

New York State Bar Association's Women in Law Section  
presents

# THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND THE FIGHT AND ACHIEVEMENT OF WOMEN'S VOTING AND LEGAL RIGHTS

**March 9, 2020**

**Standard Charter Bank**

1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036

4:30 p.m. Registration

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presentation

*1.0 MCLE credits in Areas of Professional Practice*

## Speakers

**Susan L. Harper, Esq.**, Founding and Past Chair,  
Women in Law Section (WILS) & Chair,  
WILS' Centennial Suffrage Commemoration Initiative

**Terri Mazur, Chair, Esq.**, Women in Law Section

**Margaret Sowah, Esq.**, Chair, WILS' Reports,  
Surveys and Publications Committee



The 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was ratified on August 18, 1920, giving women the right to vote nationwide. New York women won the right to vote three years earlier on November 6, 1917.

The story of how women gained voting rights is compelling. At a meeting over tea, five women organized the New York Seneca Falls Convention of 1848, where Elizabeth Cady Stanton announced resolutions demanding women's rights, including the right vote. Decades of intense struggle by women, men, upstate and downstate, associations, and by people of different backgrounds and across the country followed. Nationally, suffragists picketed the White House, were jailed and went on hunger strikes. Similar struggles occurred in New York. It took 72 years to change the constitution and win the right to vote.

Join the NYSBA Bar Association's Women in Law Section's Centennial Suffrage Initiative presents the story of the landmark fight for women's suffrage (voting rights) and the diverse leaders, activists, associations, and supporters who made this happen.

Learn about the different strategies and tactics used, the trailblazing states granting women suffrage before the 19th Amendment, case law, and the challenges voters faced -- even after the vote was won to disenfranchise citizens. Meet the women on whose shoulders we stand and celebrate the modern day women whose illustrious careers are a true legacy of the suffrage movement.

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