

*New York Women's Bar Association Foundation Honored By The Feerick Center*

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On September 16, 2014, The Feerick Center for Social Justice hosted an appreciation breakfast reception in honor of the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation in the new Fordham Law School building at Lincoln Center. In 2009, the Feerick Center received a \$100,000 gift from the NYWBA Foundation funded by longtime NYWBA member and past President, Norma Paige. The grant funded two scholarships a year for five years, awarded to female Fordham Law students who need scholarship support and who are committed to public service and addressing poverty-related issues that often impact women and children in New York and beyond. The fellows have contributed valuable work on many of the Center's projects, including the Domestic Violence and Consumer Law Project, the Unaccompanied Immigrant Children's Project, and The Civil Legal Advice and Resource Office (CLARO), which provides limited legal advice to low-income New Yorkers being sued by debt collectors—all of which address some of the most critical current legal and social issues affecting women and children throughout the country. Professor John D. Feerick, Founder and Senior Counsel, and Executive Director Dora Galacatos thanked the Foundation for benefitting the Feerick Center and providing a means for students to enhance their education experience while also offering them much needed financial assistance.

Many of the Foundation's Board of Directors were in attendance and were inspired by the presentations from former and current fellows, all of whom stressed that the fellowship had a profound impact on their law school experience and in their careers.

The Foundation is working to find ways to continue its valuable, productive collaboration with the Feerick Center. For more information on how you can assist, please contact the Foundation at [info@nywbaf.org](mailto:info@nywbaf.org)