

Who is Leap?

Leap is a legal advocacy partnership comprised of direct civil legal services providers. We work collaboratively to increase the availability, breadth and depth of quality civil legal services for low income persons in New York City. Leap's membership includes established community-based legal services providers and city-wide public interest advocacy groups that receive funding from a variety of public and private sources. Together, the 10 groups employ 188 lawyers and 166 committed staff members who provide critical assistance to over 60,000 low-income households every year through innovative legal services delivery models.

For more information about Leap please visit: www.leapny.org



Leap member agencies

- CAMBA Legal Services (CAMBA)
- Goddard Riverside Community Center, SRO Law Project (GRCC)
- Housing Conservation Coordinators (HCC)
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House (LHNH)
- Make the Road New York, Inc.
- MFY Legal Services, Inc. (MFY)
- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI)
- New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
- Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation Legal Services (NMIC)
- Urban Justice Center (UJC)

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1st Annual
Leap Conference

Keynote Speaker
Democratic Conference Leader
State Senator John Sampson

**Answering the Call:
Civil Legal Services
Respond to the
Economic Crisis**

October 6, 2009
9:00am - 6:00pm

Weil, Gotshal & Manges
767 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10022



Conference Information

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Schedule

9:00am - 9:30am: Sign in and breakfast
Provided

9:30am - 10:30am: Plenary Session: Issues
Facing Low Income and Communities of
Color During The Economic Crisis

10:30am - 12:00pm: Workshop A

12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch *Provided*
Keynote Speaker: Democratic Conference
Leader, State Senator John Sampson

1:30pm - 3:00pm: Workshop B

3:00pm - 4:30pm: Workshop C

4:30pm - 6:00pm: Reception

To RSVP

Space is limited. Please register
before October 2nd at:

www.surveymonkey.com/
leapconference

For more Information

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Workshops and Speakers

Workshop A: 10:30am - 12:00pm

**Foreclosure Defense: Loss Mitigation
and Litigation Basics:** *Elise Brown (MFY),
Adam Cohen (MFY), Angela Yen (NYLAG)*

**Health Insurance Options for the Unem-
ployed/Uninsured:** *Shana Bloom (LHNH), Orier
Okumakpeyi (MFY)*

**Worker Cooperatives as an Alternative
Business Form: Legal Structuring,
Governance and Immigration Issues:** *Ted
De Barbieri (UJC), Gowri Krishna (UJC)*

Workshop B: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Housing Court Basics: *Shafaq Islam (GRCC),
Lauren Sismondo (LHNH)*

**Litigating Wage/Hour and Overtime
Cases in Federal Court:** *Amy Carroll (Make
the Road NY), Ben Holt (UJC)*

**Family Based Immigration: The
Economy and its Effect on Affidavit of
Support; Special Relief for Victims of
Domestic Violence & Other Crimes:** *Alla
Kazakina (NYLAG), Madeline LaForgia (CAMBA),
Meeta Patel (NYLAG)*

**Using Law & Organizing to Advance
Language Rights in Health Care:** *Nisha
Argawal (NYLPI), Theo Oshiro (Make the Road NY)*

Workshop C: 3:00pm - 4:30pm

**Advanced Housing Court
Practices:** *Aurora DeCarlo (HCC), Alan
Morley (NMIC), Rebecca Symes (HCC)*

**Debt Collection Defense and the
Evolving Consumer Rights
Landscape:** *Jim Baker (NMIC), Matt
Schedler (CAMBA), Anamaria Segura (MFY)*

**How Wall Street has Really
Affected Main Street: Domestic
Violence and the Current Economic
Climate:** *Anya Emerson (NYLAG), Ted
Farley (UJC), Virginia Goggin (NYLAG), Amy
Hozer (NYLAG), Lexie Kuznick (UJC),
Danielle Spector (UJC)*

**Healthful Housing and Indoor
Environmental Hazards: Mold and
Other Asthma Triggers, Lead, and
PCBs:** *Matthew Chachère (NYLPI), Miranda
Massie (NYLPI)*

**Providing Legal Services To
Clients Who Are – Or Are Profiled
As Being – Involved in Prostitution
and Sex Work:** *Sienna Baskin (UJC)*

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