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FAMILY LAW SECTION PRESENTS GIFT TO NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION



Members of the Family Law Section Executive Committee, l to r: Rosalia Baiamonte, Esq., Vice-Chair; Eric A. Tepper, Esq., Chair; Mitchell Y. Cohen, Esq., Immediate Past Chair; and Joan Casilio Adams, Esq., Secretary.

ALBANY – The Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association has contributed a gift of \$10,000 to The New York Bar Foundation to be used to provide funding to assist organizations with Family Law related programs through the Foundation’s grant program.

The purpose of the Family Law Section is to bring together members of the New York State Bar Association who are concerned about matrimonial and family law matters.

“The Family Law Section is committed to assisting organizations that help victims of domestic violence, persons unable to afford legal services and children caught within the web of family law litigation,” said Section Chair Eric A. Tepper, Esq. “We are proud to support the efforts of The New

York Bar Foundation, which helps to identify worthwhile organizations that advance the cause of family law matters in our state.”

New York Bar Foundation President John H. Gross, said, “We are grateful to the Family Law Section for recognizing the need for this type of assistance. The Foundation receives numerous grant applications related to Family Law matters annually. This gift is one example of how the Sections of the New York State Bar Association and the Foundation can work together to make a difference to those in need of legal services related to important family matters.”

The Foundation presented nearly \$700,000 in grants to more than 100 programs across New York State in 2018. Funds from the Family Law Section were allocated to a range of programs including:

- Legal Information for Families of Today (LIFT) received funding to expand services for unrepresented Family Court litigants. Its pilot project aims to ensure that pro se litigants with Family Court matters in rural areas of New York State receive legal advice.
- inMotion, Inc. received funding for its Supporting Children Project, which assists mothers in obtaining child support from fathers with the ability to pay. The program’s goals are to reduce the number of mothers and children living in poverty in New York City, provide mothers who are victims of domestic violence with a means of escaping abuse without becoming destitute and homeless by giving them access to child support to which they are entitled, empower mothers to become self-sufficient by helping them obtain the financial means to provide for their children, and make the processing of support matters in the courts more efficient and accessible.
- The Center for Family Representation (CFR) received funding for its Enhanced Interdisciplinary Advocacy Teams program. Team members provide parents with legal and social work services to help them achieve better outcomes in their family court cases. CFR aims to keep their clients’ children out of foster care entirely, and achieve shorter lengths of stay for children who enter care.

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