It is the mission of Center for Elder Law & Justice to improve the quality of life for elderly, disabled and low-income persons in Western New York. We do so through the provision of free civil legal services, primarily to individuals age sixty and over as defined by the federal Older Americans Act, but also to younger disabled and low-income individuals, as funding permits. Our primary goal is to use the legal system to assure that our clients may live independently and with dignity.
In September of 2017 I started a leadership development program through the Health Foundation of Western & Central New York entitled the Health Leaders Fellows. I thank my board and staff for giving me the opportunity to think strategically about the organization and its future. That journey corresponded with a period of growth and expansion of CELJ, as we transitioned from a local legal services provider to a statewide and national leader on elder justice issues.

Although our medical-legal partnership, MedLaw, is opened to patients of Buffalo General and the Erie County Medical Center, regardless of age, we have made the decision to focus our practice on issues that impact older adults and to expand our reach across New York State. We have opened our Senior Legal Advice Helpline to any low-income older adult in New York and have engaged this year in more policy and impact work. We are one of the few legal services programs in the entire country that concentrates on issues impacting older adults and believe that we should continue to play to our strengths.

As with every transition, there have been some changes along the way. This year, Bill Berry retired from CELJ after a nearly 40 year career. Bill came to CELJ (then called Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of WNY) within a few months of our incorporation. He was the driving force behind many of our biggest victories and truly embodied the heart and soul of the organization. In addition, Sarah Galvan left this year to join the nationally-focused Justice in Aging. She continues to volunteer with us and we are excited to see what she will do with her career.

Although we are growing, there is still so much to do and we are not even close to meeting the need for our services. The Permanent Commission on Access to Justice was established in 2015 to continue the vital mandate of the Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York. The work of first the Commission has resulted in an increase in funding for civil legal services programs statewide. However, even with this commitment, the Commission estimates that we are only meeting 37% of the need. With the help of our donors, staff, volunteers and board, we look forward to the challenge of further closing the justice gap for older adults throughout New York State.
OUR STATS

- Practicing attorneys: 19
- Practice areas: 14
- Paralegals: 12
- Counties served: 11
- Social workers: 11
- Offices: 4
- Helpline: 3

Helpline
Through our Elder Abuse Prevention, Foreclosure Prevention, Consumer, Housing, Income Maintenance, and Health Care units— CELJ helped our clients recover or save $1,799,012.73

Our services in the Kinship Care, Housing, Healthcare, Foreclosure, Guardianship, and Elder Abuse Prevention units saved taxpayers across New York State $1,612,685.96
NEW STAFF MEMBERS

**TRACEY CASSEUS**  
MEDLAW PARALEGAL

**ALEXANDRA DZIELSKI**  
ACCOUNTANT

**F. ALEX FEHRMAN**  
FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ATTORNEY

**KAYLEAH FESER**  
SOCIAL WORKER

**JESSELYN HOLBROOK**  
PRO BONO COORDINATING ATTORNEY

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**KIRTAN PATEL**  
STAFF ACCOUNTANT

**SHAQUILLA REID**  
COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

**TATIANA ROBINSON**  
HOUSING ATTORNEY

**MOLLY WHITE**  
STAFF ATTORNEY – NEW METHODS OF SERVICE
In response to the growing occurrence of elder abuse, and recognition of the gaps in coordinated services in rural areas, such as Chautauqua County, in 2017, the Center for Elder Law and Justice applied for and was awarded an Elder Justice Innovation Grant from the Administration for Community Living. The grant provided for the development and implementation of the Elder Justice Navigator Project ("EJNP"), later rebranded the Elder Advocacy Program ("EAP"). A collaboration between CELJ, Chautauqua County, and the New York State Unified Court System ("NYC-UCS"), the grant was one of only five awarded nationally, and was the only grant that was not awarded to a university.

The Elder Advocacy Program works to empower elder abuse survivors and improve their outcomes by facilitating collaboration between community stakeholders and addressing systemic barriers to our courts and public systems. Individuals referred to the EAP are assessed globally to identify their full range of needs, and then linked with available services to overcome and prevent further abuse. These services include legal representation by CELJ on various civil matters related to the abuse, support and brief counseling by the EAP’s staff social worker, case review by the Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team, assistance with law enforcement and court support, and connection with Adult Protective Services and Office for the Aging for appropriate services.

To address accessibility issues, the EAP also utilizes a remote filing system for petitions for temporary orders of protection in Family Court, allowing home-bound and institutionalized clients to access the court system without having to be physically present. Additionally, the EAP outfitted courts throughout the county with accessibility devices, including wheelchairs, hearing amplifiers, and document magnifiers, and educated the courts and numerous community stakeholders, such as law enforcement, financial institutions, and social service agencies on elder abuse and the EAP.

Through the EAP, CELJ has seen a marked increase in the number of elder abuse cases it handles in Chautauqua County. Since the launch in July 2018 through April 2019, a total of 35 EAP cases have been opened, with civil legal assistance provided in 25.
The Center for Elder Law & Justice has partnered with the Erie County Surrogate’s Court to provide a Help Center for unrepresented individuals in need of brief advice and counsel on Surrogate’s Court matters.

**STAFF SURROGATE’S COURT HELP CENTER**

The Help Center is staffed by a volunteer attorney on the following days and times:

- **Tuesdays** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Thursdays** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Help Center is located at:

**Erie County Surrogate’s Court**
92 Franklin Street, 2nd Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202

**SUCH MATTERS INCLUDE**

- Probate and Estate Administration
- Guardianship proceedings
- Adoptions
- Assistance retrieving unclaimed funds of a deceased relative held by the NYS Comptroller
- Small or Voluntary Estate matters
Client Story: Mary H.* (name has been changed)

Our client, Mary, first contacted the Center for Elder Law & Justice for assistance in January 2018, after she received a notice that she was behind on her city and county property taxes. The house in which she resided with her husband was going to be foreclosed imminently for failure to make the tax payments.

Mary suffers from an aggressive form of Multiple Sclerosis and relies 100% on a power wheelchair to get from place to place. Mary’s husband is her primary caregiver, which limits the amount of time he can work outside the home. Both Mary and her husband are of very limited means.

After being assessed by our Housing and Financial Stability Unit, we discovered that in addition to the past due property taxes, Mary and her husband had substantial medical debt and credit card debt, which they could not afford to pay.

In addition, the municipality where Mary and her husband lived demanded that Mary pay her taxes in full (apprx. $5,200) or her house would be sold at auction. Because of Mary’s extremely limited means, she could not afford this expense. In an effort to save the couple’s home we recommended that Mary and her husband seek to have their debts discharged in bankruptcy.

CELJ’S PRO BONO PROGRAM

Several years ago, CELJ launched a Pro Bono Program in order to expand upon the services that we could provide to clients when their legal needs fall outside our program’s service parameters. Bankruptcy proceedings are one of the services for which we seek pro bono partners in the community to assist us in the provision of qualified representation to clients. In this case, utilizing CELJ’s Pro Bono Program, we connected Mary and
her husband with a pro bono partner in the community, Ruth Wiseman, Esq., an attorney who practices extensively in bankruptcy court. Ruth is special counsel to the law firm of Andreozzi Bluestein, LLP. She generously answered the call and accepted Mary and her husband’s case for pro bono Chapter 13 bankruptcy representation.

Chapter 13 Bankruptcy is a lengthy, years-long process. However, as of the date of this publication, Ruth and her team have already filed the necessary legal paperwork, attended various court appearances in the matter, and secured an extraordinarily favorable monthly payment plan on behalf of the clients, which they are able to afford. As long as the clients continue to make their monthly payments for the duration of their schedule, their nearly $55,000 debts will be discharged in bankruptcy and their home will be saved from foreclosure.

To date, Ruth and her staff have spent nearly 45 hours of pro bono time representing Mary and her husband in this bankruptcy matter.

When Ruth was asked about her reasons for taking on pro bono matters with our agency she had this to say:

“As to doing pro bono cases, it’s really quite simple. I feel a responsibility to help my local and global community. It is probably why I became a lawyer. I have a beautiful lithograph in my office that says, “Justice, Justice shall thou pursue.” It’s a quote from Deuteronomy. That keeps me motivated. The legal world can be very unfair to those who cannot afford lawyers. But even if you cannot afford an attorney, you are entitled to justice. As practitioners, we need to give of ourselves to help those in need. If we all give a little, the needs will be met.

We could not have said it better!

Our Pro Bono Program at CELJ is just one more way in which we are helping the elderly, disabled, and financially eligible to live independently and with dignity.

**CELJ’S POOLED TRUST GRANTS**

In addition to the services CELJ provided to Mary through its Housing and Financial Stability Unit and Pro Bono Program, we also sought to alleviate another concern of Mary’s - to increase her ability to live independently and with dignity. Because of Mary’s significant mobility issues, we learned that she left her house only for medical appointments because she would have to rent a ramp each time she needed to get into her wheelchair accessible van. As a result, our staff applied for a grant through our Pooled Trust to cover the cost of a van ramp so Mary would have the ability to leave her home whenever necessary or desired. The grant covered approximately 90% of the cost of the ramp, and the client was able to find the funds to cover the remaining 10%.
Thank you to the following attorneys who support our Pro Bono program and make it possible for CELJ to help more in our community!

Melissa Bader
Chuck Beinhauer
Andrew Besch
Gary Billingsley
Erica Carducci
Judy Cuzacrea-Wagner
Joshua Dubs
Noemi Fernandez
Howard Frank
Henry Gartner
Kathleen Garvey
Bill Giroux
Gary Gleba
Krista Gottlieb
Jesslyn Holbrook
Jessica Keltz
Megan Kneppka
Marianne E. Koenig
William Maldovan
Bonnie McLaughlin
Lauren Mendolera
Terrie Benson Murray
Bridget O’Connell
Roberta O’Toole
2018 PRO BONO ATTORNEYS (CONT.)

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Karen Perrigo  
Bruce Reinoso  
Patrick Rimar  
Edward Robinson  
Richard Rosso  
Anthony Santopolo  
Gary Schaff  
Barbara Schaus  
Amanda Scott  
Daniel Shiner  
Daniel Shonn  
Jamie Smith  
Linda Stravalaci Grear  
Tony Szczygiel  
Amanda Townsend  
Frank Vavonese  
Judy Cruzacrea Wagner  
Samantha White  
Therese Wincott  
Ruth Wiseman

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FORECLOSURE CLINIC 2018

Jessica Keltz  
Lauren Mendolera

2018 INTERNS

Isabella Acosta  
Garrett Adams  
Erin Barry  
Aaron Bengart  
Kahlia Burruss  
Matthew Calleri  
Bethany Cereo  
Alex Fehrman  
Stefan Foster  
Jenna Hall  
Destiny Johnson  
Alexandra Kiosse  
Taylor Knowles  
Hannah Leedom  
Jean Michel  
Nicole Mutignani  
Dave Pankti  
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Joni Pobedinsky  
Maya Ramos  
Shaquilla Reid  
Heather Richards  
Collen Roberts  
Jashanjot Singh-Girn  
Michael Torcello

Thank you to the following volunteers who have done outstanding work for CELJ.

In House Pro Bono Volunteers

Bill Giroux  
Gary Gleba  
Anthony Santopolo  
Dan Shiner  
Tony Szczygiel  
Samantha White  
Therese Wincott

Pro Bono Attorneys with Cases

Joshua Dubs  
Noemi Fernandez  
Henry Gartner  
Marianne Koenig  
Terrie Benson Murray  
Karen Perrigo  
Todd Robinson  
Ruth Wiseman
Catherine is an elderly woman who resides in the City of Buffalo. Her sole source of income is from Social Security. Catherine cares for her elderly and disabled brother. She devotes all of her time to his care.

With a limited income and the expenses that go along with caring for her brother, Catherine began to fall behind on her bills. She contacted CELJ when she received a notice from the City of Buffalo that her property would be auctioned due to her failure to keep up with her property taxes. CELJ's Housing Unit was able to negotiate a repayment plan with City of Buffalo attorneys. The plan would require a down payment, followed by monthly payments for two years. This prevented the sale of Catherine's home and gave her the time she needed to get caught up with her taxes.

After reading Catherine's story in the Buffalo News, several community members stepped forward and made monetary donations to help those who had fallen behind on property taxes. CELJ received an outpouring of donations which we were able to use to help all of the clients we represented through the foreclosure process. We are very proud to report that these extraordinary donations allowed Catherine to pay her past due property taxes in full. Catherine and her brother no longer have to live in fear of losing their home.

Catherine sent letters to all foreclosure donors: I am writing to personally thank you for your generous donation made on behalf of myself and other clients of Center for Elder Law & Justice (CELJ) that were in foreclosure with the City of Buffalo. I am a sixty-four year old disabled senior that suffers from an enlarged heart and recently had two heart attacks and a stroke earlier this year. I am also the primary care giver for my adult disabled brother. It is a very difficult task for me to care for him in my condition, but he is my family and I have been doing so for the past 28 years. We live on a very limited income and only receive $15 each month in food stamps. We have relied on food pantries to survive. After receiving letters in the mail from real estate agents and private attorneys, I started calling legal aid offices for assistance. At first, I expected some emotional relief from working with CELJ, but I was also concerned and fearful that I was going to lose my house. I thought that I was going to be on the streets with nowhere to go. In my physical condition, I would not have survived. CELJ eased my fear. Rachel's first two words were “Hello Catherine”, and she sounded so friendly and understanding. The more I talked to her the less fear I had when the phone rang. I was no longer afraid that people were going to be coming around my house to look at it thinking they could buy it at auction. CELJ made it so I could sleep at night. It is absolutely fantastic that you made this donation and I know that it was done with your entire heart. Any little thing that I get is a godsend. You didn't only help me, but you helped others and that is a gift. Your donation is not only a gift, but you are as well. It originally took me some time to process that this was actually happening and that I would be receiving financial assistance. After a few hours I realized that all of my fear was gone. I was able to stop worrying about how my other bills were going to be paid. If it weren't for CELJ and your generous donation I would not be sitting where I am today in a house that I still own. You prevented me from being out in the cold.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
Jane* is a grandmother who came to us for help getting her two grandsons back in her care. They were 8 and 10 years old and had always lived with her. Mom usually lived there also, but had moved out a few times. Jane was the primary caretaker and the only stable adult in their lives. Mom was diagnosed with severe opioid disorder, moderate cannabis use disorder, and alcohol use disorder. The younger grandson had learning disabilities and received special education services.

Mom had met a man online, and decided her and the boys were going to move in with him, about four hours away. The boys learned about the move when they overheard mom telling Jane while she was packing items into garbage bags. They moved the next day. It was near the end of the school year, and the boys had always gone to the same school. They were scared to be living with a person they didn’t know, were in a new town, new school, and missed their grandmother.

The CELJ attorney assigned to the case filed emergency papers – an order to show cause and petition for custody. Immediate relief was granted; the judge issued a temporary order and Jane was able to pick up the boys and bring them home.

Mom entered treatment, and Jane and mom agreed that they would share joint custody of the boys, but that boys would continue to live with Jane and have visits with their mom. It was a great resolution for everyone, securing the boys in the only home they had ever known. It was also the catalyst for mom to finally get into treatment.

* name has been changed to protect the identity of our client
CLIENT STORIES: PATRICIA HAMILTON STACEY

Pat was abused and neglected by her son who was also her guardian. She was removed from his home by APS and sent to Emerald North for rehab. We worked with her and the guardianship was "allowed to expire" in September 2018; not only had her son physically neglected her, he had stolen money from her while she was in the nursing facility and before. She had no access to her funds because of the guardianship. We contacted the Court examiner on the case who saw that an accounting had never been submitted (and her son was appointed in 2014) so the Judge had him removed and also issued an Order of Protection for Patricia. She was then sued by Emerald north for an unpaid balance; we fought that and got the suit dismissed against her. She now lives in an apartment. For Christmas, we were able to use funds from the Western New York Collation Trust remainder fund to buy her a new coat, since everything she had was taken from her. She is pictured below with our social worker, Katie Earl.

Pat's story is really remarkable, but what is most amazing is how she never gave up. She was very active in the Buffalo community; she was a social worker and helped to find local community groups and really dedicated her life to making Buffalo a better place. This woman, like so many of our clients, worked to make this community better and we all reap the benefits. Without CELJ, she may still be in that nursing home and under guardianship of her abusive son. (Names used with client permission)

CLIENT STORIES: LOUISETE NOUKEU

CELJ provides immigration services (both direct services and policy advocacy) to older adults in WNY. This year, we helped Louisette Noukeu who came to the United States with her husband as a Cameroonian refugee. Despite the fact that her husband died before she was able to apply for naturalization, Louisette managed to obtain her US citizenship allowing her to have a better life in the United States.

The Center for Elder Law and Justice assisted her throughout the naturalization process with USCIS. CELJ also assisted her with an application to waive the fee charged by USCIS for the naturalization application, which saved her over
$800. After completing the application, interview, English test and civics test, Louisette was naturalized as an American citizen on October 12, 2017 by Honorable Justice Hugh B. Scott during an official ceremony at Hamburg Middle School.

About her naturalization, Louisette said: “I am happy and deeply moved to become an American citizen. Becoming American is not easy. I had to go through a lot of situations to get here and have peace and freedom.” Louisette is particularly happy to be able to vote in future elections. She misses her late husband dearly and would have liked him to be present to become an American citizen with her. She is still grateful that, because of her citizenship, her daughter who stayed in Cameroon with her two grandchildren will finally be able to obtain visas to come to the United States.

Says Louisette, “Of course my life will be complete once my daughter and grandchildren will be able to join me here. Also, thank you to those who worked hard, free of charge, to help me completing the application and getting my US citizenship. Reference to the Center for Elder Law and Justice, particularly to Ms. Erin Cody, Mr. Fidèle Menavanza, and all the management led by Ms. Karen Nicolson and finally to the welcoming American people. Deepest thanks.” (Names used with client permission)

EMERALD SOUTH: PROFILE OF A WNY NURSING HOME

After the death of a resident at the Emerald South nursing home in 2018, Staff Attorney Lindsay Heckler and UB Law Professor Emeritus Tony Szczygiel wrote a lengthy white paper laying out how the Department of Health failed to protect residents at the facility, which directly resulted in the closing of that facility after it was picked up by our County Executive and became the focus of a press conference he had demanding the closure of the facility.

In addition, due to that effort, our New York State Assembly delegation is discussing proposed legislation increasing the fines that the Department of Health may issue for violations.
2018 Awardees

Kelly Barrett
- Next Generation
- Buffalo Business First 30 under 30

Gary Gleba
- Honored by the NYS Bar Association for his services at the Center for Elder Law & Justice.

Karen Nicolson
- Being chosen and honored as a woman of influence by Buffalo Business First
- Bar Association of Erie County Lawyer of the Year
- University at Buffalo School of Law Distinguished Alumni for Public Service

Center for Elder Law & Justice
- OUTLAW Community Partner award (a student run group at UB law for LGBTQ students and allies) received alongside Byshop Ellicott, who forced McKinley High School to allow a Gay-Straight Alliance Club

Fidel Menavanza
- Prestigious Liberty Bell Award

Tolulope Odunsi
- Next Generation

Helen Ferraro-Zaffram
- Recognized as one of Upstate New York Super Lawyers
Congratulations to CELJ Volunteer Attorney, Prof. Tony Szczygiel, who received the Jonathan Lippman Pro Bono Award from the Senior Lawyer Section during the NYSBA Annual Meeting today in NYC!

Tony has dedicated numerous hours to help us grow the Long Term Care Ombudsmen Program, serving as an advocate and resource for persons who live in nursing homes, adult homes, and other licensed residential care facilities. Tony worked as a professor at SUNY Buffalo Law School for 34 years, both teaching courses and serving as a clinical director for an Elder Law Clinic, in partnership with CELJ. In addition to teaching and running a clinic, Tony was co-counsel on a 21 year long complex class action case, which had an outcome that had a huge impact on 16,000 nursing home residents.

As Judge Lippman said today, Tony and the other awardees today are examples for the next generation of lawyers.

For information on volunteering with CELJ, visit our volunteer page: http://www.elderjusticeny.org/volunteer/

Tony Szczygiel
- Jonathan Lippman Pro Bono Award

ALL MEDIA

Rachel Baldassaro
- Featured in Buffalo Business First for the innovative work she brings to ECMC.

Elder Justice Navigator Press Conference
Richard Griffin (A Founding Board Member)
- Bizjournals.com

Lindsay Heckler
- Quoted inside of the Buffalo News “How Lancaster’s Elderwood nursing home became one of the best in N.Y”
- Wrote an op-ed article titled “Another voice: Nursing home safety concerns the whole community” in the Buffalo News,

Lindsay Heckler & Tony Szczygiel
- Profiling Nursing Homes: Emerald South

Kevin Quinn
- Featured in Buffalo Law Journal which emphasized the need for continued funding for foreclosure prevention services in NYS.
- Buffalo News Article: he helped city of Buffalo resident Catherine Stay in her home.
- Buffalo News Article: “Falls man to return to apartment after assurances on medical marijuana use” after representing a tenant in an eviction proceeding. Picked up by the Associated Press and ran in several publications including US News and World Report, Politico, Boston Globe & San Francisco Chronicle.

Tony Szczygiel
- Quoted in the Buffalo News regarding investors purchasing WNY Nursing Homes and the impact on local residents.

Molly White
- Discusses our Legal Risk Detector with the Buffalo Law Journal.
- Mentioned in Forbes.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended December 31, 2018. As audited by Bonadio & Co., LLP.
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Change in net assets from operations: **$259,403**

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Change in net assets: **$213,321**

**NET ASSETS (beginning of year)**: $1,336,543

**NET ASSETS (end of year)**: $1,549,864
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