Legal Services NYC is excited to be an Official Charity Partner in the 2018 TCS New York City Marathon. Runners on Team LSNYC will raise funds to support LSNYC’s efforts to provide critical legal services for thousands of New Yorkers living in poverty. The dedication of our NYC Marathon runners sends a powerful message: that our community will fight to ensure justice and fairness for everyone.

RUN With TEAM LSNYC

As a runner with Team LSNYC, you commit to raising $3,500 to benefit Legal Services NYC. You will receive several benefits:

- A half-zip running pullover
- Free access to NYRR's Virtual Trainer program
- Customizable personal fundraising site on Crowdrise
- Social media shout-outs
- Post-race drinks
- LSNYC office tour and invites for top fundraisers

For more information about running with Team LSNYC, please email Anna Meyer at ameyer@lsnyc.org.

Already running the marathon? Sign up to join our fundraising team on Crowdrise! There's no fundraising minimum for this option.

MEET OUR RUNNERS

JAY ACKLEY

Jay is a Senior Grants & Contracts Management Specialist at Legal Services NYC. He is an experienced marathoner, with the 2018 NYC Marathon marking his sixth marathon. He trains with morning runs in Prospect Park, and loves when he sees fellow LSNYC staff on runs in the park. Jay is excited about running the marathon for LSNYC because, as he says, it's a great to "have a reason to shamelessly spread the word about all the good work LSNYC does to friends and family."

JOHN BRIGGS

John is a housing attorney in the Manhattan office of Legal Services NYC.

TANYA KUONI

The 2018 NYC Marathon will be Tanya's second marathon, after completing it in 2016. To train for this year's marathon, Tanya joined a running club and loves to run the West Side Highway for the views of the Hudson and of the city. She is proud to run the marathon this year for LSNYC because she has first-hand seen "the power that pro bono legal services can bring" having worked for two years for her university's Pro Bono Services Department. Tanya plans on celebrating after the marathon with a cryotherapy session and drinks with family and friends.

CASEY OLBantz

Casey is a litigation associate in the New York office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
LLP. The 2018 NYC Marathon will be his first formal race, but he's been an avid runner since law school (though the hobby had mostly been an excuse to binge podcasts). He trains with early morning weekday runs on the Hudson River Greenway and with long weekend afternoon runs in Central Park. Casey is deeply involved with Paul, Weiss's pro bono efforts, and worked with LSNYC as a first-year associate. He is thrilled to be able to represent LSNYC in the marathon.

Kris has been a public interest lawyer for ten years, currently with the Ulster County Public Defender's Office. This will be her third NYC marathon! She loves to run with her young daughters (in their jogging stroller) and her dog, much to the surprise of those who come upon her running. A majority of her career has been in civil legal services and so running the marathon for LSNYC is very natural for Kris. "It is wonderful to have my friends and family be a part of the work I do in some way," she says. She hopes to sleep post-marathon, but definitely plans on having a beer to celebrate.

Robert Sanderman is a Staff Attorney in the Community Economic Development Project of Queens Legal Services. This will be Rob's first marathon - in fact, he says he has never run more than 13.5 miles, though he has run a few half marathons. To help prepare for the NYC Marathon, he signed up for a half marathon beforehand. He says it means "everything" to him to have friends and family support LSNYC.

**About LSNYC**

For almost 50 years, LSNYC has improved the lives and communities of low-income New Yorkers. As the country’s largest provider of free civil legal services, we solve both heart-wrenching individual problems - eviction, domestic violence, loss of income - and address their underlying causes through litigation and advocacy. Last year, our advocates helped more than 90,000 New Yorkers living in poverty secure the essentials of life: shelter, safety, subsistence income, and access to health care and education.