

RESOLUTION NO. 92

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPITAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION LEGAL PROJECT, INC. (THE LEGAL PROJECT) REGARDING A CAMPUS LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT

Introduced: 3/14/16

By Law Committee, Messrs. Clenahan, R. Joyce, Mss. McKnight and Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center has requested authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with The Capital District Women's Bar Association's Legal Project, Inc. (The Legal Project) to allow a collaborative initiative of the Albany County District Attorney, Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center, Equinox, In Our Own Voices, College of Saint Rose, University at Albany, Siena College, Albany College of Pharmacy, The Sage Colleges and any other interested college campuses in Albany County to apply for the Campus Legal Assistance for Victims Grant, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that the project will assist in closing the gap in the provision of civil legal services to victimized college students by expanding current resources in order to offer free, confidential civil legal consultations by The Legal Project, whether or not the student chooses to report the offense criminally or use formal administrative proceedings on campus; incorporate civil legal services into campus-based outreach efforts and educational programs; promote communication and coordination between victim services programs and civil legal services, and

WHEREAS, The Legal Project will allow for staff and trained pro bono attorneys to act as advisors during the proceedings and help advocate for student survivors with the colleges/universities; follow required confidentiality policies at every step of the process; and represent the student survivors, as necessary in campus proceedings or in civil matters in off campus courts, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into all necessary agreements regarding the Campus Legal Assistance for Victims Grant through The Legal Project, Inc., and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 3/14/16