

SDM Comes to the New York State Bar Association

The New York State Bar Association (with more than 70,000 members) holds its annual meeting every January, with programs spotlighting some of the most important and pressing issues for lawyers and the justice system. We were thrilled that the Committee on Disability Rights (CDR) and the Elder Law and Special Needs Section sponsored a two-hour panel on SDMA legislation, and that among the materials for that program were SDMNY's Principles for SDMA Legislation.



Just a few of the participants, from left to right, Chester Finn, Matthew (Hezzy) Smith, Professor Nina Kohn, Kris Glen, CDR Committee Co-Chair Joe Ranni; Rose Mary Bailey

The panel was beautifully chaired by Advisory Council (AC) member Sheila Shea, and of the nine speakers, six were part of our SDMNY family—AC members Chester Finn, Rebekah Diller and Tara Anne Pleat, SDMNY Director Kris Glen, Former Project Coordinator (and continuing consultant) Hezzy Smith, and , from our partner DRNY, Julie Keegan. One of the primary messages from the panel was the importance of the work SDMNY has done in demonstrating how—and that—SDM really works, and how critical that experience should be to SDMA legislation in New York.

Great job, SDMNY!