

# 2026 PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

September 23, 2026 - September 24, 2026

*Strength and Resilience: Advancing Justice in Challenging Times*

## 2026 Partnership Conference Programs for Registration

Registration, Cancellations, and Changes Deadline is September 1, 2026.

### Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Task Force Meetings being held at the New York State Bar Association.  
Attendees wishing to participate will need to register for room capacity.

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Legal Services Coalition Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  DV & Family Task Force Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Legal Services Access Alliance Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  DAP Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Pro Bono Coordinators Network Meeting & Reception

### Wednesday, September 23, 2026

- 8:00 am – 10:00 am Sign In – Registration
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  **Opening Plenary** Forging Ahead: Finding Strength and Resilience in These Challenging Times
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  **Lunch (Complimentary Boxed and must register)**  
 **Vegetarian**     **Vegan**     **Regular**
- 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm **Wednesday Session One**
  - Immigration Track** Guardianship/preparedness docs for immigrants who fear deportation
  - DAP Track** DAP 1: How to Effectively Present Mental Limitations in an SSI/Social Security Disability Appeal
  - Misc. Track** Learning from the Learners: Supervising Legal Writing in a New Era
  - Non-CLE** Partnerships & Technology for Eviction Legal Help
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday Session Two**
  - DAP Track** DAP 2: - More Than Distracted: Effective SSA Advocacy for Clients with ADHD
  - Benefits Track** Fair Hearings in Practice: Tools, Strategies, and Due Process
  - DV & Family Track** Litigating Cases Involving Cybercrimes and Technology Abuse: A Victim Centered Approach
  - Non-CLE** Growing Pro Bono Capacity: Aligning Recruitment Strategy, Outreach, and Technology
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday Session Three**
  - Pro Bono Track** Community Legal Help Project and Lessons Learned from Pro Bono Management
  - Wage & Employment Track** Home care by friends or family: the advantages and pitfalls of this Medicaid program
  - Health Track** Hot Topics in Medicaid Advocacy and Eligibility
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **Denison Ray Reception (Complimentary must register)**
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  **Denison Ray Civil Award Ceremony and Dinner (Plated and must Register 25.00 fee)**  
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**PLEASE SELECT  
ALL PROGRAMS  
YOU PLAN ON  
ATTENDING**

## Thursday, September 24, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  **Breakfast (Complimentary Continental Breakfast and must register)**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Thursday Session One**
- Housing Track** Training on the Good Cause Eviction Law
  - Immigration Track** Immigration Basics for Non-immigration lawyers
  - Consumer Bankruptcy Track** Get That House Back: Navigating Tax Foreclosure
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Thursday Session Two**
- DEI Track** Greener Where You Water It: Data-Driven Strategies to Combat White Supremacy Legal Services Organizations
  - Health Track** Work Requirements in SNAP and Medicaid: Federal Changes, New York Impact, Advocacy Tools
  - Misc. Track** Artificial Intelligence & Public Interest Law: Do The Risks Outweigh The Reward? -
  - Non-CLE** Erie County Landlord-Tenant HUB Court. Experiences with centralized county wide eviction proceedings
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  **Lunch (Complimentary Boxed Lunch – must register)**
- Vegetarian**       **Vegan**       **Regular**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Thursday Session Three**
- Education Track** Civil Rights and Special Education Enforcement in Schools in Light of Federal Uncertainties
  - LGBTQ Track** Inclusive Advocacy: Excelling in LGBTQ+ Legal Representation and Working with LGBTQ+ Survivors
  - Pro Bono Track** New Energy for Justice: Partnerships Between Legal Service Organizations and Law Schools to Meet New York’s Legal Needs
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Thursday Session Four**
- DEI Track** Building Inclusive Workspaces
  - DV & Family Track** ABCs of QDROs
  - Benefits Track** Non-Citizen Eligibility for SNAP, Medicaid; Public Charge and Related Concerns
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. **Thursday Session Five**
- Consumer Bankruptcy Track** New York Foreclosure Process and Divorce Intersections: Common Issues and Mitigation -
  - Housing Track** This program is a training on litigating Source of Income (SOI) discrimination cases in housing, covering city, state, and federal law
  - Wage & Employment Track** Leveraging Generative AI in the Delivery of Legal Services: Practical Lessons from Reclamo AI in the Field of Workers’ Rights

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Fees:

**Member Fee \$250 (Early Bird pricing through 8/1/26 - \$295 as of 8/2/26)**

**Non - member Fee \$495**

**Denison Ray Civil Award Ceremony Dinner \$25.00 with Registration**

Total Charge\_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

Check or money order enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to the New York State Bar Association)

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NYSBA, PLEASE  
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INFORMATION.**

For quickest processing, please register **ONLINE** through the NYSBA website, or fax or mail this form to:

**NYSBA, One Elk Street, Albany, New York, 12207**

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