



Patient Advocates Program

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The Mental Hygiene Legal Service (MHLS) Program

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Speaker: Sheila E. Shea Director, Mental Hygiene Legal Service, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third District

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Session Overview

The NYS Court System provides legal services, advice and assistance to persons in NYS receiving care or alleged to be in need of care at inpatient and community-based facilities for individuals with mental disabilities & certain patients or residents of residential health care facilities.

Very few people in the community are aware of this important service for a vulnerable segment of the human service population.

The service provides advice and representation regarding standards of care and other matters affecting the civil liberties of persons receiving care at facilities for individuals with mental disabilities. This includes assisting persons involuntarily placed in a mental health unit or facility.

In this session you will learn about:

- The purpose and functions of the Mental Hygiene Legal Service (MHLS)
- Who is eligible for these services in New York State
- How individuals or family members can find out more information or access their services
- The regions of the system (Judicial Districts and Field Offices)

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- **June 25:** To be announced

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