



Survival Series 2023

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Place: Virtual (ZOOM)

Developing a Medical Legal Partnership

Many providers and practice staff have encountered patient visits where it's apparent the patient is experiencing stress that is adversely affecting their health: food or housing insecurity, denial of benefits, instability in family relationships. These issues are ones many patients encounter, and ones many providers may not feel equipped to handle.

Join us as presenters Mahala Schlagman, MD and Rebecca Russo, JD discuss how a medical legal partnership works to empower both providers and their staff, as well as patients. In this program, you will:

- Understand benefits to our community in developing a medical legal partnership
- Describe methodology for medical legal partnership development and implementation
- Understand medical legal partnership as a potential tool for individual advocacy & policy level change.

PRESENTERS:



Mahala Schlagman, MD

Dr. Mahala Schlagman is the Assistant Program Director for Health Equity in the Internal Medicine residency at URM. She is also the Medical Director of a pilot Medical Legal Partnership with Finger Lakes Legal Care which has been present at Strong Internal Medicine and Highland Family Medicine since 2019. Her clinical work is in primary care at Strong Internal Medicine with a particular interest in patients who have complex biopsychosocial needs.



Rebecca Russo, JD

Rebecca Russo joined Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LawNY) in 2007 as a Staff Attorney. In 2012 she formed the Finger Lakes Legal Care (FLLC) medical legal partnership, a project of LawNY, which embeds attorneys in healthcare settings. The project helps patients of participating practices address social determinants of health. Rebecca co-supervised LawNY's Health Law Unit for seven years, before pivoting to focus on medical legal partnership client services and program development full time in 2021. She serves as the Co-Chair of the Lawyers' Coalition for Racial and Social Justice; the CLE Committee Co-Chair of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys; and is the immediate past President of Inclusive Woods & Us.

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