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## **Chief Judge Announces New Five-Year Grants for Judiciary's Civil Legal Services Program**

**NEW YORK**—Chief Judge Janet DiFiore today announced the recipients of the Judiciary's Civil Legal Services (JCLS) Program grants for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2022. The JCLS grants are part of the Court System's comprehensive efforts to provide counsel to low-income New Yorkers in civil cases. For more than a decade, the program has provided hundreds of thousands of low-income New Yorkers with effective legal assistance on critical matters involving the essentials of life.

In the first year of the five-year grant cycle, \$85 million will be distributed among 82 contracts to 81 civil legal services providers throughout the State. Additionally, \$15 million is allocated to the New York State Interest on Lawyer Account (IOLA) Fund, bringing the Judiciary's total annual support for civil legal services to \$100 million.

Funding for the JCLS Program is allocated by county, based on the proportion of the population living at or below 200 percent of the poverty threshold. An oversight board, consisting of the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives, the Chair of the NYS Permanent Commission on Access to Justice and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the IOLA Fund, conducts the funding allocation process.

“I am extremely pleased that JCLS funding will continue to support the most vulnerable New Yorkers in attaining meaningful access to the courts and the legal assistance they need to secure the essentials of life, especially during these very difficult times. I am thankful to our partners in the executive and legislative branches of State government for their unwavering support of the Judiciary Civil Legal Services Program,” said Chief Judge DiFiore.

Attached is a list of this year’s recipients, including the amounts of their respective grants.

# OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR JUDICIARY CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUNDS IN NEW YORK

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## JUDICIARY CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES AWARDS

On September 2, 2021, The Oversight Board for Judiciary Civil Legal Services in New York announced its intent to award contracts, pursuant to a Request for Proposals issued in May 2021 for Judiciary Civil Legal Services, to the following organizations for the period beginning January 1, 2022:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Annual Award</b>
ACCORD	\$37,675
Advocates for Children of New York	\$100,000
Association of the Bar of the City of New York Fund	\$739,478
Bronx Defenders	\$615,000
Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$360,000
Brooklyn Defender Services	\$1,327,619
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A	\$494,816
CAMBA	\$1,375,619
Capital District Women's Bar Association Legal Project	\$492,001
Catholic Charities Community Services	\$198,546
Catholic Migration Services	\$228,845
Center for Elder Law and Justice	\$1,431,670
Center for Family Representation	\$740,000
Central American Legal Assistance	\$80,248
Central American Refugee Center	\$114,604
Child & Family Services	\$78,001
Children's Rights Society	\$181,509
Community Service Society of New York	\$93,600
Empire Justice Center	\$1,282,910
Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$798,382
Family Center Inc	\$86,620
Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society	\$1,215,349
Goddard Riverside Law Project	\$59,710
Her Justice	\$515,000
Housing Conservation Coordinators	\$219,961
Hudson Valley Justice Center	\$137,758
Jewish Association of Services for the Aged	\$313,387
Journey's End Refugee Services	\$175,988
Latino Justice PRLDEF	\$166,827
Lawyers for Children	\$75,000
Legal Action Center	\$166,408
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo	\$1,368,289
Legal Aid Society	\$9,800,000
Legal Aid Society of Mid New York	\$1,384,103
Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York	\$4,594,179
Legal Aid Society of Rochester	\$1,590,429
Legal Aid Society of Rockland County	\$622,471
Legal Assistance of Western New York	\$4,342,628
Legal Information for Families Today	\$330,000
Legal Services NYC	\$9,800,000
Legal Services of Central New York	\$3,815,505
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	\$5,263,473
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House	\$286,965

\*All contracts are subject to Office of the State Comptroller approval.

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Long Island Advocacy Center	\$113,840
Make the Road NY	\$673,523
Mental Health Advocates of Western New York	\$177,132
Mobilization for Justice	\$3,176,006
My Sister's Place	\$300,449
Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee	\$4,053,116
Neighborhood Defender Services	\$524,424
Neighborhood Legal Services	\$1,227,938
New Economy Project	\$113,500
New York Center for Law and Justice	\$53,749
New York City Anti-Violence Project	\$79,550
New York County Lawyers Association	\$68,000
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	\$426,877
New York Legal Assistance Group	\$4,307,009
New York Legal Assistance Group (VLFD)	\$360,000
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation	\$1,271,522
Pace University	\$263,000
Part of the Solution	\$60,000
Prisoners Legal Services of New York	\$97,297
Project Guardianship	\$1,000,000
Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$350,000
Richmond County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers' Project	\$70,000
Riseboro Community Partnership	\$364,591
Rural Law Center of New York	\$524,660
Safe Horizon	\$595,833
Safe Passage Project	\$187,485
Sanctuary for Families	\$1,706,367
TakeRoot Justice	\$780,000
The Door A Center For Alternatives	\$181,000
The Safe Center, LI	\$441,330
Unity House for Troy	\$83,335
UNLOCAL	\$130,907
Urban Justice Center	\$1,814,260
Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County	\$376,958
Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County	\$303,000
Volunteers of Legal Services	\$85,000
Western New York Law Center	\$785,392
Worker Justice Center of New York	\$655,050
Youth Represent	\$117,327
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>\$85,000,000</b>

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