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Lois Schwaeber

Lois Schwaeber is Co-Director of Legal Services at The Safe Center LI, Inc and has been working in the field of domestic violence since 1993. She began supervising and administrating a domestic violence clinic for Suffolk County law school students, then providing direct representation to Safe Center clients. As Director, since 2001, she supervises six attorneys providing direct legal representation to victims of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault in civil legal proceedings, including family offenses, custody/visitation, child/spousal support, paternity, divorce, and immigration proceedings; the Court Advocacy Program, which provides legal information and support to walk-in victims at Family Court and the Nassau County Dedicated Domestic Violence Parts; and the Pro Bono Project, which recruits and trains attorneys to provide representation to the backlog of victims unable to afford private attorneys to represent them.

As an authority in the field of domestic violence, she has authored several articles on the intersection of domestic abuse, custody/visitation, and divorce, and the need for expertise when representing survivors. She also organized, conducted, and participated in many professional forums, trainings, and workshops and appeared on television addressing intimate partner violence and custody/visitation.

Ms. Schwaeber was the recipient of many recognitions and awards including: Women's Bar Association of the State of NY, Joan L. Ellenbogen Award, Touro Law Center Alumni Council Public Interest Award, Nassau NOW Women's Equality Award and the Yashar Women Leadership Award, to name a few.

Ms. Schwaeber is active in public interest and community-based philanthropic and legal organizations, and serves as a member of Nassau County Executive's Family Violence Task Force, Nassau County's Judicial Women in the Courts Committee, Nassau County Bar Association's We Care Fund Advisory Board, and Access to Justice Committees and The NYS office of Court Administration's Access to Justice Committee.

Ms. Schwaeber was awarded her JD from Touro Law Center, Cum Laude, and is admitted to practice in New York and all federal courts.

***Lois Schwaeber was selected as a
2020 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator Anna M. Kaplan.***

