

George Latimer County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Advisory Council on People with Disabilities, due to the newly created Council:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Michael Gilberg, P.O. Box 26, Granite Springs, New York as an at-large member of the Westchester County Advisory Council on People with Disabilities, for the term November 18, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

Given under my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

George Latimer
County Executive



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November 18, 2020

Mr. Michael Gilberg P.O. Box 26 Granite Springs, NY 10527

Dear Mr. Gilberg,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as an at-large member of the Westchester County Advisory Council on People with Disabilities, effective today, Wednesday, November 18, 2020, pursuant to Act No. 215-2019 of the laws of Westchester County. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Advisory Council on People with Disabilities meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact the Office for People with Disabilities at (914) 995-2957 for the date, place, and time of the next Advisory Council on People with Disabilities meeting for your participation.

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.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, 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 is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

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cc:

Honorable Board of Legislators

Evan Latainer, Director - Office for People with Disabilities

Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

Office of the County Executive

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# MICHAEL GILBERG

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BAR ADMISSIONS New York (March 2008); Connecticut (November 2007).

#### **EDUCATION**

# **Continuing Legal Education**

COPAA 2013-2019 Conferences; Special Education Law; Election Law; Elder Law/Special Needs Planning; Disabilities in the Legal Profession – Presenter.

#### Pace University School of Law, White Plains, NY

Juris Doctor, June 2007

# Pace University, White Plains, NY

Master of Public Administration, Government, January 2006

# Pace University, Pleasantville, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, summa cum laude, June 2000

#### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

# Attorney-at-Law, Somers, NY

Attorney, March 2008 - Present

Solo practitioner focused mainly on special education and disability rights law in New York and Connecticut. I have also handled vehicle and traffic cases, election law, and other various matters. I have also served as a Guardian-ad-Litem in Surrogate Court Cases throughout the 9th Judicial District.

# Law Office of Jennifer Laviano, LLC, Sherman, CT

Attorney, November 2011 - October 2015

Drafted Due Process hearing requests, met with clients, developed cases, and researched issues for special education law cases. Represented clients at mediations and PPT meetings with school districts.

#### Gina DeCrescenzo, P.C.

Of Counsel Attorney, May 2013 - April 2014

Drafted Due Process hearing requests, motions, and other documents, and special education law research.

#### Robet Half Legal, New York, NY

Contract Attorney, February 2013- April 2013

Conducted document reviews including coding for responsiveness, privilege, and performing redactions.

# America Works, Albany, NY

Legal Consultant, September 2012 – December 2012

Provided legal consultation regarding company audit and file structure.

#### Young Democrats of America, Washington, DC

General Counsel, September 2011 - August 2013

Advised the President and other national board members on legal procedures for the organization.

#### Westchester ARC, White Plains, NY

Legal Intern, March - May 2007

Conducted legal research and policy analysis on matters relating to developmental disabilities.

#### Office of the New York State Attorney General, White Plains, NY

Legal Aide, June - August 2006

Conducted legal research and drafted documents defending actions before the Court of Claims.

# John Jay Legal Svcs Health Law/Disability Rights Clinic, White Plains, NY

Student Atty, Sept. 2005 - May 2006

Represented clients in Social Security, guardianship, and housing rights cases.

# The Hon. William J. Giacomo, NYS Supreme Court, White Plains, NY

Judicial Intern, June - July 2005

Drafted memoranda and preliminary decisions regarding matrimonial issues. Observed judicial proceedings.

#### LEGISLATIVE/POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

#### Various State, Federal and Local Political Candidates

Falk for New York State Assembly (NY-94); Campaign Manager, May - September 2012

Ackerman for Congress (NY-5); Finance Director, August - November 2010

Harper for New York State Assembly (NY-99); Campaign Manager, July 2006 - November 2006

# Assemblyman George Latimer, Mamaroneck, NY

Legislative Director, July - December 2008

# Westchester County Board of Legislators, White Plains, NY

Legislative Assistant, February - April 2008

## New York State Assembly, Albany, New York

Research Associate, January - June 2004

# Westchester County Board of Elections, White Plains, New York

Election Assistant, May 2002 - March 2003

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)

Board Member March 2015 - Present

Membership Committee Co-Chair March 2016 - Present

National Association of Attorneys with Disabilities (NAAD)

Board Member, July 2014 - Present

PULSES (Parents United Learning the Special Education System of the Mid-Hudson Valley NY)

Board of Directors November 2019 - Present

Autism Spectrum News Editorial Board March 2018 – Present

Disability Rights Bar Association

New York State Bar Association, Committee on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

Westchester County Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association

Westchester Women's Bar Association - Education Law Committee

American Bar Association

Justice Brandeis Westchester Law Society

Westchester County Autism Advisory Committee

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

New York Democratic Lawyers Council

#### **AWARDS**

YAI Life Changer Award (2019)

New York State Young Democrats Alumni Award (2016)

Young Democrats of America John F. Kennedy Award (2011)

Somers Democratic Town Committee Chairman's Award (2003)

**COMPUTER SKILLS;** Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Outlook, LexisNexis, Westlaw, Relativity, CLIO

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

# For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK )
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ) ss.:
I, Michael Gilberg 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 will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of At-lwsc Member in and for the County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.
Date: 1/2/2020
(Signature)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Novaber,
Jan E gashay (Signature)
SUSAN E. GILBERG  Notary Public, State of New York  No. 01G/5057302
(Print emile of New York  (Print emile pewer filester County  Commission Expires March 18, 20
(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.