

**NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT TO
WESTERN NEW YORK LAW CENTER**



Foundation Board member, Joseph McCarthy, Esq., presents a grant check to Joseph Kelemen, executive director, Western New York Law Center

The New York Bar Foundation recently presented a grant of \$12,000 to Western New York Law Center, Buffalo, NY. The grant will be used to support their CLARO-Consumer program.

“Buffalo is a resettlement community, and many refugees have cases that can be litigated in Small Claims Court. This is not something that refugees or other New Americans can do without help,” said Joseph Kelemen, the Law Center’s executive director. “This grant will allow us to help refugees and other low income clients who cannot afford counsel use the Small Claims Court process to resolve claims.”

“The New York Bar Foundation this year allocated nearly \$700,000 in grants to 105 programs across New York, and we have nearly doubled the total dollar amount of grants over the past five years,” said Bar Foundation President John H. Gross. “Foundation leadership has worked hard to increase available funds so that we can continue to assist those in need of legal services across New York State and we are pleased that we are able to offer more assistance.”

New York Bar Foundation grants assist in:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

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