel G. Agius, Jr.  
2011 Hon. Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Fellow

New York City resident **Daniel G. Agius, Jr.**, a student at Fordham Law, is the 2011 recipient of The New York Bar Foundation's Honorable Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Fellowship.

Judge Loretta A. Preska, Chief United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York, selected Agius to serve as a judicial intern during this summer. A \$5,000 award will be applied to his law school tuition.

*"We are delighted to name Mr. Agius the Hon. Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Fellow, and I am pleased at the prospect of working with him this summer," said Judge Preska. "This fellowship provides a wonderful opportunity to honor the*

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## Donors, You are Invited to Join The New York Bar Foundation Legacy Society

**D**id you know you can join The New York Bar Foundation Legacy Society with a designated bequest to the Foundation of at least \$1,000 in your will? 35 loyal donors to the Foundation have already made arrangements to leave a planned gift to help sustain our important grantmaking program long after they are gone. You, too, can do the same.

The purpose of the Society is to recognize those individuals who have remembered The New York Bar Foundation in their estate plan through a planned gift. Through your generosity, the Foundation will be well-equipped to meet the law-related needs of our communities for generations to come.

You may become a member of the Legacy Society by completing a simple one-page form to indicate you have named the Foundation a beneficiary in your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy or estate plan. Please call Rosanne Van Heertum, Foundation Director of Development, at 518.487.5650 to request a form or to further discuss your plans.

**The deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Foundation is OCTOBER 1. You may access a grant application and guidelines on the Foundation's website at [www.tnybf.org](http://www.tnybf.org).**

**Please make a charitable contribution of \$25 or more to The New York Bar Foundation when you renew your NYSBA membership. You can include the amount of your gift when you add up your total owed to complete your dues renewal form.**

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*memory of Judge Briant, and I am certain that Mr. Agius will pursue the fellowship with enthusiasm while learning to appreciate Judge Briant's spirit of justice and deep sense of fairness, honesty and independence."*

Agius earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was involved in the mock trial program and received a pre-law certificate. He is an Eagle Scout and a member of Fordham's Dispute Resolution Society.

The fellowship has been established to commemorate Judge Charles L. Briant, Jr.'s dedication to public service and the federal courts. He served on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for 37 years, including seven years as Chief Judge. He died in 2008. His former law clerks and judicial interns spearheaded the creation of the fellowship



**Foundation Vice President John J. Kenney (second from left) recently presented a grant award to the Partnership for the Homeless in New York City. Accepting on behalf of the Partnership are Catherine Carpentieri, Vice President of Development & Communication, Arnold S. Cohen, CEO & President, and Scott Cotenoff, Sr. Vice President of Programs. The grant will support legal advocacy services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in New York City.**

# New Board Members Named



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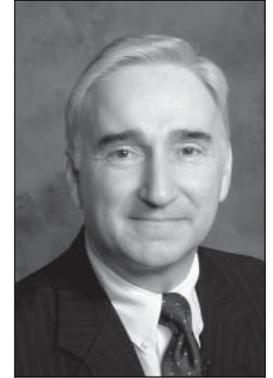
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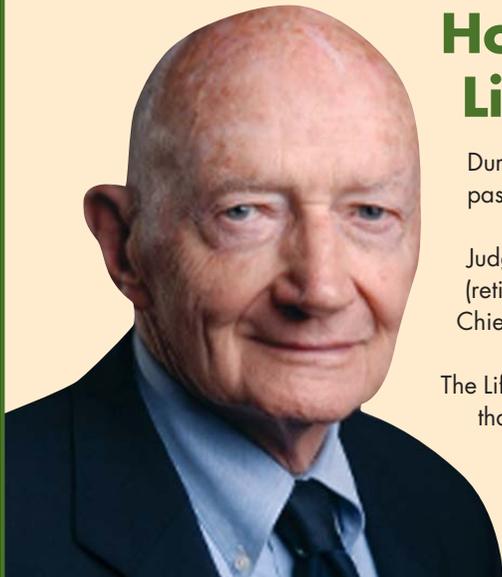
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## Hon. Richard J. Bartlett Receives Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award

During the Fellows' Annual Dinner at the Harmonie Club in New York City, the Foundation conferred its Lifetime Achievement Award on past president of the Foundation, Hon. Richard J. Bartlett of Glens Falls.

Judge Bartlett's distinguished legal career as a judge, lawyer, legislator and educator has spanned more than 60 years. He is a principal (retired) at Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes PC, Glens Falls and previously served as a state Supreme Court justice. He was the first Chief Administrative Judge of New York and a former dean and professor of law of Albany Law School of Union University.

The Lifetime Achievement Award honors former officers or directors of the Foundation who, due to term limits, are no longer able to serve in that capacity, or who, prior to the establishment of term limits, served a minimum of 10 years as an officer or director of the Foundation. The honoree's service and leadership (as officer or director) must have significantly advanced the purposes of the Foundation. In addition, the honoree's service as an officer or director and reputation as a lawyer and bar leader must have brought significant recognition and acclaim to the Foundation.

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Foundation President M. Catherine Richardson (fourth from left) recently presented a grant award to Syracuse University Whitman School of Management Dean Melvin T. Stith for The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV). Participants include (left to right) EBV Alum (and former F-16 fighter pilot) Sean McQuaid, Foundation board director Lucia B. Whisenand, Foundation board director and Cy Pres Committee Chair Lesley F. Rosenthal, Richardson, Stith, National Director of EBV Programs J. Michael Haynie, and EBV Alum Jerry Garrillo. See Page One for Details.

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