It is the mission of Center for Elder Law & Justice to improve the quality of life for elderly, disabled and low-income persons through the provision of free civil legal services; primarily in Western New York. Our primary goal is to use the legal system to ensure that our clients may live independently and with dignity.
LETTER FROM THE CEO

This past year has challenged us to find innovative ways to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals in our region, as the world battled the pandemic. Along with grief and sadness, 2021 has also seen incredible joy and optimism with the widespread availability of the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots. New York State has dealt with its own share of turmoil related to the pandemic, and in particular the tragic impact on residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

With this type of tragedy, however; comes insight and awareness. As I write this, President Biden is preparing to announce a renewed effort to improve the quality of care in nursing homes across the country during his State of the Union address. Goals include ensuring sufficient staff, holding poor performers accountable, and keeping the public better informed. As you’ll see in the pages that follow, our staff has been working tirelessly to shed light on these issues, particularly within Western New York.

As soon as it was safe to do so, we returned to in-person events in the community, reaching seniors through our Mobile Legal Unit, which provides “done-in-a-day” legal assistance. A particular focus of our overall outreach efforts this past year has been scams targeting seniors, which have sadly been on the rise.

CELJ has expanded to assist with eviction prevention, and anticipates a rush of housing cases as we move forward into 2022, due to the end of the eviction moratorium. We have been proud to partner with our fellow legal services agencies in the area, who have collaborated to meet this growing need. Along with the growth in this unit, we are also excited to expand the work of our MedLaw Partnership, which has proved to be a unique and essential service to patients in and around Buffalo.
As I look back on the past year, I am quite honestly astonished at what our employees have been able to accomplish, and how much we have grown as an agency. I continue to be extremely proud of our efforts to serve the aging population of Western New York, and know that it would not be possible without our friends, funders, and partners.

Thank you – your support means access to the justice system for so many in need.
Thank you to our board of directors, who dedicate their time and expertise to further our mission!

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SEVERING THOSE WHO SERVED

Long-term care planning is never easy, no matter how much time you may prepare. Former Center for Elder Law & Justice (CELJ) client Robert “Bob” Brewer had to face the unexpected when he learned that his home was sold at auction due to back taxes owed.

According to Bob’s closest family members and main advocates John and Claire Cieslewicz, Bob struggled with his experience serving in the Vietnam War, and was unable to make repairs on the house. These factors played a role in his falling behind on expenses.

The home’s new owner temporarily allowed Bob to stay while he looked for his next home, but once again plans changed when a foot infection sent Bob to rehabilitation. During this time, he set aside some belongings for his cousin John to pick up, including family photos, photos from his time in Vietnam, a picture of Bob receiving The Purple Heart Medal, and the Purple Heart itself.

When it came time to retrieve those belongings, Bob was unable to reach the new owner. According to Claire, “he started to get more and more upset, because now he knew that there was a good chance that the house was going to be razed.” The clock was ticking to recover these priceless photos and service medal. Claire set to work calling countless advocacy organizations asking for assistance. They didn’t know what to do if they couldn’t contact the new owner in time.

Despite her efforts, Claire said that, “not a single person returned my call until I got to your office in Dunkirk.” Looking back, Claire said she felt “delighted. Thank god somebody is out there to help.”

Claire finally had somebody to speak to after connecting with staff paralegal Brenda Symans. Together, with staff attorney Alex Fehrman,
Bob now had somebody to advocate on his behalf. According to Claire, “We needed somebody to hear the desperation in our voices.”

“Alex was delightful to keep in touch with me almost every week saying ‘I tried something else Claire, no luck.’... We finally got down to where we were going to issue a court order.” Finally, Alex was able to make contact with the homeowner and arrange for a pick up. “That’s all Robert wanted was his stuff, that was it,” said Claire.

Thanks to Brenda and Alex, and their willingness to listen when others would not, Bob was able to retrieve his memories that he seemed certain to lose otherwise.
70.3% of clients over the age of 60.

86.4% of clients at under 200% of the poverty level or more.

29% of clients identify as people of color.

62,624 new visitors to our website.

We provided direct representation to 600 individual victims of crime.
Through our Elder Abuse Prevention, Foreclosure Prevention, Consumer, Housing, Income Maintenance, and Health Care Units, we helped our clients recover or save $3,984,390.77.

Our services in the Kinship Care, Housing, Health Care, Foreclosure, Guardianship, and Elder Abuse Prevention Units saved taxpayers across New York State $889,542.00.

We reached 11,407 people through client presentations, tabling, our Mobile Legal Unit, and workshops or clinics.

2,733 professionals attended our presentations, trainings and CLEs; and we reached 137,848 through radio and TV.
IS A POOLED TRUST RIGHT FOR ME?

Not everyone familiar with our work knows the variety of ways in which The Center for Elder Law & Justice (CELJ) seeks to improve the lives of older adults and people with disabilities. One program making a difference for our clients is the Western New York Coalition Pooled Trusts (Pooled Trust).

The Pooled Trust is a collaboration between CELJ, People, Inc., and Key Bank, and has been operating for over 10 years. It’s a tool that allows disabled individuals to save a majority of their income and assets that they normally have to sacrifice in order to qualify for Medicaid (or sometimes SSI). These funds, known as a spenddown, are the “price,” that individuals who almost qualify for public benefits must pay to the state to meet the income limit.

Disabled individuals, however, are allowed to take that spenddown and deposit into a pooled trust, where the funds can be used on anything that benefits the pooled trust member alone. It’s not difficult to imagine the difference it can make in someone’s life to retain those funds, and many pooled trust members would be quick to tell you exactly that.

Charles Sun is one such member who has been with our pooled trust for two years. “I use the pooled trust to deposit spenddown money and then I can use the money for the daily expense[s], such as groceries,
“They are very friendly and always respond to my e-mail and requests very quickly. If they would recommend you to have a pooled trust, you should take it, it can really change your life.”

and all the utility bills.” Without a pooled trust, Charles would not be able to use those funds to pay his bills.

The pooled trust can also help those who receive lump sums (for example, an inheritance or settlement) avoid losing access to public benefits as a result. It can even help community members who would otherwise have to go into a nursing home to instead age in place in the community. Pooled trusts serve as a powerful tool allowing disabled members of our community more independence and autonomy.

If that weren’t enough, the Pooled Trust also helps disabled clients of CELJ and People, Inc. Typically, the state will collect what money they can recover when a Medicaid recipient passes away. If you are a pooled trust member however, the funds you leave behind in your account when you pass are placed in what we call our “afterfund.” Once a year, this fund is opened to a grant application process where by any disabled client or former client of CELJ or People, Inc. can apply for a grant to pay for much needed items they would otherwise go without. For example, clients have been awarded funding to pay for furniture, warm winter clothes, and appliances.
IS A POOLED TRUST RIGHT FOR ME? (CONT.)

George Mallory, former client of CELJ, will tell you what kind of impact this type of grant can have. George, together with his close friend and advocate Deacon Paul Bork, were approached by a CELJ staff member who suggested that they apply.

According to Paul, “First of all we were very grateful that your Center was able to put together George’s will.” It was during the process of executing his will that staff noticed another need –funeral services –that an afterfund grant may have been able to meet.

The WNY Coalition Pooled Trusts are just one of many tools that CELJ has at its disposal to help clients live a more independent life, but it is
“When we heard also about the grant...we were very pleased and it was unexpected but a real gift. This way, George can really receive the funeral that he would like and be able to have his last wishes honored.”

also a powerful one. Be it access to funds that would otherwise be lost, or allowing those funds to continue to improve the lives of disabled individuals, the Pooled Trust can truly make a different in the lives of people with disabilities.

If you, or someone you know is interested in a pooled trust, call 1-866-362-5081 or visit www.wnypooledtrust.org
There have been many exciting changes and growth for the MedLaw Partnership of WNY during 2021. Despite the ongoing pandemic, we continued to see consistent referrals from our hospital partners, and CELJ provided full representation in 312 cases, which were referred through the MedLaw Partnership. MedLaw staff also consulted on an additional 245 matters.

As a result of our advocacy, we helped clients to obtain more than $1,017,116 in dollar benefits during 2021, an all-time high for the program.

This year we were fortunate to have several new team members join the unit, who have each brought a unique skill set and expertise to the busy program. First, Christina Deveso, a paralegal joined our team in late December 2020, and has worked with clients in both the ECMC and Kaleida Health divisions of our program.
We are thrilled to announce that these life-changing legal services will now be available to the patients of the John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital of Buffalo.

Thereafter, Elizabeth Dolata joined the MedLaw team. Elizabeth worked in private practice prior to joining CELJ, and her work was focused on consumer defense. The most exciting development in 2021, however, is the forthcoming expansion within the Kaleida Health division of the MedLaw Partnership. Expected to launch in early 2022, the medical-legal partnership with Oishei will be the first of its kind in Buffalo, NY, specifically aimed at improving the lives of children. By using the legal system to address social conditions that impact these children and their families, we will be able to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for an even larger number of individuals living in WNY than ever before.

*The MedLaw Partnership is a medical-legal partnership between CELJ and area healthcare providers with the goal of addressing underlying social issues that impact a person’s wellbeing.*
In 2021, the Health Care Advocacy Unit continued to work tirelessly to meet the demands of Western New Yorkers. CELJ represented clients in appeals and grievances involving Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Long Term Care, Medicare, and private health insurance companies, and represented clients in discharge appeals from facilities.

As always, the unit continuously provided updates online through CELJ’s blog. Some of the most heavily accessed articles covered information and updates about stimulus check payments, visitation to nursing homes, safe staffing for facilities, and the need for comprehensive long term care reform.

CELJ also worked with the New York State Legislature to advance legislation and policies to improve the quality of care and life of those who live in nursing homes and adult care facilities.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS:

During July 2021, CELJ Supervising Attorney, Lindsay Heckler, testified before the Senate Standing Committees on Aging, Health, and Labor, calling upon the Legislature and the Executive to implement policies that prioritize keeping older adults and persons with disabilities in the community. She advocated support of policies that improve the quality of care and life of those living in nursing homes. Lindsay discussed addressing the workforce shortage – a key step in achieving health equity. She also provided a local example of insufficient staffing, discussed the need to enforce standards to push the nursing home industry to evolve, and the need for staffing data in assisted living facilities.
HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY UNIT HIGHLIGHTS

CELJ Staff Attorney, Bria Lewis, also advocated for the rights and needs of older adults through submittal of public comments to federal administrative entities:

- Comments were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in response to its request for information on methods and leading practices for advancing equity and support for underserved communities through government. CELJ urged the OMB to understand that health disparities are not just based on race, ethnic and cultural differences within the population, but that age, sexual orientation, lack of access, personal, socio-economic, and environmental characteristics must be included in any assessment of practices. CELJ further emphasized to the OMB that advancing equity starts with a diverse and inclusive workforce and that agencies must have diversity trainings in order for staff to recognize and address unconscious biases.

- Comments were submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in response to proposed regulation on the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Report System, vaccinations of healthcare personnel, and the need to close the health equity gap in nursing home care.

- Comments were submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the interim final rule on vaccinating long term care residents and staff. CELJ offered support to ensure the most vulnerable of the population are protected through vaccination, education, reporting, and enforcement.

Bria Lewis
In February 2021, we issued a memo of support and public call to action for Senate Bill 614B, Allowing Compassionate Care-Giving Visitors, which creates a standardized program to allow personal care and compassionate care visitors at nursing homes and adult care facilities during a state public health emergency. This bill was vital in addressing the issue of social isolation for older adults. CELJ submitted comment to the Department of Health in response to emergency rulemaking for the implementation of this new law.

This unit was again busy with media engagements during 2021. Supervising Attorney, Lindsay Heckler, is often contacted to discuss issues impacting long-term care, and was interviewed by Buffalo News, WBFO, and the Syracuse Post-Journal. She was also featured on WGRZ Channel 2’s Town Hall segment on the report released by New York State Attorney General, Letitia James, on Nursing Homes during COVID-19. Lindsay was interviewed by WBFO alongside CEO Karen Nicolson, when the two discussed the limitations of the safe staffing bill for nursing homes. Staff Attorney, Bria Lewis, was featured by WBFO in a story about nursing home visitation, and the ongoing regulatory changes. Supervising Attorney, Kelly Barrett Sarama, was interviewed on WECK Radio’s “Medicare & More” show to discuss the work of the Health Care Advocacy Unit overall, and how civil legal services can help people in need.
CELJ IN THE COMMUNITY

2021 brought a return to in-person events, although our staff continued to provide virtual education, presentations, and legal assistance.

After transitioning our Free Senior Legal Advice Helpline to help callers statewide during the height of the pandemic, our staff and volunteers worked hard to maintain that service for those in need. The Helpline continues to reach New Yorkers from Buffalo to Manhattan, and takes both e-mail and voicemail messages in addition to answering calls live during specific hours each weekday.

The Mobile Legal Unit sprang back into action during the past year, nearly tripling the number of events throughout Western New York, where individuals could receive “done-in-a-day” legal assistance. While many of these events were in Erie County, we also ran the Mobile Legal Unit in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Livingston, Monroe, and Niagara counties.

2021 saw almost 152,000 participants – whether in person, or online.

When looking at our overall outreach in the community, we again expanded by increasing the number of events, reaching more counties, and nearly doubling the number of attendees. Due to this increase, we were also able to open up nearly 200 additional cases. These numbers include presentations, Mobile Legal Unit events, TV and radio spots, workshops, and CLEs.

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The Center for Elder Law & Justice was mentioned on WGRZ Channel 2 and WIVB Channel 4 when it announced the federal grant awarded by the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women to provide enhanced training and services to end abuse in later life in Niagara County.

Supervising Attorney, Sarah Duval, was featured on Lockport Community TV’s “Young at Heart” to highlight World Elder Abuse Awareness.

Managing Attorney, Helen Ferraro-Zaffram, was interviewed on WIVB Channel 4 to discuss the scams impacting older adults, and how CELJ can help.

Staff Attorney, Katelyn Gindele, was interviewed by WIVB Channel 4 about the Federal Trade Commission and scam prevention.

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Supervising Social Worker, Kathy Kanaley, was quoted by The Daily Reporter, which covered the Fraud Prevention event, hosted by State Senator George Borello. She was also featured on WBFO for her remarks on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Buffalo.

Staff Attorney, Bria Lewis, was interviewed by the East Aurora Bee to discuss our Mobile Legal Unit event with the Aurora Senior Center, and by WBFO regarding nursing home visitation changes.

Staff Attorney, Brad Loliger, was interviewed on WNY Tonight with Tammie Lee to discuss the work of the Center for Elder Law & Justice.
Supervising Attorney, Kevin Quinn, was featured by NY Focus, Food & Water Watch, and Environmental Advocates NY about the utility shutoff moratorium, and the ERAP program for rent relief.

Supervising Attorney, Nicole Parshall, was quoted in the Jamestown Post-Journal, which covered the press conference in Chautauqua County for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Supervising Attorney, Kelly Barrett Sarama, was interviewed on WECK Radio’s “Medicare & More” show to discuss the work of the Health Care Advocacy Unit.

NEW GRANT FUNDING

During 2021 we were pleased to receive generous support from many area foundations and organizations.

CELJ has received Emergency Rental Assistance Program funding to combat the homelessness crisis, collaborating with legal services providers throughout Western New York to form the Western New York Eviction Prevention Program.

The Town of Amherst awarded CELJ $62,500 in COVID-19 funding to support eviction prevention.

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund, administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo awarded CELJ’s Guardianship Unit $12,500 to cover the cost of COVID-19 testing.

Foundation 214 provided a grant in the amount of $76,000 to supplement the Family Guardian Support Project, which is funded in part by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation.

Erie County awarded CELJ a grant of $40,000 to provide education and outreach related to COVID-19 Scams.
NEW GRANT FUNDING

Judges & Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert continued to support CELJ with a new grant totaling $110,000, and $120,000 was received from Erie County Medical Center – both to support the MedLaw Partnership of WNY.

The Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women awarded CELJ $400,000 to provide enhanced training and services to end abuse in later life in Niagara County. Partners on the grant are Pinnacle Community Services, the Niagara County District Attorney’s Office, and the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office.

The Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation awarded CELJ a grant in the amount of $50,000 to support the work of the Health Care Advocacy Unit during the upcoming calendar year.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Karen Nicolson, Esq. appointed Treasurer of the New York Legal Services Coalition, a statewide trade association of over 50 legal services program. The Coalition advocates on legal issues affecting low-income communities, identifies and promotes best practices, and provides technical assistance and resources for its members.

On November 16, 2021, the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren delivered its initial report to Congress. It includes a comprehensive review of the joys, challenges, gaps, and unmet needs and 22 recommendations for how the federal government, states, tribes, territories, and communities can better support kin and grandparent caregivers. Supervising Attorney, Sarah Hedden, is a member of this Council.
AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lindsay Heckler, Esq., named a Vice Chair of the Special Committee on Long Term Care Facility Reform, an Executive Committee of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section with the New York State Bar Association.

Gabrielle Markle, Esq., named a member of the Advisory Board for the Office of Victim Services Seeking Solutions Summit, 2021.

Denise Gonez-Santos, named an Agent of Change by Lafayette International High School, Just Buffalo Literary Center and Torn Space Theater. Agents of Changes provide the community access to the arts, highlights local community members, and activates businesses and architectural assets in Buffalo neighborhoods.

Jill Bond, named a Power 200 Woman by Buffalo Business First.
The Surrogate’s Court Help Center continued to run solely as a phone based consultation program through 2021. While we hope to be able to bring back in-person consultations at Surrogate’s Court in some capacity in 2022, the phone based consultation program is here to stay. This adaptation of the Help Center has proven to be a valuable service to low income clients, who often face mobility and transportation issues, inflexible work schedules, and lack of paid leave as barriers to seeking legal assistance. It has also continued to allow volunteers to more easily serve unrepresented and underserved members of their community at a time and place more convenient to their busy practices.

The numbers: 20 pro bono attorneys provided consultations to 244 clients through the Surrogate’s Court Help Center in 2021, cumulatively donating 228 hours of pro bono.

Contact us.
For brief legal advice and counsel through the Surrogate’s Court Help Center, please call (716) 853-3087, ext. 271 or send an e-mail to schc@elderjusticeny.org.
In September 2021, CELJ participated in the Wills and Estate Planning Workshop hosted by New York State Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes. This workshop is an annual community program held in partnership with the Center for Elder Law & Justice, Western New York Law Center, Neighborhood Legal Services, and other participating attorneys. The program’s primary goal is to assist residents of New York Assembly District 141 in need of wills, powers of attorney and health care proxies, in order to help plan for the future and protect generational wealth such as home ownership, personal assets, and other possessions. These services are provided to the client at no cost. After a hiatus in 2020 necessitated by COVID-19, CELJ was pleased to be able to bring this service back to the community last September, with 21 CELJ staff and two volunteer attorneys assisting 45 clients with Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Health Care Proxies.

Attorney Emeritus Program

CELJ is fortunate to have a core group of dedicated volunteers who have committed to working with us through the New York State Unified Court System’s Attorney Emeritus Program (AEP). This program is open to attorneys 55 years of age and older who have practiced for a minimum of ten years. In exchange for their commitment to devote 60 hours of pro bono to a legal services agency over their 2 year reporting cycle, retired attorneys in the AEP program can have their biannual CLE requirement and registration fees waived. AEP attorneys still engaged in the active practice of law must continue to meet the CLE and registration requirements, but may earn up to 15 CLE credits through pro bono time per reporting cycle (rather than the maximum of 10 credits through pro bono normally permitted).

In 2021, CELJ’s four AEP volunteers devoted over 392 hours assisting clients and providing organizational support through our pro bono program, Surrogate’s Court Help Center program, Senior Legal Advice Helpline, Guardianship Department, and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.
Two AEP volunteers received statewide recognition in 2021 for their work at CELJ. On May 3, 2021, Anthony Szczygiel was awarded the 2021 New York State Bar Association President’s Pro Bono Service Award for the Eighth Judicial District for his work with CELJ in 2020. On October 26, 2021, Therese Wincott was honored at the AEP’s National Celebrate Pro Bono Week Ceremony in recognition of her substantial commitment to pro bono through CELJ since 2018, and particularly for the assistance that she provided to the Guardianship Unit with the tremendous backlog of cases caused by the pandemic.

2021 Virtual Elder Law Day Summer Series

In 2021 CELJ and the Erie County Department of Social Services (ECDSS) hosted their second Virtual Elder Law Day Summer Series. Historically, prior to 2020, Elder Law Day was a very popular day-long event hosted by CELJ and ECDSS that gave seniors and their caregivers a chance to attend presentations, meet with community vendors and receive free one-on-one attorney consultations. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, CELJ and ECDSS transformed the one day event into a virtual presentation series, offering weekly online webinars on legal issues affecting older adults to assist them in making informed choices about their health, financial well-being, and long term health care needs.

The 2021 series ran from July 13, 2021 to August 18, 2021, and featured the following 17 presenters who shared their knowledge and expertise on a range of topics, including Medicaid, estate planning, irrevocable and pooled trusts, elder abuse, scam detection and prevention, kinship care, nursing home rights, asset protection planning for long-term
Pro Bono Impact

A total of 35 attorneys performed over 734 hours of pro bono through both limited and full scope client representation and CELJ program support. CELJ would like to thank the following Pro Bono Volunteers who contributed toward this substantial commitment:

- Arthur Baumeister
- Charles Beinhauer
- Terrie Benson Murray
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- Victoria D’Angelo
- Joshua Dubs
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- Robert Feldman
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2021 REVENUES

- New York State Contracts: 44%
- Federal Source Funding: 17%
- City and County Contracts: 13%
- Private Foundations: 9%
- Program Revenues: 12%
- Fundraising: 3%
- Interest & Other Revenue: 2%

Total revenue: $6,144,697
FINANCIALS
Year Ending December 31, 2021

2021 EXPENSES

Total expenses: $5,539,813

- Program: 85%
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- Fundraising: 1%

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