

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 Hon. Michelle I. Schauer, JFC, 111 Dr. Martine Luther King, Jr. Blvd., White Plains, New York, as an ex-officio member of the Assigned Counsel Board of Directors, for the term March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

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

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George Latimer
County Executive
Office of the County Executive

February 28, 2022

Honorable Michelle I. Schauer, JFC 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. White Plains, NY 10601

Dear Judge Schauer;

Westchester County has amended our Assigned Counsel Plan by enacting Chapter 186 of the Laws of Westchester County (attached hereto) 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 of the Laws of Westchester County, two members of the Board of Directors shall be ex-officio members without a vote. We are writing to inform you that pursuant to the requirements contained in Chapter 186, Hon. Anne E. Minihan, the Chief Administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District in consultation with Hon. Joseph Egitto, Supervising Judge for the Family Courts in the Ninth Judicial District, you have been recommended as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors effective March 1, 2022, for a term to expire on February 28, 2025.

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. The filing of your

annual financial disclosure form with the New York State Ethics Commission for the Unified Court System will satisfy this requirement.

Should you have any questions regarding this appointment or the law establishing the Independent Office of Assigned Counsel, please feel free to contact County Attorney, John Nonna at 995-2690.

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

GL/nn Attachments

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

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Judicial Directory

JUDGES OF THE TRIAL COURTS

Hon. Michelle I. Schauer



Westchester Family Court - Yonkers 131 Warburton Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 (914) 831-6587

Judicial Offices

Judge, Family Court, Westchester County, Elected, 2011 to 2020, Ne-elected in 2020 for 10 year ferm

Other Professional Experience

Westchester County Family Court, Court Attorney Referee

Admission to the Bar

NYS, Appellate Division, Second Department, 1985

Education

J.D., New York Law School

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About Judge Michelle I. Schauer

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Hon. Michelle I. Schauer is a Judge of the Westchester County Family Court. She is the Lead Judge for the Westchester County Court Improvement Project.

"I have had the privilege of working with the CASA program in Westchester County since 1999, when I was a Court Attorney Referee. I have had hundreds of cases with CASAs since then, so I can say with certainty that CASAs are an invaluable resource not only to the Court, but to all of the participants in the child welfare system. CASA's thorough oversight, monitoring, and reporting is relied upon by all participants in the process and is oftentimes the impetus for positive - sometimes life-changing - differences in the lives of the children for whom they advocate. CASA enhances the ability of all of us in the child welfare system to work together towards the common goal of reversing the negative impact of child abuse and neglect and improving the lives of the children and families we serve. It is my privilege to partner with the CASA program and all of its extremely dedicated volunteers."

- Judge Michelle I. Schauer

As part of the Westchester County Court Improvement Project, Judge Schauer and her multidisciplinary stakeholder partners established the Westchester County Early Childhood Permanency Part ("Baby Court"), over which Judge Schauer presides. Before being elected to Family Court, Judge Schauer was a Court Attorney Referee in that court's Abuse and Neglect Permanency Planning Part. Prior to working in the Westchester County Family Court, Judge Schauer was Court Attorney to Honorable Albert M. Rosenblatt while he served in the Appellate Division Second Department and, later, in the Court of Appeals. She was also a Court Attorney in New York State Supreme Court and Westchester County Family Court, as well as a litigator in private practice.

Court Appointed Special Advocates of New York State

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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER) ss.:
I, Michelle T. Schould do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I wil
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of board of Directors in and for the
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.
Date: Narch 47022 Micheller O Thank
(Signature)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of March,
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No. 02DA6359436
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(Title of Official Administering Oath)

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.