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NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT TO VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.



Photo Caption: Foundation Board member and Fellow, David Schraver, Esq., presents a grant check to Laura Smalley, Esq., President of the Board of Directors of VLSP; and Sheila Gaddis, Esq., Executive Director of Volunteer Legal Services Project ("VLSP").

The New York Bar Foundation recently presented a grant of \$13,500 to Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County, Inc., Rochester. The grant will be used to support their Tenant Town and Village Court Pro Bono program.

"VLSP is indebted to The New York Bar Foundation for its funding. This grant helps VLSP offer representation to tenants in Town Court appearing pro se in landlord tenant matters," said Sheila Gaddis, VLSP executive director. "VLSP is now able to provide training and support to pro bono attorneys in the Appellate Fourth Department who represent clients in Irondequoit Town Court. A much needed program!"

In early 2017, The New York Bar Foundation allocated over \$640,000 in grants to 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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