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**NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT
TO THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF ROCHESTER GRANT**

Photo Caption: Foundation Fellow, Justin Vigdor, Esq. presents grant check to Carla Palumbo, president & CEO of The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, and Kathia Casion, Director of their Civil Division.

The New York Bar Foundation recently presented two grants totaling \$9,400 to The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY.

The first grant will be used to support their End of Life Planning Program for seniors and homeowners. Funds will support an end of life planning program for seniors and homeowners. The project will provide direct legal services to those in need of small estate and end of life planning. The focus of this program will be to provide direct legal services to low and moderate income seniors (or their family members) and home owners in need of estate and advanced directives planning.

As the recipient of the Joan L. Ellenbogen Memorial Fellowship, The Legal Aid Society also received a grant for a fellow to provide assistance to low and moderate income individuals seeking representation in matrimonial matters. Funding for the fellow will allow LAS to increase representation in two ways. First, the fellow would directly impact LAS's ability to meet with and provide service to applicants for representation by increasing the number of initial interviews given to applicants. Secondly, the fellow, with supervision, would increase LAS's ability to accept applicants and provide full representation in matrimonial matters.

In early 2015, The New York Bar Foundation allocated over \$530,000 in grants to 93 programs 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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