


George Latimer
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Assigned Counsel Board of Directors, due to the newly created Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Matthew P. Montana, Esq., 1019 Park Street, P.O. Box 668, Peekskill, New York as a member of the Assigned Counsel Board of Directors, for the term March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

Given under my hand
and seal this 1st day
of March, 2022.



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February 22, 2022

Mr. Matthew P. Montana, Esq.
1019 Park Street
PO Box 668
Peekskill, New York 10566

Dear Mr. Montana,

Westchester County has amended our Assigned Counsel Plan by enacting Chapter 186 of the Laws of Westchester County to establish an Independent Office of Assigned Counsel. This Office will be a County Department administered by an Assigned Counsel Administrator with the advice and consent of an eleven (11) member Assigned Counsel Board of Directors. ("Board of Directors"). According to Chapter 186, two members shall be attorneys in good standing who are active members of the Westchester County Bar Association's 18-B panel, one who practices in the Criminal Court and one who practices in Family Court, chosen from several recommendations made by the Westchester County Bar Association ("WCBA"). As you know, you have been recommended by the WCBA to serve as a director. It is therefore my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Board of Directors based upon a recommendation by the WCBA, effective March 1, 2022, for a term to expire on February 28, 2023.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, however your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days of the date of this appointment letter, or within 30 days after the commencement of your term. When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

As a member of a County Policymaking Board, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form will be mailed to you under separate cover.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure. We will be contacting you in the near future to

schedule the first meeting of the Board of Directors.

Very Truly Yours,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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December 7, 2021

Wendy Weathers, Esq.
Clair Gjersten & Weathers
4 New King Street, Suite 140
White Plains, NY 10604

Re: Letter of Interest

Dear Attorney Weathers:

Thank you very much for contacting me yesterday regarding a position on the Assigned Counsel Board of Directors. Please accept this as a letter of interest for said position. I have enclosed a copy of my resume for your reference.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Very truly yours,



Matthew Montana

enc.
via email only

MATTHEW P. MONTANA, ESQ.

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Levine & Montana Attorney

Peekskill, New York
March 2015-present

- Provide criminal defense representation to those charged with a variety of violations and crimes; member of the misdemeanor and felony assigned counsel panels in Westchester County since September of 2015; 18b screening committee member
- Real estate practice focuses on the representation of approximately 30 cooperatives, condominiums, and homeowners associations, handle residential unit closings as the transfer agent for several community associations
- Litigate complex civil litigation matters on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants in local and Supreme Court
- Commence and prosecute holdover and nonpayment summary proceedings on behalf of landlords
- Draft wills for clients, represent the executors of estates in surrogate's court proceedings

New York County District Attorney's Office Assistant District Attorney – Trial Division

New York, New York
September 2008-March 2015

- Served as the lead prosecutor on more than twenty criminal and supreme court jury and bench trials for cases involving assault, robbery, narcotic sale, identity theft, sexual abuse/forcible touching, DWI, and trademark counterfeiting
- Chosen to assist the Cybercrime and Identity Theft Bureau in the investigation and eventual takedown a complex identity theft ring comprised of 28 defendants after a long-term investigation with the United States Secret Service, the NYPD, and American Express, involving seven eavesdropping warrants in which defendants were indicted on top counts of Enterprise Corruption (Organized Crime Control Act) and Conspiracy
- Led the New York County District Attorney's Office in amount of cases tried in New York County Criminal Court in 2010
- Successfully litigated an issue of first impression relating to the New York County District Attorney's Office's policy on the execution of search warrants on electronic devices
- Wrote search warrants for residences, cellular telephones, email and Facebook accounts, pen registers and trap and trace devices, and cell site orders for cellular telephones
- Selected by the Administrative Assistant District Attorney to serve on the Office's Summer Hiring Board

Trial Preparation Assistant - Rackets Bureau

June 2003 - June 2005

- Supported assistant district attorneys in all stages of criminal investigation and prosecution of organized crime groups and emerging terrorist cells and enterprises
- Acted as liaison between assistant district attorneys, law enforcement officials, defense counsel, and judges
- Conducted telephone and financial record analyses as well as transcribed intercepted and consensual recordings

United States Attorney's Office – District of Massachusetts Intern – Civil Division

Boston, Massachusetts
2007

- Performed legal research and writing related to a long-term health care fraud case involving the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act

Hon. Raymond J. Brassard – Justice of Suffolk Superior Court Summer Law Clerk

Boston, Massachusetts
2007

Honors Judicial Intern

- Researched, drafted, and edited judicial opinions and memoranda relating to various criminal and civil matters

EDUCATION

New England School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts

Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2008

Bar Admission: New York, January 2009

Class Rank: 21/228 (Top 10%)

Honors: *New England Law Review*, Technical Editor, 2007–2008; Associate, 2006–2007
New England Scholar Award – Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts

Bachelor of the Arts in Spanish, cum laude, May 2003

GPA: 3.55/4.0

University of Seville, Seville, Spain

Study Abroad Program, September 2001 – May 2002

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Fluent in Spanish

