

The Robert J. Scamardella Fund for Legal Education Opportunity

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Work at Staten Island Legal Services, Inc. for Eight Weeks, July 1—August 23.

Stipend: \$1,500

Eligibility: Rising CSI Senior, CSI Senior, or Recent CSI Graduate

- **Intending to Attend Law School**
- **Minimum GPA: 3.4.**
- **Proficiency in Spanish Preferred**

To Apply: Send:

- **Statement of Interest (2-3 pages);**
- **Resume;**
- **Unofficial Transcript;**

In one pdf or Word document, to:

Professor Michael Paris, Michael.Paris@csi.cuny.edu

Deadline: January 22, 2024

About Staten Island Legal Services:

Project Director: Nadia K. Hernandez

No other borough has changed as much as Staten Island over the past twenty years. Significantly, poverty has increased by 90%. In response to this dramatic change, Staten Island Legal Services (SILS) opened its doors in 2004 to serve Staten Island residents and to fight poverty and seek racial, social, and economic justice.

With over 30 dedicated and highly-trained staff, SILS assists approximately 7,500 low-income individuals and families a year in preventing evictions and foreclosure, preserving affordable housing and homeownership, obtaining access to education, supporting survivors of domestic violence, assisting applicants for immigration status, and engaging in LGBTQ/HIV+ advocacy. In working closely with the communities we serve, our staff regularly conducts outreach and community education and builds relationships with community leaders and organizers, to achieve holistic solutions for our clients.

SILS advocates practice in many areas, including:

- [Access to Education](#)

- [Civil Rights & Language Access](#)
- [Family Law & Domestic Violence](#)
- [Foreclosure Prevention & Homeowner Rights](#)
- [Housing & Tenants' Rights](#)
- [Immigration & Immigrants' Rights](#)
- [LGBT Advocacy](#)

As part of Legal Services NYC, our other borough offices can help Staten Islanders with other legal issues, including:

- [Government Benefits](#)
- [Unemployment Insurance Project](#)
- [Consumer Rights](#)
- [Employment Law and Worker's Rights](#)
- [Disability Advocacy Project](#)
- [Pension Project](#)
- [Veteran's Justice Project](#)

Staten Island Legal Services is a NYC Financial Empowerment Center!

Staten Island Legal Services has partnered with Neighborhood Trust Financial Partners and the NYC Office of Financial Empowerment to provide FREE one-on-one confidential financial counseling and coaching to support you in reaching your goals, regardless of income or immigration status. A professional Financial Counselor is available to provide personalized guidance and can help you address a wide range of personal financial topics:

- Take control of your debt, including student loans
- Strengthen your credit score
- Make savings a part of your routine
- Balance a budget
- Open a bank account
- And much more

To schedule a session with the Financial Counselor, please contact 917-543-2810 or e-mail Tamika Howell at thowell@neighborhoodtrust.org.

Our Location

36 Richmond Terrace Ste. 205 [map](#)
 (Across the street from the ferry)
 Staten Island, NY 10301
 718-233-6480

https://www.legalservicesnyc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=95&Itemid=136

ABOUT ROBERT J. SCAMARDELLA

Robert J. Scamardella is a life-long Staten Islander who graduated magna cum laude from the College of Staten Island in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. In 1975, he earned his Law Degree from Brooklyn Law School. He started his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney with the Richmond County District Attorney's Office where he was the Chief of the Major Offense Bureau. Mr. Scamardella is an experienced Trial Attorney having litigated numerous Estate, Real Estate and Business Matters. He has particular experience in Will Contest, Breach of Contract and Business Owner Disputes. He also has extensive knowledge in Will Probate and Administration Matters, Business Formation, Business Owner Agreements, Residential and Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Elder Care Law and Estate Tax Planning. He oversees the Law Firm of Scamardella, Kasegrande, and Gervasi, and its Associates, while interacting with clients to address their personal needs. Mr. Scamardella has served on the Board of Directors of the Richmond County Bar Association and has chaired its Public Relations and Fee Arbitration Committees. In addition, Mr. Scamardella has served as Board Chairman of the Staten Island YMCA and the Eger Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater New York and is a former Board Member of the College of Staten Island Foundation.
