

"They worked with dedication to fashion the new program. I want to pay particular tribute to Human Resources Administrator Mitchell Sviridoff and Commissioner George Nicolau and his legal counsel, William Fry, for their initiative and imagination.

"In addition, the cooperation of William Greenawalt, Director of Legal Services for the Regional Office of OEO, was invaluable. I am also gratified that the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the five County Bar Associations have announced their intention to support the program.

"I hope that the Appellate Divisions now will give prompt consideration to the program so that legal services can be made available to everyone in New York who needs them."

The City and County Bar Associations have agreed to recommend to the Appellate Division that the new structure now be organized and authorized to practice law.

Senators Jacob K. Javits and Robert F. Kennedy have also said, in a joint statement issued May 16, 1967, that they "strongly endorse" the program.

The City's new plan calls for a central coordinating agency, Community Action for Legal Services, Inc. (CALS), and 10 operating corporations.

The operating corporations will include the Legal Aid Society and Mobilization for Youth, which already are running legal services programs with funds from an OEO grant received last year. Harlem Assertion of Rights, Inc., the Bedford-Stuyvesant Legal Services Corporation and six additional corporations are to be established.

These organizations will operate neighborhood law offices staffed by attorneys, law students working part-time and by investigators and other personnel recruited wherever possible from among the people to be served in the poverty areas.

In addition to providing advice and representation for individuals and groups, the corporations will sponsor research, handle test cases, prepare and comment on legislation and educate the people of the community about their legal rights.

CALS, as the coordinating agency, will train the lawyers who staff the local offices and will complement the work of the individual corporations in research and other functions. CALS will make subcontracts with the operating corporations, will provide technical and administrative assistance to them and will supervise and evaluate their programs and audit their records.

The Board of Directors of CALS will include 20 lawyers and 10 representatives from communities to be served. These 10 are to be chosen by the 10 corporations. The 20 lawyers are to be chosen by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the County Bar Associations and the minority bar associations.

Of the 20 lawyer-members there will be two faculty members from law schools in the City and five attorneys chosen from the Bar at large.

The two faculty members already have been named. They are Professor Willis L. M. Reese of Columbia and Associate Professor Thomas M. Quinn of Fordham.

The five attorneys-at-large are: Robert L. Carter, general counsel, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Burke Marshall, vice president and general counsel, International Business Machines (IBM); Orrin G. Judd, partner, Goldstein, Judd & Gurfein; Edward V. Sparer, director, Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, School of Social Work, Columbia University; and Theodore Pearson, partner, Kelley, Drye, Newhall, Maginnes & Warren.

The employees of the program will be subject to the Federal Hatch Act's restrictions on political activity, and neighborhood law offices will not be permitted to represent political parties or factions.

The City first obtained OEO approval of a \$3.4 million Federal grant for legal services in June, 1966. When the Appellate Division, First Department, rejected the program last November, the Community Development Agency immediately undertook to revise it. The newly-funded program is the result of extensive negotiations with the City and County Bar Associations, the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity and local groups.

Locations of the 10 neighborhood offices have not yet been designated. Following is list of the 26 designated poverty areas in the city:

MANHATTAN

Central Harlem
East Harlem
Lower West Side

Lower East Side
Mid-West Side
Upper West Side