



HISCOCK LEGAL AID SOCIETY

PROMOTING JUSTICE FOR ALL SINCE 1949

2022 Annual Report



From the Executive Director and Board Chair

As families continue to deal with the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial impact of rising inflation, it is essential to provide support to our Central and Northern New York neighbors in need. Hiscock Legal Aid Society (HLA) has been providing that support for over 70 years. This past year was no different as HLA provided free legal assistance to over 12,000 people.

With the pandemic's eviction moratorium lifted earlier this year, Syracuse and the surrounding region are seeing more evictions filed than ever.

Losing a home causes financial, educational, and social instability. Families are likely to see their credit score drop, may have to switch school districts causing disruptions in their children's education, and often lose their support system. HLA handles 1,023 eviction cases a year, helping households stay intact by providing them with time to find a place to move before becoming homeless or by preventing eviction altogether. This work is absolutely vital given the high rate of evictions. Not only does HLA provide essential legal guidance, but in doing so provides much-needed emotional support during tumultuous times to our clients.

This is only one example of the meaningful work being done at Hiscock Legal Aid. Please take a few moments to review our annual report to learn more. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to thank the entire staff at HLA for their dedication to helping those in need of low-income legal services. Please join us in supporting Hiscock Legal Aid in its goal of achieving justice for all.

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Please list us as:

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Justice for All Fundraiser

Hiscock Legal Aid Society held its annual fundraiser at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo. Guests had an opportunity to learn about our mission and vision through several short stories.



Our Programs

FAMILY COURT

Our Family Court Program is appointed by the Court to provide direct representation to clients in a variety of cases, including custody/visitation, order of protection/family offense, abuse/neglect, support violation, and paternity. We strive to keep families together and to promote familial and financial stability, and zealously advocate for the rights of our clients.

GENERAL CIVIL

The Civil Program of Hiscock Legal Aid provides legal representation in divorce, domestic violence, landlord/tenant, foreclosure, and unemployment insurance benefit matters.

APPEALS

We represent people on appeal from criminal convictions and from judgments of Family Court. Cases are assigned by the Appellate Division of the Fourth Judicial Department and the New York State Court of Appeals.

PAROLE

Our Parole program is assigned by the court to represent people alleged to have violated the terms of their parole. We also have a social worker who assists clients with re-entry.

IMMIGRATION

We provide immigration legal services, including assistance with naturalization, adjustment of status, family reunification, asylum, employment authorization, travel documents, temporary protected status, deportation and removal defense, and more.

Mission Statement

The Hiscock Legal Aid Society promotes the fundamental right of every person to equal justice under the law by providing high-quality legal assistance to individuals and families in need in Onondaga County and the surrounding region.

Our Vision

The Hiscock Legal Aid Society strives to ensure that no one in our community is denied justice because of a lack of means.



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