CLA began as a dream in 2016 when we envisioned creating a non-profit dedicated to people not issues. It's hard to believe that it's been 5 years since we left our existing positions to embark on this journey. CLA was officially open for business in January 2017. Five years and 3,000 clients later we feel validated and more certain than ever that the need exists for communities on Long Island and in New York City. Thank you for following our journey.

- Ann and Keiko
Like other non-profit organizations, CLA faced challenges as a result of COVID-19, but has been able to adapt and thrive throughout 2021. The first year of the pandemic was about learning to balance safety and client needs. In this second year of the pandemic, CLA was able to focus on returning to more normal operations, including increasing community outreach and education events, increasing intakes, and holding 2 successful online fundraising campaigns!

**2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

- **850+** people impacted by our services
- **540** immigration matters handled
- **120** people attended virtual education/outreach events
- **60** public benefits cases counseled
- **27** 17A guardianships handled
In April 2021, the Office of Senator Todd Kaminsky awarded CLA a grant to help low-income Long Islanders with civil legal matters. Under this grant, CLA has provided advocacy services ranging from advice and counsel to direct representation on a variety of issues including, Social Security, Medicaid and Advance Planning to English and Spanish speaking community members. The GLS Project has been a success and we are very grateful for the Senator's support.
Celebrating 5 Years of Strengthening Communities

The $5k in 5 Days Challenge

While it’s unfortunate that we are unable to celebrate our 5-year anniversary in person with our friends, family, supporters, and colleagues, we are looking forward to celebrating a little differently. Join our week-long anniversary celebration, Feb. 28 - March 4! Our week will feature client stories from over the past 5 years as well as present awards to some of our strongest allies and supporters. We look forward to your support and engagement during this week to help us raise $5,000 in 5 Days!

Follow our social media for the latest updates on how to participate!

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