

# Guest Columnist Fern Finkel Continues Strong Campaign To Bring the Law to All Who Need it — Free of Charge

## Attorney Organizes Public Forums On Behalf of Brooklyn Law Foundation

*(Columnist's Note: I am very pleased, as I vacation on the beach in Connecticut, that the talented Fern Finkel has agreed to contribute a very valuable message on behalf of the Brooklyn Law Foundation. Her comments are printed below.)*

### Foundation Law Committee's Ongoing Free Lecture Series

If you are struggling to understand the legal world of elder law and benefits, consumer debt and bankruptcy, family law, landlord-tenant issues or other legal issues, the Foundation Law Committee of the Brooklyn Bar Association might have an easy and free solution for you to increase your knowledge and understand your rights. The committee, in conjunction with the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project and the Brooklyn Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service, wants the Brooklyn community to know about its ongoing series of free informational lectures, presented to the public several times a year in a "Know Your Rights" format.

Founded by Brooklyn Bar

Association Past President Diana Szochet in 2008, the goal of these lectures is to give back to the public and increase access to legal knowledge in an accessible way. All programs are hosted on scheduled Monday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Brooklyn Bar Association (123 Remsen St. in Brooklyn Heights), are completely free of charge to attendees and include light refreshments.

Top practitioners in a variety of legal fields lecture on issues relevant to the public and the Brooklyn community. The presentations give the community a chance to become more informed about their legal rights, and to access important information they might not otherwise be aware of before consulting an attorney. A question-and-answer session follows all presentations.

The Foundation Law Committee's goal is to present at least four programs per year. Topics include:

- Aging in the Community: How to Plan Ahead
- Landlord-Tenant Law: Know Your Rights



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- Filing in Family Court for Child Support, Custody, Visitation and Paternity
- Consumer Debt and Bankruptcy:

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the Process, Defenses and Options

- Criminal Law Proceedings in New York City
- Basics of Uncontested Divorces: Know Your Rights
- Mediation in the Community: What is it, and How can it help?
- Navigating the Affordable Care Act: a Program for Individuals, Professional Practitioners and Businesses

• Co-op Living: Know Your Rights as a Shareholder and as a Renter

Future program dates and topics are published on the Brooklyn Bar Association's website ([www.brooklynbar.org](http://www.brooklynbar.org)), on [www.mybrooklyncalendar.com](http://www.mybrooklyncalendar.com), on community board websites, by flyers hung on library and community bulletin boards and by email to all past lecture attendees and other members of the Brooklyn community. If you would like to be con-

tacted when future programs are scheduled, please email Fern Finkel, chair of the Foundation Law Committee, at [ffinkel@ffelderlaw.com](mailto:ffinkel@ffelderlaw.com) to be added to the email list. The goal is to spread the word of these free, informative and valuable programs to the public. All are welcome.

— Fern J. Finkel, Esq.

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