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Assigned Counsel Family Court Appeals Training Seminar

presented by the Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department Hon. Henry J. Scudder Presiding Justice



and the **New York State Defenders Association**



FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015

Watts Conference Center 49 S. Fitzhugh St. Rochester, New York

7.0 MCLE Credits (1.0 Ethics)

PROGRAM

9:30-10:00 am Registration

10:00-10:50 am

Family Court Motions and Calendar Practice

Alan L. Ross, Esq., Deputy Clerk of the Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department

10:50 am-12:10 pm Issue Spotting in Family Court Appeals

Janet Somes, Esq., Assistant Public Defender, Monroe County Kimberly Duguay, Esq., Assistant Public Defender, Monroe County

12:10-12:30 pm Lunch (Provided)

12:30-1:30 pm

Ethics Tips and Tricks for Staying Out of Trouble Andrea Tomaino, Esq., Principal Counsel Seventh Judicial District, Attorney Grievance Committee, Rochester, NY

1:30-2:30 pm

Starting and Perfecting an Assigned Appeal

Timothy P. Murphy, Esq., Chief Attorney, The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.

2:30-2:45 pm Break

2:45-3:30 pm

Practice and Procedure: Guidelines for Assigned Counsel

Kim Taylor, Esq., Principal Appellate Court Attorney, Appellate Division, Fourth Department

S P E A K E R S

Kimberly Duguay earned a BA in Psychology from the University at Buffalo in 1988, and a Law Degree and a Masters in Social Work from the University at Buffalo in 1992. Kim has represented both parents and children in family law cases at the trial and appellate level in matters of neglect, abuse, termination of parental rights, custody and visitation. Kim was a staff attorney at Legal Services, Inc. in Pennsylvania, practicing in the areas of Family Law and Social Security Disability. In 1998, she became a licensed medical social worker with Lifetime Care (formerly Via Health Home Care) where she still practices social work per diem. Kim also worked as a mitigation specialist in capital and non-capital cases. In 2001, Kim became an associate attorney working with Gary Muldoon (later Muldoon & Getz). She joined the Monroe County Public Defender Office in 2007, handling criminal and Family Court appeals. In 2013, Kim and the attorneys in the Appeals Bureau of the Public Defender's Office were honored by the New York State Bar Association with the Denison Ray Criminal Defender Award. Kim is also a past president of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys (GRAWA).

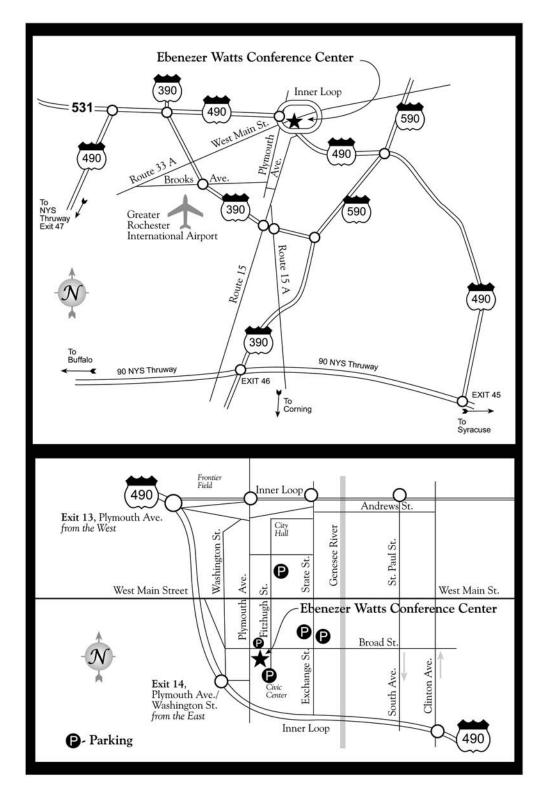
Tim Murphy has been practicing law for 20 years, and is presently Chief Attorney of the Appeals and Post-Conviction Unit of the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc., overseeing the state's largest criminal appeals department outside New York City. The office represents indigent appellate clients in Erie, Orleans, Genesee and Cattaraugus Counties. He is the Chair of the Appellate Practice Committee of the Bar Association of Erie County: a board member for the New York Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; a member of the Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction for the New York State Bar Association; and a member of the Tri-County Judicial Screening Committee for NYS Court of Appeals candidates. He is admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court and the US Court of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Sixth and Eleventh Circuits, as well as before the Seneca Nation of Indians Court of Appeals. He is also a former Niagara County prosecutor, and has been a Town Justice in the Town of Pendleton since 2008. Tim was named to Super Lawyers (Upstate NY edition) in 2014.

Alan L. Ross is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board. He was a litigation associate with the Rochester firm of Greisberger, Zicari before becoming Court Attorney to the Hon. Ann Marie Taddeo, Supervising Judge of the Family Courts of the Seventh Judicial District. After 13 years in Family Court, Mr. Ross was hired by the Fourth Department in 2004 as a Principal Appellate Court Attorney. Mr. Ross was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department in December 2011. In addition, Mr. Ross had served as Mendon Town Justice for 8 years before retiring from the bench in 2009.

Janet C. Somes, a cum laude graduate of Syracuse University College of Law (1984), and a magna cum laude graduate of the State University of New York College at Brockport (1981), has worked in the Monroe County Public Defender's Office since 1985. Janet worked in all levels of the trial sections of the Public Defender's Office, and in 1990, joined its Appeals Bureau, representing clients in both Criminal and Family Court appeals. Since then, she has perfected hundreds of appeals before New York's appellate courts, including many at the NY Court of Appeals. Janet has recently been selected to receive the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) "Outstanding Appellate Practitioner Award." Her winning streak at New York's highest court includes the successful appeal of eight consecutive cases, including People v Handy, 20 NY3d 663 (2013) and People v Fisher, 18 NY3d 964 (2013) as well as cases involving illegal detention and involuntary guilty pleas. In 2013, she and the attorneys in the Appeals Bureau of the Public Defender's Office received the NYSBA's Denison Ray Criminal Defender Award. Janet serves as vice president of the Honeove Falls-Lima Board of Education and is a founding member and trustee of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Education Fund.

Kim Koski Taylor is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School. Upon graduation from law school Ms. Taylor clerked for the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, before joining the Monroe County Law Department. Ms. Taylor served as a Deputy County Attorney and then as the Supervising Attorney for the Child Support Enforcement Unit. In addition to her duties as the Supervising Attorney, Ms. Taylor handled all appellate work for the Child Support Enforcement Unit and the Monroe County Juvenile Prosecutor's Office. Ms. Taylor is currently the Administrator of the assigned counsel program for the Fourth Department.

Andrea E. Tomaino is Principal Counsel for the Seventh Judicial District Attorney Grievance Committee, an agency of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department. She previously served as a Confidential Law Clerk to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, before entering private practice, where she concentrated in family law with the firms of Chamberlain, D'Amanda, Oppenheimer & Greenfield, and Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP, in Rochester, New York. Ms. Tomaino has been a frequent lecturer at CLE programs on legal ethics for various county bar associations and the New York State Bar Association, and she is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Trustees of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester, New York. She received her BA from the College of the Holy Cross and her JD from Washington & Lee University School of Law.



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