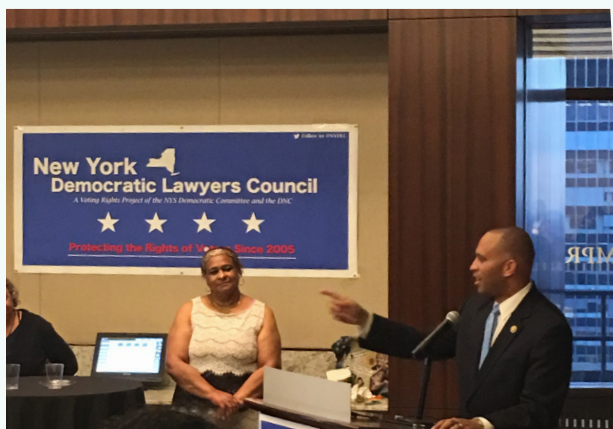




2016 Year in Review

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*The New York Democratic Lawyers Council (NYDLC) is a coalition of attorneys, law students, and voting rights advocates dedicated to protecting **YOUR** right to vote.*



Voting Rights are Human Rights

For years, NYDLC and like-minded democracy reform groups have decried our outdated election process. America continues to witness the consequences of failing to modernize our voter registration and administration systems. To ensure fundamental civil rights, voting should be convenient and accessible so that all eligible voters are able to participate in civil society by casting a ballot that counts. NYDLC's forthcoming National Voting Rights Agenda provides a roadmap for getting there.

In 2016, NYDLC helped recruit more than 1,500 New Yorkers for battleground state voter protection programs, staffed the national voter assistance hotline with hundreds of attorneys, and directed New York's Democratic voter protection team of 400 trained election monitors.

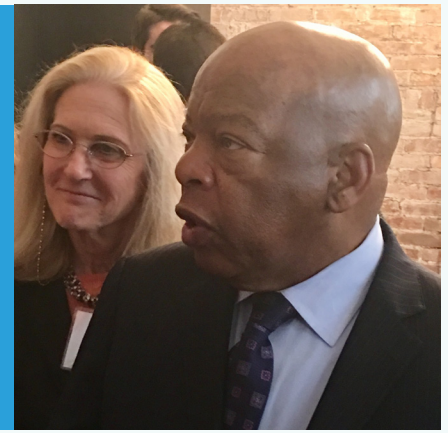
Robust Voter Protection Helps Win Close Contests

Senator Todd Kaminsky narrowly won his Special Election to replace GOP Leader Dean Skelos by less than 900 votes! NYDLC attorneys monitored the polls in minority communities with a troubling pattern of voter suppression. NYDLC trains attorneys and others to ensure that every eligible voter is able to cast a ballot free from difficulty or intimidation. Our team worked tirelessly with Nassau County to resolve voter incidents quickly, saving hundreds of votes.



"The vote is precious. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it."

- Rep. John Lewis speaks to New York voting rights advocates, Oct. 2016



Pro-Voter Legislative Advocacy

2016 proved to be a very active year for voting rights advocacy across the U.S. Dozens of NYDLC members met with lawmakers to build support for critical pro-voter legislation that will modernize our antiquated voter registration system and provide New Yorkers with better voting options (early voting, vote-by-mail, automatic, same-day, and online registration, youth pre-registration, Attorney General pre-clearance protection, and more). Lend your skills to the continued struggle for voting rights in 2017!

NYDLC partnered with law student leaders from seven NYC-area law schools and diverse on-campus groups to raise awareness among young professionals about restrictive voting laws.

CLEs, Voter Education & Community Empowerment

In 2015-16, NYDLC convened legal education courses on *The Voting Rights Act*, *Election-Related Dirty Tricks and Deceptive Practices*, *U.S. Voter ID Laws*, *New York Campaign Finance*, and *New York Voter Protection and Election Law*, training hundreds of attorneys. Working with community groups, NYDLC helped organize voting rights presentations and speaker panels. In 2017, NYDLC will explore *Felon Disenfranchisement Laws* and provide our pro-voter curriculum for civic engagement and community programming.



Since 2005, NYDLC has been independently funded by a dedicated network of supporters who cherish the franchise and recognize that voting rights are under attack and always are at risk of political manipulation.

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