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**NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT TO LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE  
ELDERLY, DISABLED OR DISADVANTAGED OF WESTERN NEW YORK**



*Photo Caption: Foundation Board Member Sharon Stern Gerstman (right), presents the check to Karen L. Nicolson, CEO of Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled, and Disadvantaged of Western New York, Inc. (left).*

The New York Bar Foundation recently presented a grant of \$9,400 to Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled, or Disadvantaged of Western New York, Inc (LSED). The grant will be used to support their Elder Domestic Violence Shelter Network of Erie County program.

“The EDVSN, the only shelter of its kind in Western New York, offers temporary shelter to victims of elder abuse as well as opportunities for legal assistance to break the cycle of abuse and hold perpetrators accountable,” said Karen L. Nicolson, CEO of LSED. “We are so grateful to The New York Bar Foundation for their continued support of this project and our efforts to make western New York a safe community for our seniors.”

In early 2015, The New York Bar Foundation allocated over \$500,000 in grants to 93 organizations across New York to 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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