



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARCH 2017

This month I invite our members to explore the NYWBA website, [NYWBA.org](http://nywba.org). In addition to providing information about upcoming events, the "Resources" tab of the site contains job listings. Currently, there are positions posted for the New York City Law Department, the Bronx District Attorney's Office, clerkships and internships with Federal judges, among other openings. The postings are updated regularly, so if you are in the market for a new job, you should visit the Resources page frequently. If you want to post an opening, please send an email to info@nywba.org with the details. If it meets our guidelines, we will be happy to advertise the position.



Deborah G. Rosenthal

Members seeking employment can also work on their networking and interviewing strategies by participating in meetings and events sponsored by our **Solo and Small Law Firm Committee**. In addition to monthly meetings, on March 16, the Solo and Small Law Firm Committee will be presenting a CLE on effective communication skills with clients and prospective clients. Thank you to Solo and Small Law Firm Committee co-chairs, **Susan Dennehy, Danielle George** and **Jocelyn L. Jacobson** for arranging this important program.

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Check www.nywba.org for more Meetings, Programs & Events.

NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting, Elections and Ethics CLE Program

Please join us at the Annual Meeting.

Mingle with members, get updates on the Association and vote on the NYWBA and WBAS-NY Officers, Directors and Delegates for next year. This is one of the highlights of our year, and we hope that you will join in the festivities!

Following the Annual Meeting, a panel of distinguished ethics attorneys will present an ethics CLE program.

Date: *Wednesday, April 26, 2017*

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Registration & Networking
6:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting & Elections
6:30-8:00 p.m. – Ethics CLE Program

Place: *Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC*
488 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, NYC
(btwn. 51/52nd Streets)

Cost: Meeting and/or CLE: Complimentary for members
Meeting (only): Complimentary for non-members
CLE Program* – \$50 for non-members & Guests**

Info: Email EthicsRSVP@nywba.org

RSVP: Go to <http://bit.ly/2ljOKAE>

Light refreshments will be served.

NYWBA thanks Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC for hosting.

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** Free NYWBA members; \$50 non-member: Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For info on the guidelines and to apply, contact CLE Co-Chairs Amy B. Goldsmith or Ariel Chesler at cle@nywba.org or 212-216-1135. All requests are confidential.

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Congratulations to WBASNY for receiving a Bar Innovation Award from the New York State Bar Association for its innovative voter registration drive (see photo p. 7).

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and of the State of New York **Hon. Janet DiFiore** was also honored by the New York State Bar Association. On January 27, Judge DiFiore was presented with the **Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award**, which recognizes a NYSBA member, male or female, who has made noteworthy contributions to the concerns of women. WBASNY nominated Judge DiFiore for this Award.

Finally, on May 19, **Hon. Fern Fisher** will be presented with WBASNY's prestigious **Judith S. Kaye Access to Justice Award**. Our Chapter is proud to have nominated her for this Award.

Thank you to **Jennifer P. Brown** and **Magnolia D. Levy** for co-chairing our **Annual Judicial Reception** on February 28 in honor of our newly elected, re-elected and appointed judges in New York County.

On March 21, the **Civil Courts Committee**, co-chaired by **Melissa G. Ephron-Mandel**, **Meryl H. Waxman** and **Hon. Anne Katz**, will be hosting a lunch program on the impact of a bankruptcy petition on pending civil litigation.

On March 30, in honor of **Women's History Month**, the **Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession**, co-chaired by **Kathleen C. Waterman** and **Ilana J. Marcus**, together with the **Litigation** and **Program & Events Committees**, will be co-sponsoring an event entitled **"Paving Your Path: Success as a Female Commercial Litigator."**

I am pleased to announce that the **Reproductive Rights and Women's Health Committee** and the **National Organization for Women** will be presenting a program on Reproductive Rights in the Trump Era on March 28. Thank you to Reproductive Rights Committee co-chairs, **Mai Ratakonda** and **Anita S. (Nicky) Rho** for arranging for this timely program.

Finally, save the dates for our **Annual Membership Meeting** on April 26, where we will be presenting an ethics CLE, and for our **Annual Awards and Installation Dinner** on June 7th, where **Hon. Janet DiFiore**, Chief Judge of the State of New York, will be presented with the **President's Special Award**.

Deborah

SUPPORT THE NYWBA FOUNDATION, INC.

The New York Women's Bar Association Foundation's goals are: (1) to eliminate gender bias and other forms of discrimination from the legal system and legal profession, (2) to promote the social and economic equality, safety and well being of women and children, and (3) to address the unmet legal needs of women and children. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization which supports and funds charitable and philanthropic programs to aid women and children throughout Manhattan and beyond.

NYWBAF initiatives are made possible through the financial contributions of members of the New York Women's Bar Association, colleagues and friends. Donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

Help us advance our mission to aid women and children in New York and beyond by giving to the Foundation. Please go to <http://nywbaf.org/donate> to make a contribution.

NYWBA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At its **November 29, 2016** meeting, the *NYWBA Committee on Nominations* nominated the following candidates to serve for the positions and terms stated below. The elections will be held at the Association's Annual Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, April 26, 2017**.

OFFICERS (2017-2018)

President:	Myra L. Freed
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Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of this Newsletter and many of our CLE programs.

COMMITTEE NEWS

• **Civil Courts Committee** will host a CLE at its *Express Lunch Series Program* on **March 21** from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m., “**A Bankruptcy Petition Has Been Filed: What Happens to Your Civil Litigation?**” at the New York County Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre Street, 12th Fl. Boardroom, NYC (enter at White Street). The Committee will also host its Express Lunch Series on **April 20**. RSVP CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org. See notice p. 5.

• **Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession, the Litigation Committee, and the Program and Events Committee** will co-host “**Paving Your Path: Finding Success As A Female Commercial Litigator**” on **March 30** at 6:00 p.m., location TBD. RSVP AdvanceStatus@nywba.org. See notice p. 6.

• **Criminal Law Committee** will meet **March 20** and **April 24** at 6:15 p.m. at The Hoffinger Firm, 150 East 58th Street, 16th Floor, NYC. RSVP CrimLawChairs@nywba.org.

• **Diversity Committee** together with the National Association of Women Judges will host a speed-networking opportunity, MentorJet, for New York City Law Students, at Fordham University School of Law on **March 2** from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. RSVP <http://www.nywba.org/?p=2155>.

• **Elder Law and Disabilities Committee** will meet **March 23** at 6:30 p.m. at Morrissey & Morrissey, LLP 708 Third Ave., NYC. RSVP ElderLawRSVP@nywba.org.

• **Events Committee** will meet **March 15** at 6:00 p.m. at Kirkland & Ellis, 601 Lexington Avenue (@53rd St.), NYC. The Committee will host a guided tour of the **Rubin Museum**, 150 West 17th Street (East of 7th Ave.), NYC on **March 22** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. \$25 for members & non-members; \$20 members & non-members over 65. RSVP no later than March 17. The Committee will also host **Network & Shop** on **April 5** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Carlisle Showroom, 16 East 53rd Street, 16th Fl., NYC. RSVP for all events at events@nywba.org. See notices pp. 5, 6.

• **International Women's Rights Committee** will host a **Pro Bono Fair** on **March 6** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Location TBD. The committee will also meet on **March 13** and **April 10** at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Mutual, One Battery Park Plaza, 29th Fl., NYC. RSVP IntlChairs@nywba.org.

• **Litigation Committee** will meet **March 22** and **April 26** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD. RSVP Litigation@nywba.org.

• **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** will meet **March 8** at 6:30 p.m. at Blank Rome, 405 Lexington Ave., NYC. The Committee will also host a **CLE – “State of the Uterus: Reproductive Rights Policy & Activism in the Trump Era”** on **March 28** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Avenue, NYC. RSVP for both events reproductiverights@nywba.org. See notice p. 4.

• **Solo and Small Law Firm Committee** will host a **CLE: “Developing Your Practice: Effective Communications with Prospects and Clients”** on **March 16** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, 1350 Broadway, 12th Fl. Boardroom, NYC. RSVP SSFChairs@nywba.org. See notice p. 5.

NYWBA Cordially Invites You to a Special Screening of

“Equal Means Equal”

A documentary film about the treatment of women in the United States today and the urgent need for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Date: *Monday, March 27, 2017, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

Location: *LoPreto & Levy, LLP
565 Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor, NYC*

Cost: *Free* for NYWBA and WBASNY members and their guests.

RSVP: *<http://bit.ly/2ldnqBm>*

NOTICE TO MEMBERS – ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **April 26, 2017**, when the President & Treasurer will present reports on the State of the Association and its finances, and the Association will hold elections for Officer, Director, and Delegate positions. (See p.2 for the NYWBA Nominations Committee Report, which includes a list of all open positions, terms of office and nominees, as well as a list of Directors continuing in office.)

Article XIV, Section 1 of the By-Laws provides that only members who are in good standing and whose membership dues were received by **January 31, 2017** may vote at the Annual Meeting.

Article XVII, Section 10 of the By-Laws provides that any fifty members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting may, by a writing delivered to the Corresponding Secretary not less than *forty days* prior to the Annual Meeting, propose candidates for officer or director positions to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Such petition must be *received* no later than **March 15, 2017** and must be addressed to Corresponding Secretary Magnolia D. Levy, New York Women's Bar Association, The Chrysler Building, 132 East 43rd Street, # 716, NYC 10017-4019.

The **Annual Meeting and Elections** will be held at **Frankfurt Kurniz Klein & Selz, PC**, 488 Madison Ave., NYC. Immediately after the elections, NYWBA will present an Ethics CLE Program (see p. 1 for more information).

NOTES ON MEMBERS

Congratulations to **Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick** who received the **Ida B. Wells Barnett Justice Award** from the *New York County Lawyers' Association* and the *Metropolitan Black Bar Association* on February 7.

Congratulations to NYWBA Director **Hon. Judith J. Gische** on receiving the **Benjamin N. Cardozo Award** at the *Jewish Lawyers Guild Annual Dinner* on March 6.

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to Newsletter@nywba.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nancy E. Ahern	Seoyoun Huh	Allison L. Saperstein
Ryan Candee	Nicole M. Joyce	Stephanie Schwartz
Stacy D'Cunha	Ella Kagan	Kathryn M. Spota
Renee C. Fahey	Mallory McGee	Neva Strom
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Amanda M. Fugazy	Paul M. O'Brien	Tasha Williams
Jessica L. Goldstein	Kathryn M. Pando	Heidi R. Young
Jennifer M. Henriquez	Ashley S. Rajakaruna	
Cindy Huang	Maria N. Sakalis	

as of 1/18/17

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

With their generous contributions, our sustaining members make it possible for us to accomplish so much more. We honor and thank them for their support.

Joseph Korff
Diane Meyers

Combatting Sex Trafficking in Today's Climate

By Lisa S. Vara

On January 12, 2017, the *NYWBA Criminal Law and Domestic Violence Committees*, along with the *New York State Bar Association*, the *New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition*, and the law firm of *Proskauer Rose LLP*, sponsored a CLE program that drew attention to the issue of sex trafficking. Nearly 100 people attended the program, which took place at the offices of Proskauer Rose. The program began with an introduction by *William Silverman*, who welcomed the audience on behalf of Proskauer Rose, and was followed by a panel discussion. The panel was comprised of moderator *Amanda B. Norejko* of *Sanctuary for Families* (and NYWBA Board Member); *Taina Bien-Amé* of *Coalition Against Trafficking in Women*; *Lauren Hersh*, of *World Without Exploitation*; *Hon. Linda Poust Lopez* who presides over the *Human Trafficking Intervention Court* in the Bronx; *William Silverman* Partner at *Proskauer Rose LLP*; and *Ne'cole Daniels* of *SPACE International*, who herself is a trafficking survivor.

Taina Bien-Amé and Lauren Hersh spoke about their experiences working with victims of sex trafficking and efforts to raise awareness of the issue among young people and the community, and to combat platforms in which sex trafficking victims are advertised for sale, such as the website *backpage.com* . Bill Silverman spoke about Proskauer Rose's partnership with *World Without Exploitation* and commitment to combatting sex trafficking through the firm's current pro bono efforts, specifically the representation of victims of sex trafficking, including victims efforts to vacate prior prostitution convictions, and the representation foreign-born victims of sex trafficking in obtaining T-visas, a form of immigration relief.

Judge Poust Lopez discussed her experiences in the *Human Trafficking Intervention Court* in the Bronx, as well as the recognition by New York State that the way in which victims of sex trafficking had been approached for decades was completely misguided, as victims were treated as criminals rather than victims in need of services. Moreover, given the young age at which many sex trafficking victims are first exploited, they may be under the age of consent for sexual contact in New York State. Ordinarily, a perpetrator's actions in such a situation would be considered rape, and the perpetrator would be subject to criminal prosecution, but counterintuitively, if money was exchanged for the same sexual contact, the underage victim was considered to be a "prostitute," and the one at risk for criminal prosecution (rather than the perpetrator or sex trafficker).

The *Human Trafficking Intervention Courts* seek to provide important services to victims in lieu of a criminal conviction. *Ne'cole Daniels*, an advocate for survivors of sex trafficking, and a survivor herself, spoke of her experiences of having been trafficked at a young age and eventually breaking free.

The panel also explored myths about sex trafficking perpetuated in remote regions of the world, and the audience was enlightened on the progress that has been made in treating victims of sex trafficking as victims in need of services rather than as criminals. The panel also highlighted the success of the Nordic approach to combatting sex trafficking where those purchasing sex, *i.e.*, the "johns" or buyers of sexual services are prosecuted, instead of the victims. This approach has had the effect of reducing demand, which in turn threatens profits for the "pimps" and traffickers who profit from trafficking.

Finally, the panel provided an eye-opening perspective on sex trafficking, an understanding of how it affects victims, how young victims can be when they are first trafficked, and how to address the challenges presented by sex trafficking.

NYWBA thanks all the speakers for their terrific content, and thanks Proskauer Rose LLP for hosting the event.

Lisa Vara is a Senior Staff Attorney at *Sanctuary for Families, Inc.*

NYWBA's Reproductive Rights and Women's Health Committee and the NYC Chapter of National Organization for Women

present

State of the Uterus: Reproductive Rights Policy & Activism in the Trump Era

featuring

Stephanie Demmons

Director of Community Organizing,
Planned Parenthood NYC

Emily Kadar

Government Affairs and Advocacy Manager,
National Institute for Reproductive Health

Jennifer Keighley

Staff Attorney, Planned Parenthood
Federation of America

Bethany Van Kampen

Policy Analyst, National Latina Institute
for Reproductive Health

Date: *Tuesday, March 28, 2017*

Time: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Program

Place: *Blank Rome LLP*
The Chrysler Building
405 Lexington Ave., NYC

CLE: *1.5 Credits pending**

Cost: *Free* for NYWBA Members
\$35 for Non-Members**

Info: Email ReproductiveRights@nywba.org

RSVP: www.nywba.org/?p=2045

* 1.5 CLE credits: NYWBA is an accredited CLE provider. Approval of CLE credit is pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board for the above-listed credit hours for established attorneys and as transitional credit hours for newly admitted attorneys.

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Hearty congratulations to ***Scott Singer***, Court Clerk Specialist in the Guardianship and Fiduciary Support Office in Supreme Court, New York County, on his upcoming receipt of a ***Bernard Botein Award***, in recognition of his contributions to the administration of the courts.

Reflections by Rachel Lieb, NYWBA Foundation Fellow at Her Justice

The NYWBA Foundation sponsors fellowships that facilitate internships for law students at non-profit institutions. "Her Justice" works to secure outcomes for women facing poverty and abuse in their lives.

My best and worst day at my fellowship sponsored by the NYWBA Foundation at Her Justice was the day after the election. Even though my internship was only ten weeks long, I considered calling in sick that day because I did not want to face reality. I am so glad I went in that day. Despite the shared sense of dismay, everyone was motivated to impact as many lives as possible.

At Her Justice, I worked on immigration and women's rights cases. As part of my immigration work, I compiled documents for T and U visa applications, reading the stories of women who have suffered incredible injustices and simply want to make a life for themselves and their children. I also conducted research regarding the hardships these women would suffer if they returned to their countries of origin. My work helped me understand the impact of major international bodies, such as the United Nations, on individuals throughout the world and helped me see how the legal system functions.

On the women's rights side, I met with clients and discussed options for their particular circumstances, from securing an uncontested divorce for a survivor of domestic violence, to challenging a foreign divorce judgment to which our client never consented and left her destitute. I also conducted research and drafted briefs, ultimately giving a voice to women who had been silenced.

My mentors explained the legal and personal difficulties our clients faced. Her Justice provided a space for me to learn and grow as a law student and gave me the opportunity to perform substantive legal work with guidance every step of the way.

I greatly enjoyed my immigration work and feel that now, more than ever, it is essential for women to speak up without fear of deportation, instead of continuing to suffer in silence. I fear that women will die at the hands of their abusers and traffickers because they have no avenue to escape the cycle of abuse and gain the feeling of safety and in a country that once promised those things to all of its people. I feel better knowing that organizations like Her Justice will keep fighting to ensure that the promise is upheld and I will continue fighting for women's rights throughout my career. Thank you to the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation for providing me with the opportunity to work at Her Justice.

Rachel Lieb is a 2L at New York University School of Law.

Rubin Museum Tour - March 22, 2017

Please join the NYWBA Events Committee for a guided tour of the Rubin Museum. The Rubin is a small museum that focuses on the art and culture of Himalayan Asia.

After the tour, those who are interested will meet for drinks and dinner in the museum's restaurant, the Café Serai.

- Date:** March 22, 2017, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
(meet at 5:50 p.m.)
- Location:** Rubin Museum, 150 West 17th St., NYC
(just east of 7th Avenue)
- Cost:** Price for members and non-members is \$25 (\$20 for those age 65+). The price includes museum admission and a guided tour. Drinks and dinner are not included.
- RSVP:** Register at <http://bit.ly/2ljLZ1U>, before March 13, 2017. Space is very limited. Please indicate in your RSVP whether you will be staying for drinks and dinner.

NYWBA's Solo and Small Firm Committee

presents the following CLE Program:

Developing Your Practice: Effective Communications with Prospects and Clients

featuring speakers

Amy B. Goldsmith, Esq.

Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP

Charles Bernard

Criteria for Success

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP

1350 Broadway, NYC

12th Floor Boardroom

CLE: 1 Credit pending*

Cost: Free for NYWBA members **

\$35 for non-members

RSVP & Info: Email SSFChairs@nywba.org

* 1 CLE credit (0.5 professional practice, 0.5 skills): NYWBA is an accredited CLE provider. Approval of CLE credit is pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board for the above-listed credit hours for established attorneys and as transitional credit hours for newly admitted attorneys

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NYWBA Civil Courts Committee

in association with:

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presents

A Civil Court Express Lunchtime Series Event

A BANKRUPTCY PETITION HAS BEEN FILED. WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR CIVIL COURT LITIGATION?

Speakers:

Dana P. Kane, Esq. and **Kristin S. Elliot, Esq.**

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Location: NY County Civil Court, 111 Centre St., NYC
12th Fl. Boardroom, (enter at White Street only)

CLE: 1 professional practice credit*

Cost: No Charge

RSVP: Email Civilcourtchairs@nywba.org
Space is limited & RSVP is required.

* Go to <http://bit.ly/2IK0jRX> for more info.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WBASNY BY-LAWS

NYWBA is a founding chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY). WBASNY voted at its January 28, 2017 Board Meeting to amend its By-Laws: (a) to clarify that Article XXVII covers both indemnification and insurance coverage for WBASNY and its Chapters, Foundations, and Association Executives (Officers, Directors, and others acting on behalf of the organization), and (b) to require that persons who become aware of a suit or threat of suit must promptly notify WBASNY; and (c) to renumber subsequent By-Laws paragraphs in light of the inserted language. A vote to ratify this amendment will take place at **NYWBA's Annual Membership Meeting on April 26, 2017**. The text of the amendment appears in the highlighted text below (underlined text is new; replaced text appears with strikeouts):

WBASNY BY-LAWS – ARTICLE XXVII –
INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Section 1. ***
Section 2. ***
Section 3. ***
Section 4. ***

Section 5. Upon receiving notice of a suit or proceeding, a threat of suit, or a claim against the Association, or against any of its Non-Profit Subsidiaries or Association Executive(s) (as defined in Section 3 of this Article), the person(s) or entity(ies) receiving such notice shall promptly notify WBASNY's President and Recording Secretary, and forward any documentation received in connection therewith.

Section 56. ***
Section 67. ***

[The full text of the current By-Laws, including Article XXVII (Article 27), may be found on the WBASNY website at <https://www.wbasny.org/about/wbasny-laws/>]

Building Houses Building Hope

The Women's Bar Association of the State of New York ("WBASNY") will be "Building Houses Building Hope" on April 1, 2017 in Orange County. WBASNY invites members from chapters across the state to join.

"Build Day" with *Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh* is being hosted by the *Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan Counties* (WBAOSC) and the *Rockland County Women's Bar Association*. Space is limited to about 30 members on the build site, and reservations will be required one week prior.

Date: *Friday, March 31, 2017*
Saturday, April 1, 2017

Location: *Newburgh, NY*

RSVP: Please RSVP for both the Friday evening dinner event and the Saturday Build Day no later than March 24th at: rsvp@wbaosc.org.

For further information about this event, go to our website at <http://bit.ly/2ldevjq>.

NYWBA's Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession, the Litigation Committee, and the Program & Events Committee

present

Paving Your Path: Finding Success As A Female Commercial Litigator

A panel discussion among female commercial litigators about their individual career paths. Specifically, how they entered the field, and how they develop and maintain their careers and build relationships with clients.

Date: **March 30, 2017**, 6:00 p.m.
Place: **Crowell & Moring**, 590 Madison Ave., NYC
(Please note new location.)
Cost: **Free**
Info: Email AdvanceStatus@nywba.org

Network and Shop - April 5, 2017

Please join the *NYWBA Events Committee* for a festive evening of sipping wine, networking and shopping at the **Carlisle Showroom**, hosted by Viva Bhogaita, Showroom Manager/Wardrobe Stylist at Carlisle. Come and check out the fabulous summer collection!

Date: *April 5, 2017*, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: *Carlisle Showroom*, 16 East 52nd Street (btwn. 5th/Madison), 16th Floor, NYC
Cost: *Free* for NYWBA members and non-members.
RSVP: Email Events@nywba.org
Space is limited.

Save the Date!

The New York Women's Bar Association's 2017 Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

The President's Special Award will be presented to Chief Judge Hon. Janet DiFiore

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Three Sixty°

10 Desbrosses Street, Tribeca, New York

Cocktails and Silent Auction to benefit the NYWBA Foundation and its Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Program at 7:15 p.m.

Women's March on NYC, January 21, 2017



Women's March on DC, January 21, 2017



On January 27, NYWBA celebrated Ruth G. Schapiro's legacy and our 2017 *NYSBA Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award* honoree, *Chief Judge Janet DiFiore*.



WBASNY receives a New York State Bar Association Recognition Award for the voter registration drive



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