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PRESS RELEASE

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Rolls out COVID-18 Legal Line as part of its COVID-19 Legal Response

(Albany, N.Y.) – The [Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York \(LASNNY\)](#) understands that this can be a confusing and challenging time for many as everyone navigates their way through this pandemic. But the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York will remain reachable for the community and is fully staffed and serving clients.

The global pandemic of COVID-19 is having a significant impact in our community. To meet the current challenges, the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) has created a comprehensive **COVID-19 Legal Response** which includes a Legal Line (833-628-0087) and a [COVID-19 Legal Information Web Page](#). This initiative is meeting the urgent civil legal needs of low income people in the 16 counties we serve. Equal justice under law means that everyone facing a serious civil legal problem because of this crisis, should receive the legal information, advice, brief service and representation they need. LASNNY is here to help. **Call us at (833-628-0087).**

“The community LASNNY serves is particularly vulnerable to the economic impact of this pandemic,” said Lillian Moy, Executive Director, and Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York. “Legal Aid’s COVID-19 Legal Response and our Legal Line continue to play a crucial role during and after the crises.”

LASNNY asks the media for their assistance in publicizing this change in services and its toll free **Legal Line (833-628-0087)** *Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 9-5 pm and Wednesdays & Thursdays 9-7 pm* and a **COVID-19 Legal Information page** to reach as many of the people who need them as possible. Support staff will be working remotely to manage new intakes or requests for assistance, to put clients in touch with intake specialists and case handlers, as well as referrals.

LASNNY is posting legal information about the response to COVID-19 on their website for anyone to review and reference at www.lasnny.org, and anyone who needs their services, can find out more information about our services there.

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About The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York. The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York provides effective, free civil legal services and education to and advocacy for people with low income or other barriers to accessing the legal system. We secure basic needs, protect and preserve legal rights, provide equal access to justice, and seek fairness and dignity for our clients. We have 112 staff in five offices, serving 16 counties from the Catskills to the Canadian border.