



Susan Shin is the Legal Director of the New Economy Project, an economic justice advocacy center based in New York City. Susan has been an attorney at the New Economy Project since 2008 and currently oversees the organization's legal strategies: direct legal services to low-income New Yorkers, legal support to community groups on economic justice campaigns, and impact litigation that challenges Wall Street corporations. Susan has dedicated her work to advancing economic justice in New York City's communities of color.

Susan was nominated for the 2017 Rising Star Award for her extraordinary work in *Sykes v. Mel S. Harris and Associates*, a groundbreaking class action lawsuit that settled in November 2015 after 6 years of litigation for \$59 million. The *Sykes* case affectively addressed abusive debt collection lawsuits that have caused consumers direct harm, particularly vulnerable communities of color and lower income households. The New Economy Project was instrumental in all stages of the case and was invaluable to the more than 350,000 New Yorkers who will have their debts eliminated and to the 195,000 whose debts that will be vacated - a total result valuing near \$800 million. Susan had a direct hand in the team's success by guiding strategy in litigation, discovery, and settlement.

Susan also co-authored New Economy Project's 2013 report, *The Debt Collection Racket in New York: How the Industry Violates Due Process and Perpetuates Economic Inequality*, which clearly demonstrated that communities of color bear the overwhelming weight of debt collection practices. Susan is currently the consumer representative on the New York State Department of Financial Services' State Charter Advisory Board as well as serving as a consumer law expert for the Civil Legal Advice and Referral Office (CLARO) Previously, Susan co-chaired the statewide coalition New Yorkers for Responsible Lending's Consumer Finance Working Group. She is also a recipient of the National Association of Consumer Advocates' 2012 Consumer Advocate Award and CLARO's 2017 award for outstanding service and dedication to helping New Yorkers in need of legal assistance.