

George Latimer County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County African American Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Esq., 3 Woodland Avenue, Port Chester, New York as a member of the Westchester County African American Advisory Board, for the term June 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

George Latimer
County Executive



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June 1, 2021

Ms. Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Esq. 3 Woodland Avenue Port Chester, NY 10573

Dear Ms. Bradshaw-Soto,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County African American Advisory Board, effective today, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.421. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

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 African American Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Paula Friedman at (914) 995-2940 for the date, place, and time of the African American Advisory Board's upcoming 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

Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

Office of the County Executive

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### JILL C. BRADSHAW-SOTO, ESQ.

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#### **EDUCATION**

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, N.Y.

Juris Doctorate, June 1992

Admitted in New York, October, 1993

Honors: Ford Foundation Fellowship Recipient

Activities: Criminal Law Clinic (now known as the Innocence Project), Human Rights Clinic.

Intensive Trial Advocacy Program

Hague Academy of International Law, Den Haag, Holland B 2nd Session 1991

Guilford College, Greensboro, N.C.

Bachelor of Science, May 1986

Major: Administration of Justice

Honors:

Student Leadership Award

Faculty Recognition Award

Mercy College, White Plains, NY

Paralegal Certification. Dec. 1986

Professional Activities: Second Vice President of the Westchester Black Bar Association; Member of the Village of Port Chester Taxi Commission; Member of the Village of Port Chester Ethics Committee

#### EXPERIENCE

1/21-Present

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, White Plains, NY Chief Program Officer

Supervising the Attorneys-In-Charge of the nine local offices, ensuring that each office is working consistently with LSHV's practice standards and providing high quality legal assistance. Assisting AICs with creating and implementing a local advocacy plan with a goal to increase funding. Working collaboratively with members of the senior leadership team, ensuring staffing on contracts, deliverables and data collecting requirements are being met. Supporting the CEO in advocating for various program and funding opportunities.

### 3/98 – 12/20 Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, White Plains, NY Attorney in Charge, Mount Vernon Office

Manage all aspects of office including: administration, supervision and training of legal and non-legal staff; budgeting; supplies and personnel matters. Assist attorneys with case development, strategy and trial preparation. Represent individual clients in a variety of civil matters, including housing, public benefits and unemployment insurance. Review and assign all new cases opened at this location and thru program's central intake system. Establish and maintain relationships with community based organizations and organize community legal training events and outreach. Responsible for Legal Services Corporation funding reports and data and funding reports for various funding sources.

### Staff Attorney - (Housing, Disability & Family Law Units).

Managed over 100 cases per year. Performed all aspects of direct client representation in areas of housing litigation and family law, including motion practice, administrative hearings and trials; public benefits fair hearings: unemployment hearings.

# 6/96-3/98 Administration for Children's Services (Paternity & Support Unit), NYC, NY Special Assistant Corporation Counsel

Represented the Human Resources Administration in court on paternity and support matters. Position required maintenance of a heavy case load with daily court appearances. Additional job duties included research and writing of motions and memorandums of law and preparation of witnesses for trial and hearings.

# 5/93 - 6/96 Osborne Association (Assigned Counsel Services Division) Bronx, N.Y. Special Narcotics Advocate

Interviewed and evaluated criminal defendants for alternatives to incarceration programs. Prepared reports and pre-sentencing memorandums and presented same in court at sentencing hearings. Facilitated referrals to social services and treatment agencies. Appeared in court and provided advocacy for alternative sentences.

# 1/91 - 1/92 Bronx Legal Services (Housing Unit) Bronx, N.Y. Legal Intern

Assisted with all aspects of housing litigation. Prepared cases for administrative hearings. Interviewed clients, prepared witnesses for court appearances. Performed legal research and prepared pre-trial documents. Assisted with all aspects of complex class action suits.

## 6/90- 8/90 Judge Vincent I. Broderick, U.S. Federal District Court (S.D.N.Y) Summer Law Clerk

Attended and assisted with all conferences, oral arguments and trials. Conducted legal research and writing. Drafted orders and decisions on various motions. Monitored court calendar and prepared miscellaneous and office correspondence.

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

### For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK )	
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ) ss.:	
I, Jill Beach Aw - So To do solemnly swear (or after (Print or Type Name)	firm) that I will support
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Ne	w York, and that I will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of African-American	V Cory in and for the
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.	75°CCEC
Date: 6.14-21 (1. Seashow)-	20 Ko
(Signatur	e)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June,	· *
	CHERISH N. CELETTI
(Signature)	NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
Cherish N. Celetti	Qualified in Westchester County
(Print or Type Name)	My Commission Expires 09-29-2022
(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.