

The New Lawyer Institute (NLI) provides new lawyers with a professional home at the New York City Bar Association. Its curriculum is focused on the needs of recent graduates as they transition from student to practitioner and prepare them to be successful in the legal profession in New York. Featuring speakers from government, the judiciary and the rest of the legal community, the program also includes training and experience in professional networking and job interviewing, and access to mentorship opportunities. The NLI offers a connection to the New York legal community. The NLI works with the New York area law schools in an effort to coordinate the program and promote the program among the student body. All students and alumni from sponsoring schools may participate and attend these programs at no charge.

2020 SUMMER/FALL PROGRAMS

Webcast

Networking and Interviewing in the Virtual World: Navigating the COVID-19 Landscape

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | [Recording Available](#)

Even in normal times, networking and interviewing are essential skills for new lawyers. Most jobs are not found through public postings, but rather through personal connections and referrals. In the wake of COVID-19, networking and interviewing have become even more critical amidst an uncertain market. But lawyers must be ready to build their networks and interview for jobs entirely largely online. While some skills translate easily from the physical world to the virtual world, others may feel less intuitive. This panel of experienced attorneys and expert networkers will focus on strategies that will help you build your network and your career in the context of the pandemic. This program is part of a series by the New Lawyer Institute to support recent law school graduates.

Moderator:

Brian Farkas, Judicial Law Clerk, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; Chair of the New Lawyer Institute

Speakers:

Laura Bicks, Attorney Development Manager, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Lillian E. Evans, Deputy Director of Legal Recruitment, New York City Law Department

Bharati Narumanchi, Director of Recruitment, The Legal Aid Society of NYC

Ariel M. Risinger, Legal Counsel, AXA XL

Webcast

New Attorneys Thriving: Facing the Uncertainty of the New Normal

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | [Register](#)

The global pandemic has had a profound effect on the legal profession. It has especially effected recent law graduates who see uncertainty everywhere they turn, uncertainty about the bar exam, uncertainty about their professional development, and uncertainty in the job market. This uncertainty can increase stress, effecting mental health and wellbeing. Join us as a panel of experts discuss what is the “new normal”, how do you reconcile the expectations you had when you entered law school to what they are now, and what skills you need to adapt to a challenging job market.

Speakers:

Joel Kosman, ESQ, LCSW Psychotherapy and Counseling to Legal Professionals

Linda E. Laufer, Legal Career Counselor and Coach, Laufer Career Strategies

Beth Ornstein, JD, LCSW Clinical/Program Development Coordinator, New York City Bar Lawyer Assistance Program

Webcast

Making the Most of the New Lawyer Institute

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

As recent law school graduates, you have a tremendous resource at your disposal: the New Lawyer Institute ("NLI"). NLI was established in 2014 to assist recent graduates entering the legal profession. Our Steering Committee carefully plans dozens of programs designed just for you. These programs cover topics ranging from interview tips to introductions to substantive practice areas. NLI also gives you access to countless CLE programs free of charge. In the wake of COVID-19, building your professional network is more important than ever to ensure that you can navigate an uncertain market. During this "Welcome" event, you will hear from several NLI Committee Members. They will explain NLI's programming, along with some helpful advice on taking advantage of all that the City Bar has to offer. Questions and program ideas are welcome. We look forward to seeing you then!

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Speakers:

Joam Alisme, Founder and Managing Attorney, Alisme Law LLC; Former NLI Participant

Karen Milton, Executive Deputy Inspector General/Chief of Staff, MTA Inspector General; Member of the NLI Committee

Stephanie McGregor, Associate Director of the Career Planning Office, CUNY School of Law; Member of the NLI Committee

Webcast

LLM Graduates in Times of COVID-19: How to Navigate Your Career

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

The job market, visa regulations, and time constraints make career development for LLM graduates already tricky. Add to this a global pandemic, and your dreams seem over. But it does not have to be that way. This situation is as much an opportunity as it is a crisis. Join us for a discussion on how you can harvest the potential inherent in the current situation and how you can take charge of your career post LLM. Join us as our panelists share their experience and advice on navigating the job market and the bar exam in the current climate.

Speaker:

Desiree Jaeger-Fine, Director of International Programs, Brooklyn Law School

Webcast

City Bar Summer Series

Careers in Bankruptcy Law

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | [Register](#)

As the coronavirus outbreak has shut down much of the economy, an uptick in bankruptcy filings is expected from large corporations, small businesses, and individuals. As a result, the legal industry is likely to experience an increased demand for bankruptcy and restructuring attorneys. Bankruptcy is a diverse practice area which touches upon many other areas of law in both litigation and transactional practice, making it accessible to attorneys with or without bankruptcy experience. Distinguished panelists will discuss their careers in bankruptcy law and offer tips on how you too can break into the field.

Career in Bankruptcy Law *Cont'd*

Moderator:

Michael Tenenhaus, Associate Director of Career & Professional Development, Brooklyn Law School

Speakers:

Elizabeth Aboulafia, Cullen and Dykman LLP

Moshe Fink, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Jeremiah Ledwidge, Law Clerk, Chambers of the Hon. Martin Glenn, US Bankruptcy Court, SDNY

Catherine LoTempio, Seward & Kissel LLP

Webcast

City Bar Summer Series

Careers in Health Law

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | [Register](#)

Health care law is a constantly changing field and now more than ever is at the forefront of the profession. Attorneys who specialize in this area of work have a variety of roles and their work spans many industries. The program includes panelists with exceptionally diverse backgrounds who will provide an overview of the field and discuss the emerging trends in health care law. Panelists will offer descriptions of their personal career path in health care as well as specific suggestions of practical steps that law students and lawyers can take to break into the field and make themselves more marketable to potential employers.

Moderator:

Brian McGovern, Crowell & Moring LLP

Speakers:

Allison Schnieders, FAIR Health Inc.

David G. Abrams, NYS Office of the Attorney General

Lisa D. Hayes, One Brooklyn Health

Joanna L. Cohen, Nixon Peabody, LLP

Webcast

City Bar Summer Series

Careers in Labor & Employment Law

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | [Register](#)

Labor and employment law encompasses a wide variety of topics, including pay and benefits, harassment and discrimination, whistleblower protections, and health and safety. The practice of labor and employment can vary, from advising businesses on how to comply with applicable laws and regulations, to helping protect workers when their rights are being violated. At this program, panelists will discuss what practicing labor and employment law involves, the differing career paths available, and the areas of growing opportunities.

Moderator:

Katherine A. Greenberg, NYC Commission on Human Rights

Speakers:

Randi Cohen, Law Office of Randi M. Cohen

Bryn Goodman, Fox Rothschild LLP

Mariyam Hussain, Law Office of Christopher Q. Davis

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS TO COME

Please go to www.nycbar.org/nli to see the most up to date list of programs.