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Fifth Judicial District Committee on Women in the Courts
Hon. Deborah Karalunas, Chair

Sixth Judicial District Committee Gender Fairness Committee
Hon. Mary Anne Lehmann, Chair; Hon. Molly Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair

Seventh Judicial District Committee Gender Fairness Committee
Hon. Teresa Johnson, Chair

Eighth Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee
Hon. Rosalie Bailey, Chair; Hon. E. Jeanette Ogden and Sharon Thomas, Vice-Chairs

Ninth Judicial District Committee to Promote Gender Fairness in the Courts
Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman, Chair; Hon. Allen Hochberg, Vice-Chair

Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee
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Gender Fairness Committee of the Twelfth Judicial District, Supreme Court Committee
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Gender Fairness Committee, New York County, Supreme Court, Civil Term
Hon. Deborah Kaplan and Anna Rumberg, Esq., Chairs

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LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2009-2010

Name of the Committee: Fifth Judicial District Committee on Women in the Courts

Name and Title of Chair: Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas, Supreme Court Justice

Members - would you attach a list of your members? List attached.

Dates of Meetings: March 11, 2010

Average Attendance: 6

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009: None

Activities for Women's History Month 2010: None

Other Activities in the Past Year: None

What are your plans for next year:

- (1) a program highlighting important women – famous or not – who have changed our community, country and the world. Karen DeCrow, newly appointed chair of our Women's History Sub-committee, will chair this program. Karen will be working with the National Women's Hall of Fame which has graciously agreed to co-sponsor this event. The program will be for people of all ages. It may include a student essay contest.
- (2) a training program for lawyers on Orders of Protection and Domestic Violence (tentative).
- (3) a program on Family and Women's Health. Details of the program are yet to be determined. The program will be organized by our Family and Women's Health sub-committee which is chaired by Fran Ciardullo.
- (4) organizing a group of courthouse employees to train for and walk/run in a local race this summer.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year? Economic issues arising from the poor economy including increased unemployment, declining child support payments and an increase in the number of foreclosures.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs? We need more Family Court judges and support.

What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

Please return this form by March 15, 2010 to:

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February 16, 2010

Honorable Betty Weinberg-Ellerin, Chair
New York State Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts
25 Beaver Street, Room 878
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Re: Local Committee Report 2009-2010
Gender Fairness Committee, 6th Judicial District

Dear Judge Ellerin:

I submit the following report on behalf of the Gender Fairness Committee for the Sixth Judicial District.

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Our meeting was held February 2, 2010 in Binghamton, New York at the District Office, we used video conferencing to include those not in Binghamton. At this meeting we selected a new deputy chair and discussed future plans for a transition . Justice Molly Fitzgerald has agreed to assume the responsibilities as Chair in the year 2011 with Paula M. Nichols as Deputy Chair. It has been my honor to serve on this committee as Chair for thirteen years and I express my gratitude and admiration for Judge Ellerin, Jill and Fern for their leadership and support. The justice system is better because of their diligent work and input and I was honored to have a small part in this.

Our activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month are attached. We did not engage in other activities this past year.

The Sixth Judicial District continues to see progress in terms of women on the bench, as judges and Support Magistrates. We are now slightly above the national average.

Our most pressing unmet need in the Sixth Judicial District remains the proper handling of cases involving litigants with mental illness and a great deal of training will be needed to address this issue as resources for outpatient treatment shrink. The Courts are called on more and more to deal with citizens who are marginalized by budget cuts. Our County Court is in the process of developing a Mental Health Court but it will serve Felony Cases only.

In the Sixth Judicial District we have been given a quota of clerk/court assistant slots that must remain unfilled. As more experienced clerks retire, the remaining staff must "pick up the

slack". This creates a tremendous strain on our staff, most of which are women. We need to be allowed to fill our vacant positions.

I submit this final report as the chair of the Committee, I know our future Chair will improve on this committee's function and I wish all the committees, doing this valuable work, the very best.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary Anne Lehmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

MARY ANNE LEHMANN
CHAIR OF THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE
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February 22, 2010

Honorable Betty Weinberg-Ellerin, Chair
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Re: Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009

Dear Judge Ellerin:

The following activities took place in the Sixth Judicial District during the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

1. Broome County

- a. In October the SOS Shelter celebrated its 30th anniversary of serving the victims of Domestic Violence. The shelter is a non profit organization designed to give immediate emergency temporary assistance to the victims of Domestic Violence. They have interfaced with the YWCA to provide an extended long care solution for the victims of Domestic Violence. The Executive Director of the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence spoke at that luncheon, Amy Barish. A copy of the program is attached.
- b. The SOS Shelter, in conjunction with a number of local agencies, both corporate and non profit participated in the "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence" by decorating a tree in front of the Supreme Court. The tree was trimmed with purple lights and bows. Endicott Village Hall was also decorated with purple lights and bows. Both remained decorated throughout the month of October. The Security Mutual Building, one of the tallest buildings in Binghamton, displayed purple lights throughout the month of October.
- c. The SOS Shelter, in conjunction with the local T.V., radio and newspaper media ran several public service announcements regarding services provided by the SOS Shelter and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A copy of the SOS Shelter newsletter discussing the various events is also attached.

- d. The undersigned, Judge Lehmann was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the SOS Shelter on October 2, 2009.
- e. The Binghamton City Domestic Violence Court marked its seventh anniversary of continuous operation.
- f. An MSW trauma class was held at Binghamton University supporting victims of Domestic Violence

2. Cortland County

- a. Cortland City Court wore purple on October 14, 2009 in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- b. The Hon. Julie A. Cambell, Acting Supreme Court Judge, IDV Judge gave a talk about Domestic Violence Court at a meeting of the Zonta Club on October 15, 2009. The Zonta Club is a group of volunteers and business women who contribute their talents and energies to local and international service projects promoting the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.

3. Delaware County

- a. DSS of Delaware County and Delaware Opportunities held a candlelight vigil during the month of October to highlight Domestic Violence Awareness.
- b. A Town and Village Justice training regarding the IDV Courts was held on October 15, 2009. A copy of that agenda and/or training program is attached.

4. Tompkins County

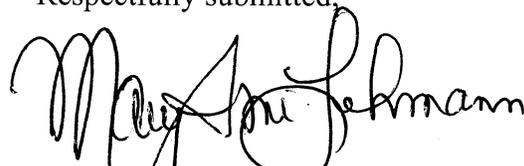
Rebecca Jackson, the Resource Coordinator from the IDV Court in Tompkins County reported the following events during the month of October, 2009

- a. "Sharing stories/healing lives" was a community outreach event at Dewitt Park on October 6, 2009. In that program there were displays and information tables. Speakers also discussed their stories regarding surviving domestic violence incidents and sharing information concerning the resources available.
- b. Displays and information tables were set up at Ithaca College and Tompkins/Cortland Community College providing students with information regarding Domestic Violence and particularly dating violence.
- c. A Domestic Violence bulletin board was unveiled in the Dewitt and Boynton Middle Schools as well as the Boces Community School.

- d. The purple ribbon project with a fact card and information about advocacy services was delivered at Tompkins Community College, Cornell, Ithaca College and thirty other locations in the Ithaca community.
- e. The “Go Purple Day”, October 29, set up tents and outreach materials at Ithaca College, Cornell, the local Middle Schools and High Schools.
- f. A number of trainings were presented by the Advocacy Center regarding DV education.
 - 1. Volunteers at Cornell received training in regard to giving assistance and supporting survivors of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault.
 - 2. Training at the New Hope Center involving an in staff training to improve services to trans-gender victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, an under-served population.
 - 3. Boces Community School, both the Middle and High School classes received training on healthy and unhealthy relationships, including a discussion on Domestic Violence.
 - 4. The TST Boces GED classes again received training on healthy and unhealthy relationships, including Domestic Violence education.
 - 5. Lansing High School health classes also presented information on healthy and unhealthy relationships, including Domestic Violence information.
 - 6. There was a training at the Dick Van Dyke Addiction Treatment Center for the womens group entitled “Healing from Domestic and Sexual Violence”.

The above activities, having taken place in the Sixth Judicial District to promote awareness of Domestic Violence, are respectfully submitted for your review. This district continues to grow in its programs and participants in promoting awareness of Domestic Violence and hopefully working toward the goal of eradicating the same.

Respectfully submitted,



HON. MARY ANNE LEHMANN
Chair of the Gender Fairness Committee

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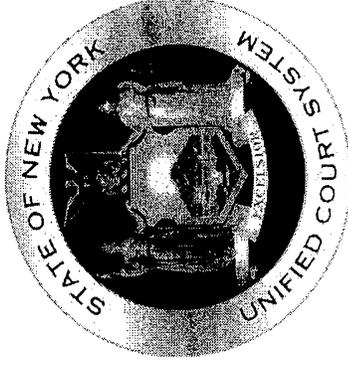
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UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**



**GENDER FAIRNESS
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Gender fairness committees were created throughout New York State after the 1986 Report of a New York State Task Force on Women in the Courts found that gender bias in the Courts was a "pervasive problem".

The primary mission of the Sixth Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee is to provide a forum for the informal resolution of gender bias complaints from litigants, court employees and members of the bar. The Committee is empowered to receive and review complaints and where necessary to refer complaints to the appropriate forum for resolution. The referrals are monitored to assure that some action is taken. The Committee is limited to accepting complaints involving individuals who are part of the legal system, that is, lawyers and New York Unified Court System Judges and nonjudicial employees.

The Gender Fairness Committee will process oral and written complaints, however, anonymous complaints will not be processed. Complaints may be submitted to any member of the Committee. All complaints received by the Gender Fairness Committee are considered to be confidential. However there may be disclosure to the Administrative Judge and or appropriate reviewing or disciplinary body.

Members of the Gender Fairness Committee also are available to provide information regarding the rights and obligations of attorneys, judges and court personnel. They may also provide training and educational materials as needed.

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LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2009-2010

Name of Committee:

Seventh Judicial Gender Fairness Committee

Name and Title of Chair:

Honorable Teresa D. Johnson, Supervising Judge Rochester City Court, Chair

Members:

Our members include Judges, Law Clerks, Assistant District Attorneys and Assistant Public Defenders, private practitioners court security and the head of our local Battered Women's Shelter. A list of Members is attached.

Dates of Meeting:

June 2, 2009, July 20, 2009, August 4, 2009 August 17, 2009, November 14, 2009

Average Attendance: 8

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009:

On November 4, 2009 we presented a program entitled Cyberstalking-Harassment Lurks in the Digital Age. That seminar was presented at the Monroe County Bar Center, in collaboration with the Monroe County Bar Association and the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. CLE credits were available.

The presenters at the seminar were Michelle Garcia, Director of the Stalking Resource Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime in Washington, D.C., Gerald Grant, Esq. a Certified Access Data Forensic Examiner with the Federal Public Defenders Office, and Assistant District Attorney Mark Monaghan, Esq. who had worked on a local case involving computer trespass and identity theft.

The program was technical as well as practical, covering topics including how to advise clients when a ongoing crime is pending including the potential for violating orders of protection, how social networking sites, Face Book, My Space, texting, GPS and U tube can be utilized for cyberstalking and abuse, and understanding the intersection of modern technologies with stalking, intimate partner violence and sexual assault. The program was very well attended for a Rochester CLE, with more than thirty participants. The participants gave very positive reviews of the presenters and materials provided.

Activities for Women's History Month 2010:

We did not present a program for Women's History Month 2010. We had planned a program on women in transition in law, law enforcement and politics that had been post-poned from June 2009, because of a visit by the Chief Judge. One of the panelists relocated out of town, however.

Other Activities in the Past Year:

The Gender Fairness Committee, and most particularly I, as Chair, have spent time addressing issues of perceived, if not actual gender fairness issues in the court. Most particularly, several instances of situations, which at the least have created uncomfortable situations for our female court security officers, (in Monroe County they are County Deputies) have been brought to light. I was able to resolve an issue involving uniforms by speaking directly to the Sheriff to have the matter resolved. To address the issues in a more systematic fashion, were are in the process of planning training for all court security supervisors this spring in the areas of gender fairness and sexual harassment.

What are your plans for Next Year?

We plan to have programs next year for both Women's History Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We would also like to continue collaborating with other groups in the community as we did this year with the Monroe County Bar Association and the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. We also hope to have the sexual harassment and gender fairness training available to a much broader group of employees and supervisory personnel within the Courthouse.

What Issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

The pressing issues for women and gender in the courts remain constant. There is a continuing concern that women should be treated fairly in promotion and assignments. Our child care facilities have recently been expanded in the Courthouse, but the need continues to outpace the available resources.

Do you see operational issues in your Court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

We are in the process of meeting the unmet training needs with respect to gender fairness issues in our judicial district. We are working with the Sheriff's Department and Alice Chapman-Minutello to put sexual harassment and gender fairness training sessions in place for Court Security Supervisors, and hope to expand the training throughout the Courthouse.

What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

Jill Laurie Goodman called in the fall, just to have a discussion about issues or potential issues in our district. While she has always been responsive to any request for help, it was really nice to have her reach out. She gave us some good ideas about expanding our contacts within the community. It was also helpful to have the extra meeting this year.

I suggested previously that it would be nice to have the opportunity to attend some of the programs put on by other committees. It would be nice if we all submitted information on our programs in advance to the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts which could then put out a monthly calendar and make it available to all of the committees. Particularly in Western New York, it is very possible, that individuals in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and surrounding counties might attend each other's programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa D. Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Teresa D. Johnson
Gender Fairness Chair.

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Attachment



MONROE COUNTY BAR
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AND THE GENDER FAIRNESS
COMMITTEE OF THE
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT

CYBERSTALKING - HARASSMENT LURKS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

12:15pm – 4:00pm (11:45am lunch & registration)

The Rubin Center for Education ~ 1 W. Main Street, 5th Floor

Chair:

Hon. Teresa Johnson
*Rochester City Court Judge &
Chair, 7th Judicial District
Gender Fairness Committee*

Speakers:

Michelle Garcia, MPP
*Director, Stalking Resource
Center at the National Center
for Victims of Crime*

Gerald Grant

*Federal Public Defender's
Office and Certified
AccessData Forensic Examiner*

Mark Monaghan, Esq.

*Monroe County Assistant
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Youth and adults alike are increasingly using computers, cell phones, and other modern devices to communicate and share information but this same technology can be turned into a dangerous tool of stalking, domestic abuse, and dating violence.

Major Topics:

- Understanding the intersection of modern technologies with stalking, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault;
- Evidence collection strategies in high-tech cases, including cell phone and computer forensics and subpoenaing information from Internet Service Providers;
- How social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace etc), texting, GPS, and YouTube can be utilized for cyberstalking and abuse;
- Discussion of the Monroe County's *Hildreth* (cyber-crime) case involving computer trespass, keystroke logging devices, and identity theft;
- Ethics: how to advise clients when an ongoing crime is pending, including violating an Order of Protection;
- National statistics, preventative measures and safety planning.

MCLE: 1.5 Skills; 2.0 Practice Management; 0.5 Ethics ~ For both newly admitted & experienced attorneys

Cyberstalking
November 4, 2009

Register by October 30
to avoid the \$10 late fee!

I will use a CLE pass or enclosed is \$_____ for _____ reservation(s) for:

Attorneys \$95.00 New Admittee \$80.00 Legal Staff & Law Enforcement \$70.00

REGISTRANT(S): _____ PHONE: _____

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March 16, 2010

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Dear Jill:

Enclosed please find our committee report. I'm looking forward to seeing you next month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosalie S. Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

HON. ROSALIE S. BAILEY
Erie County Family Court Judge

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Name of the Committee Eighth Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee

Name and Title of Chair: Hon. Rosalie S. Bailey
Erie County Family Court Judge

Members 29 (see attached list of members)

Dates of Meetings: 2/25/09; 3/18/09; 10/29/09; 12/14/09

Average Attendance: 14

Use of Video Conferencing? Yes

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009:

We co-sponsored a program in conjunction with the Chautauqua County Integrated Domestic Violence Court on Domestic Violence Offender Treatment and/or "Education" Programs. The program included a panel of four speakers from local service programs.

Activities for Women's History Month 2010:

We will be holding a recognition program in Rochester to add the names of recent recipients of our Lamplighters Award to our plaque. The program will be held at the Dolores Denman Courthouse in May or September depending on scheduling.

Other Activities in the Past Year:

Our district wide Lamplighter's Luncheon was held in June honoring women who have made a difference. We had 235 attendees honoring the following women:

Hon. Sheila DiTullio
Officer Elizabeth Rodriguez Fildes
Hon. Betty Jean Grant
Leslie J. Haggstrom, Esq.
Hon. Betsy G. Hurley (Posthumous)
Hon. E. Jeanette Ogden
Mary Burnett Talbert (Posthumous)
Marie Villari

We presented a program and photo display at the Wyoming County Courthouse recognizing the contributions of Ella Hawley Crossett. Ms. Crossett, from Warsaw, NY, was president of the New York State Suffrage Association from 1902-1910 and was a leader in securing equal rights for women in our state. The program featured speakers from our committee, from the Wyoming County Court and from the

Wyoming County Historical Society. We had a great turnout from the community and court personnel. A reception and lively discussion followed with some people talking about their connections to and memories of Ms. Crossett's family.

Immediately following the above program, our committee took a guided tour of abolitionist sites in the town of Warsaw and visited the local Historical Society to view abolitionist and suffragette artifacts. We concluded with a picnic in the park.

In October we held a very successful Cancer Awareness Program. The program included representatives from the American Cancer Society, Gilda's Club, Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Work/Life Assistance Program. The most powerful speaker was the first, a court employee who moved us to tears with his discussion of his discovery and battle with cancer. The program was put on in cooperation with the Erie County Bar Association.

During the months of October and November we sponsored a series of four brown bag programs for court employees, friends and family members on the topic of Caring for your Elderly Parent. Each day's program consisted of 4-5 speakers and included an information table of materials from that day's program and from the previous days programs. The programs were as follows: October 28: Overview of Long Term Care for the Elderly; November 4: Legal Issues; November 12: Services in Erie County for Seniors; and November 18th: Caring for the Caregiver. Members of the Womens Bar were also invited to attend.

Our committee met with our new Administrative Judge Paula Feroletto shortly after her appointment. We are pleased that she has decided to become a member of the committee when she spoke at our October meeting.

We continue to watch the numbers and treatment of 'intimate partners' family offense petitions. At our final meeting of the year we reported on the status of women in judicial and supervisory positions in our courts amongst the district.

Our committee members continue to participate in training new employees on domestic violence and equal treatment. One member presented at the Niagara County IDV Court Stakeholders meeting.

What are your plans for next year:

In January 2010 we sponsored a speaker on long term health insurance to follow up on our Caring for Your Elderly Parent series.

Our March meeting was held at Everywoman Opportunity Center - a local non-for-profit agency whose mission is to help women achieve personal and economic self-sufficiency. It is a great resource for women who come through the courts as it provides many services to women in transition including computer training, a professional clothes closet and a job search library. Their offices are located throughout our district. We met with the director and toured their facilities.

The following programs are being explored, although some may be put off until 2011:

- We are interested in learning more about issues facing Muslim women and children in our courts and in our community and hope to meet with the principal of the Universal School to learn about their programs and to tour the school.
- We're currently organizing a Human Trafficking Program to be held in Niagara County.
- We'll be traveling to Rochester for a reception adding the names of recently honored Lamplighters to our plaque in the Dolores Denman Courthouse.
- We plan on participating in the opening of the new child care center at Buffalo City Court.
- We're exploring a program on stress management for court employees.
- For Cancer Awareness Month in the fall we plan a tour of Gilda's Club for court employees.
- For Domestic Violence Month, we're exploring a program on cyber-bullying, sexting and texting.
- We talked about a program on basic self-defense for court employees.
- We plan on inviting the new head of the Family Justice Center to speak on her vision for the future of the center.
- We would like to cooperate with the promotion of Hispanic Heritage Month. We also plan to include the Womens Bar Association in spreading the word on our programming.
- We have talked about expanding our Caring for Your Elderly Parent Program into one of the smaller counties in our district.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

Again this year, accessibility to services is a real issue.

We need more supervised and therapeutic-supervised visitation programs set up for non-custodial parents and we need them to be more accessible during weekends and non-working hours. So, too, do we need more monitored exchange programs so that children don't have to be exchanged at police stations.

We need more available mediation and treatment programs.

Important also is the threat of cutbacks in civil legal services which would negatively impact women going through divorce, needing domestic violence advocacy or needing representation to avoid eviction from their homes.

Another concern is not unique to the courts, but is a universal problem facing women in the work force: responsibility for caring for our aging parents. As more and more women have entered the workplace, there are fewer persons left at home to care for our parents. According to statistics, these are mostly our mothers. This is placing a greater stress on our co-employees and on a growing number of attorneys - mostly women - who find themselves trying to balance home, employment and the care for a beloved parent.

We also need to make our courtrooms more friendly to the elderly - increased hearing enhancement equipment and handicapped accessible courtrooms. This need, however, is not limited to women litigants.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

Both our Administrative Judge and our District Executive are active committee members. Members of our committee are actively involved in decision-making and training of court employees. Our district tends to be proactive in meeting training needs.

Also on the plus side, in Family Court, we have recently seen the increased use of videoconferencing and telephonic interpreting service as well as the introduction of enhanced speaker phones for the judges. They have proven very helpful in increasing accessibility to the courts and freeing up time and resources.

What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on women in the Courts?

I hope the State Committee will continue to offer the program for local committees outside NYC.

The annual meeting of all chairs is very beneficial in brainstorming new ideas for programming. I find the Annual Reports an especially useful reference material.

Please return this form by **March 15, 2010**, to:

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May 18, 2009

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**TO: JUSTICES, JUDGES, CHIEF CLERKS & AGENCY SUPERVISORS,
ALL NON-JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES - EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
AND BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS**

**FROM: HON. ROSALIE S. BAILEY
Chair-Eighth Judicial District, Gender & Racial Fairness Committee**

RE: WOMEN IN THE LAW AWARDS LUNCHEON

The 8th Judicial District's Gender & Racial Fairness Committee has planned an awards luncheon to be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency, 2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo.** Lunch will commence at **12:00 noon.**

The Honorees are : **Hon. Sheila A. DiTullio, Officer Elizabeth Rodrigues Fildes, Hon. Betty Jean Grant, Leslie J. Haggstrom Esq, Hon. Betsy G. Hurley (Posthumous), Hon. E.Jeannette Ogden, Mary Burnett Talbert (Posthumous) and Marie Villari.**

We invite your attendance as well as members of your organization and/or office to recognize these outstanding women who have contributed to both the legal and the community at large.

Reservations for the luncheon with checks made payable to "Women in the Courts Committee" should be forwarded to the Eighth District Administrative Office, 92 Franklin Street-3rd Floor, Buffalo, New York 14202. Reservations are being accepted immediately at a cost of \$ 25.00 per person. Tables of ten can be reserved. Please make your reservations as soon as possible but **no later than the close of business on June 9, 2009.**

For further information, please contact Chair, Hon.Rosalie S. Bailey (845-7475) or Sharon Wasielewski, Eighth Judicial District Office (845-2514).

We are hopeful that you are able to attend. Thank you.

C: Hon. Sharon S. Townsend, Administrative Judge
Andrew B. Isenberg, District Executive
Eighth District Gender & Racial Fairness Committee

Women in the Law Awards Luncheon



The Eighth Judicial District's Gender and Racial Fairness Committee's annual Women in the Law Awards Luncheon was held on Wednesday June 24 at the Hyatt Regency. The committee was started after the New York State Task Force on Women in the Courts issued its first formal report twenty-two years ago indicating in unequivocal language that "gender bias against women litigants, attorneys and court employees is pervasive."

The committee reports that much has been achieved since that time. The Awards Luncheon recognizes women who through determination and personal achievements have assisted in the improvement of eliminating bias. The women honored at past and current luncheons have been pioneers in areas of the law and have significantly contributed to the judicial system; to its fairness and its sense of equality.

The program was opened with welcoming remarks from Hon. Rosalie S. Bailey, Chairperson of the Committee, and Hon. Robert J. Russell, Jr.. The presentation of awards was done by Mary Lou Hayden, Esq. and Cathy S. Quattrini, Esq..

The honorees this year were Hon. Sheila A. DiTullio, Elizabeth Rodriguez Fildes, Hon. Betty Jean Grant, Leslie A. Haggerstrom, Esq., Hon. Betsy G. Hurley (Posthumous) Hon. E. Jeanette Ogden, Mary Burnett Talbert (Posthumous) and Marie Villari.

Congratulations to these most impressive and deserving women who we are honored to work with every day.





PRESS RELEASE

**New York State
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**Hon. Paula L. Feroleto
Administrative Judge**

For Immediate Release, September 16, 2009

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GENDER AND RACIAL FAIRNESS COMMITTEE PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO ELLA HAWLEY CROSSETT

Hon. Paula L. Feroleto, Administrative Judge for the Eighth Judicial District, and Hon. Rosalie Bailey, Erie County Family Court Judge and Chair of the Eighth Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee announce a tribute to Ella Hawley Crossett. The event will take place at the Wyoming County Courthouse, 149 North Main Street, Warsaw, New York on September 18, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ella Hawley Crossett was a recognized regional and national leader of the women's suffrage movement. Born in 1853, Ms. Crossett, a resident of the Town of Warsaw, New York, worked tirelessly to promote women's right to vote and to participate in our democratic process. In 1891, she organized a women's suffrage convention in Warsaw, at which Susan B. Anthony spoke. In 1902 she was elected President of the New York State Suffrage Association, a position she held for eight years.

Ms. Crossett's activities were not limited to fighting for the vote for women. Under her leadership, she was instrumental in seeing that women held positions on the local school board. She also organized the Warsaw Chapter of the Red Cross during World War I. Ms. Crossett died in 1925. The Ella Hawley Crossett Memorial Nurses' Home of the Wyoming County Community Hospital was dedicated in her memory.

Judge Bailey said, "The Gender and Racial Fairness Committee is pleased to sponsor this event recognizing the contributions of a great American woman whose work resulted in the recognition of a bedrock constitutional principle that we all now take for granted – every citizen's fundamental right to vote."

Judge Feroleto said, "Ms. Crossett's tireless efforts remind us of the important role the courts play in preserving democracy and liberty for all under the law."

Members of the media and public are welcome to attend. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Wyoming County Courthouse, Warsaw, New York.



The 8th Judicial District's
Gender and Racial Fairness Committee
is pleased to announce:

A Tribute to:
**ELLA HAWLEY
CROSSETT**

(March 21, 1853 - December 2, 1925)

**President of the New York State Suffrage Association
Leader for women's equal rights.**

Please join us:

**Wyoming County Courthouse
147 North Main Street
Warsaw, NY 14569**

**Friday, September 18, 2009
10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM

PLEASE JOIN US

**AS WE LEARN HOW TO BUILD SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL
SUPPORT AS A Complement TO MEDICAL CARE.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2009

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Ceremonial Courtroom
92 Franklin Street, 2nd Floor
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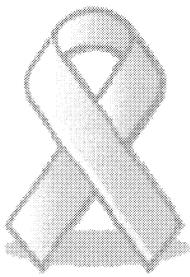
**WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM:
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
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AND AN 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CANCER SURVIVOR**

**FACT: Three out of four families will care
for a friend or loved one with Cancer.**

**Brought to you by the 8th Judicial District
Gender and Racial Fairness Committee**

Cancer Awareness

Program



The 8th Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee held special Cancer Awareness Program on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009. The program included representatives from the American Cancer Society,ilda's Club of WNY, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, the Work/Life Assistance Program and an 8th Judicial District Cancer Survivor. The program stressed how we can better learn to build social and emotional support as a compliment to medical care.

Speakers told of how together we can increase our understanding of cancer. The program helped identify issues facing patients, survivors, partners, and families. Representatives from the various organizations showed the audience what resources are available, and discussed early detection techniques and treatment plans. The representatives provided information on networking for support to empower cancer patients and survivors. Let's learn how to improve our health and quality of life.



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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
INTEGRATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

Presents

in conjunction with the 8th Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee

**Domestic Violence Offender Treatment and/or “Education”
Programs**

Jury Assembly Room, 2nd floor, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

October 22, 2009

1:15 PM Registration and light lunch

1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

AGENDA :

- Domestic Violence Program for Men - Educational or punitive?
- Overview of Batterer Programs and NYS Domestic Violence/IDV Court Model
- Parent to Parent Program - Parenting is a continually changing process and everyone can benefit from sharpening their skills.
- Chautauqua County Chemical Dependency Services - A day in the life of a client referred for evaluation.
- Questions and Answers

PRESENTERS:

Joseph H. Ramsey, MSW - Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Program for Men

Sheila Weir Schwanekamp - Court Attorney Referee, 8th Judicial District, DV/IDV Project Coordinator

Kathleen J. Colby, Director of Training - Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC)

Shelley M. Saunders, RN, CASAC - Clinic Director - Chautauqua County Chemical Dependency Services

Thank you to the Jamestown Bar Association and Bar Association of Northern Chautauqua County for providing the lunch for this program.

Caring for Your Elderly Parent

The 8th Judicial District's Gender and Racial Fairness Committee is pleased to sponsor a series of brown bag programs for all court employees, Judges, friends and family members who are, or will be, caring for an elderly loved one.

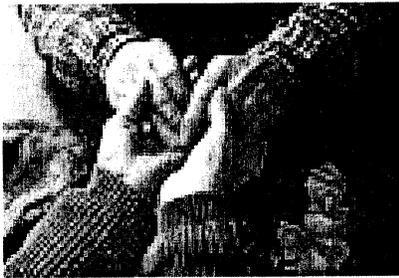
Mark your Calendar:

Wed. 10/28

Wed. 11/4

Thurs. 11/12

Wed. 11/18



Ceremonial Courtroom
92 Franklin Street
12:30 p.m to 1:30 p.m.

This is a special, unique opportunity to hear local experts speak in depth about a variety of elder care subjects.

Some of the issues to be addressed include:

October 28th **Overview of Long Term Care for the Elderly** including home care options, institutional care options and the role of gerontologists and social workers.

November 4th **Legal issues** including powers of attorney, health care proxies, wills and Article 81s.

November 12th **Services in Erie County for Seniors**

November 18th **Caring for the Caregiver:** Services available to you including the Worklife Assistance Program resources, Erie County Respite Services and Support groups.



**INTEGRATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
COURT OF NIAGARA COUNTY**

**CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
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**NOVEMBER 4, 2009 10:00 A.M.
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**THE IMPACT OF "ONE PIECE OF PAPER"
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Average Attendance: 20

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009:

We co-sponsored a program entitled "Teen Dating Panel for Professionals Working with Adolescents: How to Recognize, Assist, Advocate For and Represent Teens Experiencing Domestic Violence." The program was geared to professionals including high school and middle school personnel who work with adolescents.

Activities for Women's History Month 2010:

The committee sponsored an essay contest open to all high school students in the Ninth Judicial District. The topic was:

Have we achieved gender equality in our society? Support your answer with personal observations and experiences.

Local bar associations contributed to the cash prizes which will be awarded at a breakfast in the courthouse on April 30, 2010.

On March 11, 2009, we co-sponsored a CLE Program with the Pace Women's Justice Center entitled "Domestic Law and Domestic Violence/Child Protective Service Issues".

Other Activities in the Past Year:

In further recognition of Women's History Month, on April 24, 2009, the committee sponsored a breakfast in White Plains where Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman and Hon. Francis Nicolai, Administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, presented the awards to the winners of the 2009 Essay Contest.

During the course of the year, we have had many distinguished guest speakers at our meetings. The speakers included Hon. Kathie Davidson, Supervising Judge of the Family Court in the Ninth Judicial District and Delores Scott Brathwaite, the Executive Director of the Westchester Human Rights Commission.

Plans for Next Year:

We plan to publish revisions of our booklets “How Decisions About Child Support are Made” and “How Decisions About Child Custody Are Made.” These are printed in both English and Spanish and distributed throughout the District.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

Modification of child support due to the economic conditions. Custody and visitation issues arising from changed economic circumstances and working arrangements of parents.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

Confidentiality issues arising in sensitive areas, particularly domestic violence cases.

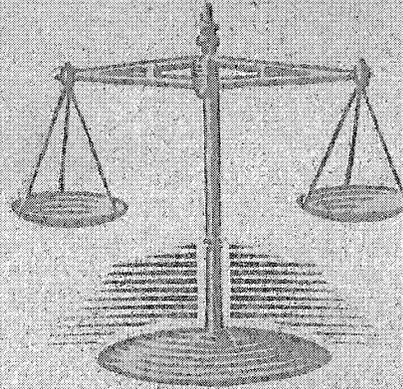
What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

Programming ideas.



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Date: Wednesday, October 28

Time: 8am—12:00 p.m.

CLE: 2.5 Practice

Faculty: **Tanya Briendel, Esq.**, Pace Women's Justice Center; Additional Panelists TBA

To provide and /or raise awareness for professional personnel about working with victims of teen dating violence.

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Natanya Briendel

In February of this year, the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence introduced a campaign to raise awareness about the issue of teen dating violence. Teen dating violence has many similarities to dating abuse among adults, but there are certain issues that are germane only to teenagers. Many of these issues revolve around academic settings and the way in which school personnel are prepared to work with dating abuse among the students.

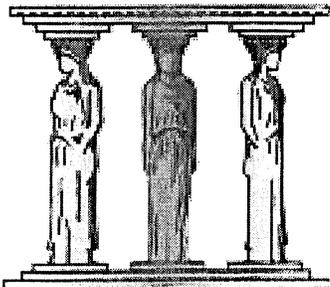
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campaign, on October 28, 2009, the WWBA along with My Sisters' Place; Hope's Door (formerly The Northern Westchester Shelter); Pace Law School; The Pace Women's Justice Center; Victim's Assistance Services, a component of Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.; and The Committee to Promote Gender Fairness in the Courts for the Ninth Judicial District put together a panel of experts on the issue to provide a training program for high school and middle school personnel. The panel consisted of moderator Stephanie Nilva, Esq., Executive Director of

Day One in New York City, a not-for-profit legal and social service office dedicated to working with victims of teen dating abuse, as well as Elke Perez, Program Coordinator of My Sisters' Place; Samantha Lee, Teen Program Coordinator at Hope's Door; WWBA member, Audrey Stone, Assistant District Attorney, The Office of the District Attorney of Westchester County; and Rebecca DeSimone, Sexual Assault Program Manager 2 of Victim's Assistance Services, a component of Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.

The panel presented a

very thorough discussion of teen dating abuse from the perspective of the teenager. The speakers explored issues such as first love, peer pressure, fear of disclosure, and lack of trust of adults. The audience, which included school personnel, police officers and lawyers, asked the panel questions about how to obtain an order of protection from the judicial system; how to protect the victim in a school setting; and the school's affirmative responsibility in these matters. The program was very well received by the attendees. ■



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GENDER FAIRNESS AWARD BREAKFAST

The Ninth Judicial District to Promote Gender Fairness in the Courts held a breakfast on April 24, 2009 to recognize the winners of its Annual Essay Contest in celebration of Women's History Month. Administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, Hon. Francis Nicolai and Court of Claims Judge, Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman presented the awards.

Students were asked to write on the topic, "The first woman was elected to Congress in 1916 and yet today, only a small percentage of the members of Congress are women and we still have not elected a woman President or Vice President. Why has this happened? How do you see this changing in your lifetime?"

In the freshman/sophomore category, Aqsa Nadeem from Our Lady of Victory Academy won First Prize and Nada Rizk from Hendrick Hudson High School won Second Prize. In the junior/senior category, Rebecca Maxfield from New Rochelle High School won First Prize and Robin Johnson, also from New Rochelle



Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman, Robin Johnson, Rebecca Maxfield, Aqsa Nadeem, Nada Rizk and Hon. Francis A. Nicolai

High School, won Second Prize.

The generosity of various bar associations, including the Westchester Women's Bar Association, enabled the committee to award cash prizes. The students read their essays to the 50 assembled guests, which included Women's Bar members Linda Markowitz, Dolores Gebhart,

Tanya Briendel, Susan Kaufman and Hon. Charles D. Wood, who also served on the essay contest committee subcommittee. The Gender Fairness committee anticipates that this contest and awards breakfast will be held again next year and appreciates the continuing support of the Women's Bar Association. ▀

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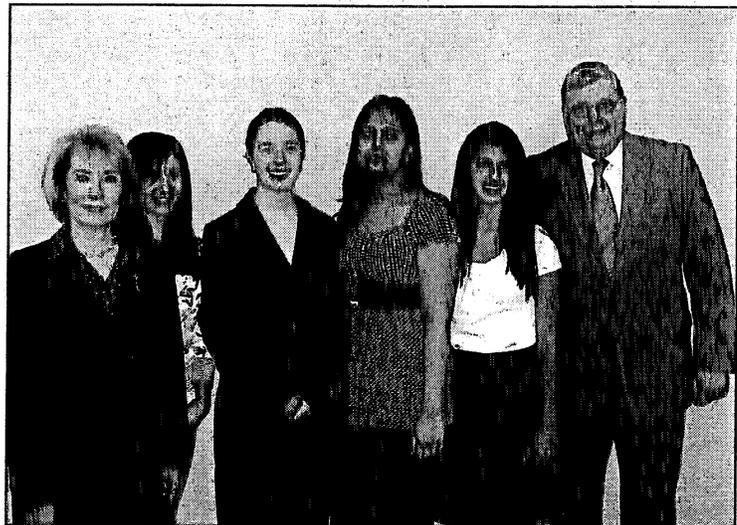


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The generosity of various professional organizations and bar associations enabled the committee to award cash prizes. The students read their essays to the 50 assembled guests. Members of the White Plains Court of Claims staff attended the breakfast. Honorable Thomas H. Scuccimarra, who also serves on the Gender Fairness Committee, was the "official photographer" for the event. The committee anticipates that this contest and awards breakfast will be held again next year and is hoping for even greater participation in the district.



L-R: Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman, Robin Johnson, Rebecca Maxfield, Aqsa Nadeem, Nada Rizk, Hon. Francis Nicolai

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LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2009 - 2010

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Members: See attached. We are composed of judges, lawyers, victim advocates, educators, Bar association presidents, court employees and members of various county agencies working with women and children.

Dates of meetings: Our lunchtime meeting is held monthly with the exception of July and August. Meetings usually feature a guest speaker. This year, we had the supervising probation officer for the specialized women's unit, the supervising language interpreter for all Suffolk courts, attorneys from Nassau Suffolk law services, among others.

Average attendance: We average 15 - 20 members per meeting. The live meeting is held in Central Islip with a video conference feed to Riverhead.

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009: We presented a CLE seminar in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation on The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse and Women's Use of Violence in Intimate Partner Relationships (see attached flier). Two hours of CLE credit was available. Ninety five persons attended including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, matrimonial practitioners, law guardians and court attorneys.

Activities for Women's History Month 2010: We plan to celebrate the accomplishments of the committee by sponsoring an info expo "Access to Justice." This will feature representatives from the many agencies and organizations available to assist all those who use our courts.

Other Activities in the Past Year:

October: Breast Cancer Awareness. We distributed information at both courthouses from the American Cancer Society.

November: We contributed food and gift card for the Thanksgiving baskets distributed by the Children's Center.

December: We donated money and helped with preparation of the holiday "Adopt a Family" gift baskets distributed by the Children's center.

January: We collected hats and gloves at our holiday luncheon for distribution by the Children's Center. One of our members also knit scarves.

February: Our Heart Health event brought nurses from Stony Brook Hospital to both court houses to take blood pressure and distribute literature from the American Heart Association.

Several people were advised to seek medical attention. At least one was directed to the nearest emergency room

Members attended the Bagels and Books breakfast for the Children's Center, donating new books to be given to each child using the center.

What are your plans for next year? We hope to cooperate more with other groups such as the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association in order to increase the number of activities and training programs. We look forward to our annual Breast Health Awareness program and another CLE accredited Domestic Violence program. We would like to do more than one Heart Health program since this event is particularly well-received and seems to actually save at least one life each year. We are building an archive of materials documenting the history and contributions of women in the courts of Suffolk County.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year? The overall economic conditions in Suffolk County have increased concerns regarding domestic violence, housing, evictions, foreclosures, divorce, separation and support. These issues seem to disproportionately involve women.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?
Due to the overall economic conditions and cuts in funding, a number of agencies providing legal services, particularly in situations involving domestic violence, have been discontinued. This makes training for 18b and pro bono attorneys that much more important. Additional training for pro bono attorneys in the areas listed above would also be helpful.

What kinds of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts? We look forward to attending the state meeting on April 20 in New York City. This will give us the opportunity to network with representatives from other counties and share information and solutions to problems we share, and those we have yet to identify. This is the best help the state committee can give us: information.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaetan B. Lozko, A.C.C.J.

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For the Twelfth Judicial District

SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEES' REPORTS 2009-2010

DATE: MARCH 15, 2010

I enclose herewith our Annual Report and all the appropriate attachments. I believe that the Courts continue to meet the challenge to eliminate gender bias and create an atmosphere that is fair to all.

I look forward to our "Chairs" meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at the New York City Bar Association. We shall once again be there in attendance.

RLP:bms

cc: Hon. Efrain Alvarado,
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Members – would you attach a list of your members? Please note attachment of our stationary which lists all of our members.

The composition of the Committee includes: Judges, Court Attorneys, Court Clerks, Court Officers, Court Reporters, Stenographers, custodial employees, and other personnel from the various courts in the Bronx, as well as the County Clerk's Office, Borough President's Office, Bronx Bar Association, the Bronx District Attorney's Office, The Legal Aid Society, The Bronx Defenders and social services advocates.

Dates of Meetings: January 8, 2009, February 9, 2009, March 19, 2009, May 19, 2009, July 14, 2009, September 16, 2009, December 2, 2009, January 22, 2010, March 12, 2010.

Subcommittee meetings:

- National Domestic Violence Awareness Day-October:* September 29, 2009.
- National Women's History Month:* January 28, 2010, February 16, 2010, February 24, 2010, March 4, 2010, March 10, 2010.
- Lunch Programs:* July 13, 2009; December 14, 2009.

Average Attendance: 10 to 15 attendees

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009:

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month - "Work Place Education Day" (October 15, 2009)
"Technology as a Facilitator of Domestic Violence: The Age of Facebook, Twitter and GPS."

The introduction was done by the Subcommittee member Sandra Marte, Esq.. The presenter was Ted Farley of the Domestic Violence Project, Urban Justice Center. The feedback was excellent and extremely informational. Approximately 150 people attended this program.

The event was co-sponsored by: Black Bar Association of Bronx County, Bronx Borough President, Bronx County Bar Association, Bronx County Clerk, Bronx Women's Bar Association, Bronx Civil Court, Bronx Criminal Court, Bronx Family Court Gender Fairness Committee, Bronx Surrogate Court, Court Deli, Hispanic Court Officers Society, New York County Lawyers' Association - Law Related Education Committee, New York State Court Clerks Association, New York State Court Officers Association,

New York State Supreme Court Officers Association, Cervantes Society, The Columbia Society, The Tribune Society and The Yankee Tavern.

See flyer annexed hereto.

Activities for Women's History Month Program 2010:

Honorees/Women of Achievement:

We are in the process of planning our annual women's history month program for April 9th, 2010. In this our 11th year we will honor several women, a commendable person and several high school students will receive the Evolve awards. We will also be recognizing several court employees. We look forward to the continued co-sponsorship of this program by various governmental agencies, bar associations and court unions.

Activities for Women's History Month 2009:

-OUR SPECIAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Honorees/Women of Achievement:

-Susan Chinitz, Psy.D, Director: Early Childhood Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

-Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick: Senior Associate Judge, NYS Court of Appeals

-Jewel Williams: Chief of Department, NYS OCA Dept. of Public Safety

Women of Distinction Awards: (5) awards were given to court/building employees.

Evolve Students' Awards: Awards were given to (3) outstanding female middle and high school students who demonstrated a unique ability to rise above daunting circumstances in their young lives.

The event was presented in cooperation with the Bronx Women's Bar Association and co-sponsored by The Black Bar Association of Bronx County, Bronx Borough President, Bronx County Bar Association, Bronx County Clerk, The Columbia Society, Inc., Guardians Association New York State Courts, Hispanic Court Officers Society, Loria Corporation, New York State Court Clerks Association, New York State Court Officers' Association, New York State Supreme Court Officers' Association, Olympia-Hearns Flower Shop, The Tribune Society, Inc., The Yankee Tavern, and The 161st Street Merchants Association.

Approximately 200 people attended the event. The feedback was tremendous.

See flyer annexed hereto along with New York Law Journal Coverage.

Other Activities in the Past Year:

-IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM - This program was sponsored by The Columbia Society and co-sponsored by the Gender Fairness Committee's Domestic Violence and Women in the Courts subcommittees. It was an extremely informative program which detailed the precautions we can take against *identity theft* and what to do if your identity is stolen.

See flyer annexed hereto.

-FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE: The recipient of this year's revived drive was THERESA'S HAVEN. This organization is a transitional housing facility, providing housing, education, and other needed assistance.

See flyer annexed hereto.

-GENDER FAIRNESS ON FILM SERIES: We resumed our film series in September with a terrific documentary, entitled *Thank You, Mr. President* created by filmmaker Rory Kennedy. The film profiles the iconic journalist Helen Thomas, a tour de force in political reporting, who has covered the White House and every president since John F. Kennedy. Our speaker was Irene Cornell, journalist with WCBS Radio. In January we presented *In The Family*, which is a poignant account of one young woman's striving to live fully in the shadow of the cancers that afflict women's lives. We are also looking forward to presenting: *The Greatest Silence: Rape In The Congo* and the Emmy Award winning film for best documentary entitled *A Walk To Beautiful* (which also takes place in Africa and presents a devastating childbirth injury called *obstetric fistula*). As always each film presentation is lead by a moderator and in some cases includes a guest speaker, followed by audience discussion.

See flyers annexed hereto.

What are your plans for next year?

Our tentative plans for next year include: The Women's History Month Program, Domestic Violence Program, Food and Clothing Drives, Gender Fairness on Film Series, Meet the Author, a fashion show for those women trying to get back into the workforce, CLE programs and a special series of programs on *gangs and violence* in cooperation with the Bronx Borough President's Office and Commissioner Galen D. Kirkland, of the State Human Rights Commission.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

As we have stated in the past the following issues regarding gender in the courts still hold extreme importance and relevance. Especially during an economic downturn, women as their families primary care-givers bear most of the burden and tremendous stress. There appears to be an increase in crime against women due to more unemployment and possible increase in domestic abuse and stalking of women by unemployed men. We have still found that there is a "glass ceiling" with women in various court positions. It has also been previously noted that there is a need for childcare facilities in all Bronx Courts for litigants as exists in Family Court.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

As we have stated in the past, it had been brought to our attention by one of our attorney committee members that there might be a discriminatory issue relating to pretrial release recommendations relating to women defendants. It was noted that stay-at-home female caretakers were not being given credit as women who work and women who were in school. We contacted and met with the Criminal Justice Agency in order to encourage them to update that portion of their standard form. Discussion is still continuing.

Justice Price has brought this issue to the attention of the Judges on the Criminal Side. We are pleased to report that they are now more sensitive to this issue.

What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

As we have stated in the past the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts provides ideas and program suggestions for our review and implementation. As in past years we have an urgent need for monetary contributions in order to continue putting on our programs and present additional innovative programs. However, the decrease in funding of our programs by OCA is having a serious deleterious effect on these events.

Please return this form by March 15, 2010 to:

**Jill Laurie Goodman, Counsel, NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts,
25 Beaver St., Rm 878, New York, NY 10004, 212-428-2793 (Fax)
jgoodman@Courts.state.ny.us**

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**GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE
For the TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
265 East 161st Street
Bronx, New York 10451**

In recognition of

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

HON. RICHARD LEE PRICE
Chair

HON. EFRAIN ALVARADO
HON. BARRY SALMAN
Administrative Judges

THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE
presents its annual program for

"Workplace Education Day"

Thursday, October 15, 2009
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Bronx County Hall of Justice
Assembly Room 601

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Opening:.....KAREN SAAB-DOMINGUEZ
Assistant District Attorney
Bronx County District Attorney's Office

Welcome & Opening Remarks:.....HON. EFRAIN ALVARADO
HON. BARRY SALMAN
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**"Technology as a Facilitator of Domestic Violence:
The Age of Facebook, Twitter and GPS"**

Introduction:.....SANDRA MARTE, ESQ.

Presenter:
TED FARLEY, Esq.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT
URBAN JUSTICE CENTER

Closing Remarks:.....HON. RICHARD LEE PRICE, J.S.C.
CHAIR, GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

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THE BRONX WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION



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OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

for

Women's History Month

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009

12:30 TO 2:30 P.M.

**VETERANS' MEMORIAL HALL, BRONX SUPREME COURT
851 Grand Concourse**

Women of Achievement

Susan Chinitz, Psy.D, Director
Early Childhood Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick
Senior Associate Judge, NYS Court of Appeals

Jewel Williams
Chief of Department, NYS OCA Dept. of Public Safety

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"Women Of Distinction" Certificates will be presented to notable women

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"E V O L V E" Student Awards

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to
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Hon. Richard Lee Price

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**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
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(10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM)

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Dr. Dolores M. Fernandez
President, Eugenio Maria De Hostos Community College

Hon. Aurelia Greene
Assemblywoman, 77th A.D.

Dr. Lorraine Hale
President & CEO, Hale House

Hon. Judith Kaye
Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals

2001

Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez
President, Hispanic Federation

Hon. Gloria Davis
Assemblywoman, 79th Assembly District

Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin
Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department

Lenore Kramer, Esq.
Kramer & DeVries, LLP

2002

Hon. Maria Baez
Councilwoman, 14th Council District

Sana Q. Nassar
Principal, Harry S. Truman High School

Hon. Ann Pfau
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Management Support
Administrative Judge, Supreme Court, Second Judicial District

Elinor Tatum
Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, Amsterdam News

2003

Hon. Anita R. Florio
Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department

Minerva Melendez
Principal, P.S. 69, Bronx

2004

Gina Bolden-Rivera
President, New York Women's Agenda

Frances Barbaccia Fusco
President, Enrico Fermi Cultural Committee, Belmont Library

Marjorie A. Lesch, Esq.
Past President, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

Hannah M. Nelson
Chief of Staff, North Bronx Healthcare Network

Hon. Juanita Bing Newton
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives

2005

Hon. Joan Carey
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts

Hon. Carol A. Robles-Roman
Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs and Counsel to the Mayor

Pastor Michel White-Haynes
Greater Faith Temple Church of the Living God

2006

Hon. Fern Fisher
Administrative Judge for the Civil Court of the City of New York

Hon. Lillian Roberts
Executive Director, District Council 37
American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO

Hon. Catherine O'Hagen Wolfe
Clerk of Court, Appellate Division, First Department

2007

Nieca Goldberg, M.D.
Cardiologist, Total Heart Care, P.C.

Joyce Y. Hartsfield, Esq.
President, Bronx County Bar Association

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge

2008

Elaine Brennan
Senior Vice President Operation
Montefiore Medical Center/Einstein Division

Hon. Laura G. Douglas
Supervision Judge, Bronx Civil Court

Soledad O'Brien
News Anchor, CNN

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2009

H O N O R E E S

**SUSAN CHINITZ, PSY. D.
DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

Susan Chinitz is a psychologist with specialties in the areas of infant mental health and developmental disabilities in infancy and early childhood. She is the Director of the Early Childhood Center and the Center for Babies, Toddlers and Families, both therapeutic programs for infants, toddlers and preschool age children at the Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Chinitz is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, and the Charles S. and Patricia T. Raizen Distinguished Scholar in Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is also on the faculty of the Parent-Infant Psychotherapy Program at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

Dr. Chinitz is on the Board of Directors of the New York Zero-to-Three Network, an organization that provides professional development and collaboration support for researchers and clinicians from multiple disciplines and service sectors that interface with infants, toddlers and their families. She is on the Local Interagency Coordinating Council for the New York City Early Intervention Program, is a member of the New York City Early Childhood Mental Health Strategic Work Group, the Administration for Children's Services' Babies Can't Wait initiative, and the Children's Committee of the Bronx Mental Retardation Council. She is also on the editorial board of the Journal for Early Childhood and Infant Psychology.

Dr. Chinitz has obtained city, state and federal grants to provide developmental and infant mental health services in community-based programs for young children, including the first allocation of city funding specifically for infant and early childhood mental health

services that currently supports infant mental health services in primary pediatric care, preschools, foster care agencies and the Family Courts. She received a grant from the Administration on Children and Families to create the first Early Head Start Program in the Bronx; and one from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council to create a childcare and preschool program that provided developmental therapies and behavioral supports for children with disabilities and training for childcare staff, and grants from private foundations to start a court-affiliated infant parent intervention program.

Dr. Chinitz is an invited speaker at professional conferences and has authored chapters and journal articles related to psychological assessment of children with disabilities, social-emotional development in infancy and early childhood, young children with attachment disorders and developmental disabilities, young children in the foster care system, and trauma in infancy and early childhood.

**HON. CARMEN BEAUCHAMP CIPARICK
SENIOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE
NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS**

Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, *Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals*, was born in New York City, grew up in Washington Heights, graduated from Hunter College in 1963 and received her J.D. from St. John's University School of Law in 1967. She served as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society in New York City from 1967 to 1969 when she became an Assistant Counsel for the Judicial Conference of the State of New York; in 1972, Chief Law Assistant of the Criminal Court of the City of New York; and in 1974, Counsel in the Office of the New York City Administrative Judge. In 1978, she was appointed Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, and in 1982 was elected to the New York State Supreme Court. She was appointed to the Court of Appeals on December 1, 1993 by Governor Mario M. Cuomo and sworn in on January 4, 1994, the first Hispanic to serve on the Court of Appeals. She was re-appointed by Governor Eliot Spitzer in November 2007 to serve until 2012.

Judge Ciparick is a member of the Board of Directors of St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association. She served on the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct for eight years and held an adjunct professor position in the legal studies department at New York City Technical College for two years. Judge Ciparick was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame, and has received its President's Medal. She has one daughter, Roseanne, an actor and mother-to-be.

**JEWEL WILLIAMS
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chief Jewel Williams has been with the State of New York Unified Court System for more than twenty-five years. Currently, she serves as Chief of Department, responsible for the oversight of all security operations across the State including the management of over 4,000 uniformed officers. Included in her duties related to the uniformed force are policy formulation (rules and procedures), policy compliance, training, staffing analysis, security and equipment protocols.

Chief Williams is also responsible for the management of all emergency/continuity of operations planning for approximately 350 court facilities in the sixty-two counties which comprise the State. In this capacity, she works closely with local court and agency administrators (Administrative Judges, District Executives and OCA Administrators) and liaisons with a variety of State and local emergency management agencies.

In previous positions, Chief Williams has worked in operations as both a facility supervisor and as the commanding officer of a court and, on the support side, as Chief of Training and First Deputy Chief of Department.

Chief Williams is affiliated with:

- The National Law Enforcement Association,
- The American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) International

Chief Williams is a member of:

- The International Association of the Chiefs of Police (IACP)

- NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement)
- National Association of Court Management

She earned a Master's Degree in Homeland Defense and Security from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of New Rochelle in New York.

Ms. Williams is also currently serving as a consultant for the National Center for State Courts.

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A W A R D S

**ERIKA CORREA
HOSTOS LINCOLN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

Erika Correa is a dedicated student who has demonstrated great determination in challenging herself. She elected to take her high school's most rigorous course load, including three AP courses and almost ten college classes. Erika has been on the High Honor Roll throughout high school and earned perfect attendance. Erika committed herself to improving her grade in Calculus. She studied daily and went to tutoring to ensure a higher grade and went from a B to an A-.

For her junior year, Erika chose to work for her school counselor as an office assistant rather than have a free period. This choice demonstrates Erika's commitment to constant learning and self-development. She was completely reliable, efficient and inventive. Erika completed her assignments successfully with full attention to detail and critical thought.

Erika is a serious-minded, focused and involved student. She is determined to succeed and is devoted to academic and personal success. Her strengths include organization, problem-solving and commitment. She participates in many activities both in and out of school including capoeira, drama, band, and internships. Erika is the Vice President of the Honor Society at Hostos. She also joined the EHCCI program, a job and computer training course for Latino youth, and completed an internship through them at a day care center.

Erika chose to use her junior summer productively and was accepted as an intern by the Atlantic Development Corporation, doing building management

in Soho. Erika recognizes opportunities and takes advantage. She knows what she wants to do in the future and takes steps to learn more about her future career field, industrial engineering. While juggling two internships during the summer, Erika also joined Manhattan College's Women and Minorities Engineering Program. Because of her strong work ethic, leadership skills, and extracurricular involvement, Erika is sure to succeed in college and in life.

**ALEXANDRA HERNANDEZ
HONOR HOUSE
HERBERT H. LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Alexandra Hernandez is a dedicated student who is hard working, persistent and enthusiastic. Her commitment to her academics has earned her an 89.60% average, ranking in the top 10% of her graduating class. She is a member of the Arista National Honor Society.

Several years ago, Alexandra's parents divorced. Their joint custody created havoc in her life, as she was shuffling back and forth every three days from mother to father. Despite the upheaval, Alexandra remained focused on her studies and maintained her academic excellence.

Alexandra is a distinguished athlete who has played on both Lehman's softball and bowling teams throughout her four years in high school. She knows how to work with teammates and make progress toward shared goals. She does so in a manner that demonstrates respect for those around her, creating good will and camaraderie. She works relentlessly on improving her skills. As a result, Alexandra has been proud to be a part of the bowling team's attaining the title of Bronx champs three years in a row and the J.V. softball team's attaining this title for the past two years. Her talent doesn't end here. She sings like a bird and is often asked to perform at school events.

This past summer, Alexandra participated in the Math/Science Partnership providing tutoring to New York City students preparing for the Integrated Algebra/Math A Regents. Foregoing lunch, she has also provided innumerable hours of service for Lehman staff who have found her to be dependable, hard

working and enthusiastic. Alexandra always has a ready smile and is willing to help in any way she can.

Alexandra is a well-rounded student who puts learning first and has organized her life in order to maximize the opportunities before her. She knows how to manage time and evaluate and prioritize items. Her records of attendance and preparedness are impeccable. She is a gem who will surely continue to take the lead in all aspects of school life—academics, athletics and service.

**DHOKELA YZEIRAJ
HONOR HOUSE
HERBERT H. LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Dhokela Yzeiraj is an energetic, diligent and serious student who consistently infuses a healthy playfulness into all she does. Her hard work has earned her a 92.93% average, with a ranking of 8 out of a graduating class of 578. Her coursework has consisted mainly of honors and Advanced Placement courses, and she continues to challenge herself this year as she is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses in Spanish and BC Calculus. She is a member of the Arista National Honor Society.

Dhokela's weekly schedule tends to leave one breathless: she volunteers at Calvary Hospital (a facility dedicated to cancer patients, making them as comfortable as possible during their final days) on Sunday; attends Bible Study thereafter, has Model U.N. Club on Tuesday, mentors on Thursday and enjoys skateboarding in her "spare time." In addition, she spends most afternoons in tutoring for BC Calculus. She knows how to manage time and how to evaluate and prioritize items so that despite her hectic schedule, she manages to master the challenges before her.

Dhokela is a caring individual who spent last summer serving as a volunteer working at an orphanage. It was very painful for her to think of these children growing up without the care that loving parents would provide. Even though they spoke a language nearly foreign to her, she resolved to somehow convey the same love and appreciation to these children that has been shown to her by her own parents. Dhokela also traveled on her own to Switzerland,

spending her time with a host family while learning the French language. This is just one indication of her adventurous and independent nature.

Dhokela displays a love of learning that is rare. She is guided by an inner drive to know more, to uncover, to research and to make sense of the world. This characteristic makes her a solid and successful student. This motivation and sincere, deep yearning to make "all the pieces fit" make her a pleasure to know and an inspiration in the classroom. Her records of attendance and preparedness are impeccable. She will continue to excel in her academic work while continuing to find ways to serve the larger community.

“ WOMEN OF DISTINCTION”**2009**

Aileen Kilcommons
(Associate Court Clerk, Supreme Court, Civil Division)

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(Confidential Secretary to Hon. Patricia Williams)

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Sub-committees

Please join us in a timely and informative program on
Identity Theft and the precautions we can take.

Speakers:

Ellen Kolodney, Elder Abuse Coordinator
Bronx District Attorney's Office

and

ADA Richard Baker, Senior Investigative Attorney
Bronx District Attorney's Office

Date: Friday, October 2, 2009

Time: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

Place: Bronx Supreme Court
851 Grand Concourse
Room 600

(Feel free to bring your lunch)

R.S.V.P.: Josephine M. Bastone, Esq. (718) 618 - 1344

OCTOBER IS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH!

APPROVED
TRACI PANDO

THE BRONX COUNTY GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

- ANNOUNCES -

A FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE TO BENEFIT THERESA'S HAVEN

DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN OUT
YOUR PANTRY AND CLOSETS TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

DATES: DECEMBER 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, AND 15, 2009

DROP OFF SITES: SUPREME COURT - ROOM 601
HALL OF JUSTICE - CONFERENCE ROOM 832
CRIMINAL COURT - ROOM 1-11
FAMILY COURT - ROOM 8-D5
HOUSING COURT - MEZZANINE ADM. OFFICES
DA' S OFFICE, 198 E. 161 ST., RM 941(RECEPTION AREA)

WHAT: CANNED FOOD GOODS, INCLUDING BABY FOOD
(CLEAN) USED OR NEW ADULT CLOTHING
(INCLUDING WOMEN'S BUSINESS ATTIRE)
(CLEAN) USED OR NEW CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
CHILDREN'S TOYS, BOOKS, DISPOSABLE DIAPERS
HOUSEHOLD GOODS, LINEN

NOTE: CANNED FOOD IS ESPECIALLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

WHO: THERESA'S HAVEN is a transitional housing facility, providing
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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.
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FAMILY COURT:	RHONDA YOUNG	(718) 618 - 2169
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CHIEF CLERK

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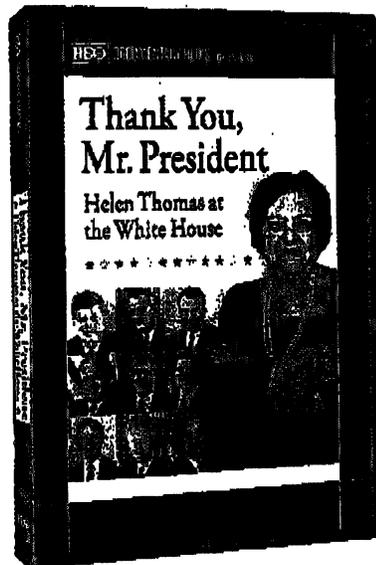
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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

PROUDLY PRESENTS

The Gender Fairness on Film Series

Thank You, Mr. President

Helen Thomas At The White House



Filmmaker Rory Kennedy profiles iconic journalist Helen Thomas, a tour de force in political reporting who has covered the White House and every president since John F. Kennedy.

Date: *September 30, 2009, Wednesday*

Time: *12:45 P.M.*

Place: *Bronx County Hall of Justice
Courtroom 540*

Speaker: *Ms. Irene Cornell
Journalist - WCBS Radio*

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Today

Bronx County Fairness Committee
Gender Fairness on Film
Series: Thank You, Mr. President, 12:45 p.m., Bronx County Hall of Justice, Courtroom 540.

Nassau County Bar Association

CLE: Civil Suit, Part 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m., 15th and West sts., Mineola. Call 516-747-4070 or visit www.nassaubar.org.

New York City Bar

Asset Forfeiture Proceedings on the Rise: How to Protect Your Client, 6-8 p.m., 42 W. 44th St. Call (212) 382-6689 or visit www.nycbar.org.

New York University School of Law

Civilising Globalisation: Human Rights and the Global

Square South. Contact Verle Oppenheffer at verle.oppenheffer@nyu.edu.
CLE: Fourteenth Annual David B. Tillaghest Lecture on International Taxation, 6-8 p.m., 40 Washington Square South. Contact lawalumni@nyu.edu.

Pace Law School

CLE: Ethical Issues Routinely Confronted by Solos and Small Firm Practitioners, 6-8 p.m., Robert B. Fleming Moot Court Room, White Plains. Call Linda Maccarrone at 914-422-4062.

Practising Law Institute

For more information call 212-824-5733 or visit www.pil.edu.
CLE: Live Webcast: ERISA Litigation 2009, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
CLE: Recent Developments in Corporate Governance:

Rule and Related Matters, 1-2 p.m.

Tomorrow

Practising Law Institute
Call 212-824-5733 or visit www.pil.edu.

CLE: 15th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 810 Seventh Ave.
CLE: Private Equity Investments in Banks: Murders and Opportunities, 1-3 p.m.

New York City Bar

CLE: Trial Skills: Protect the Record, 6-9 p.m., 42 W. 44th St. Call 212-382-6689 or visit www.nycbar.org.
First Thursdays Dinner: Cruise on the Spirit of New York, 6:30-10 p.m., Pier 61 at Chelsea Piers. Call 212-382-4723.

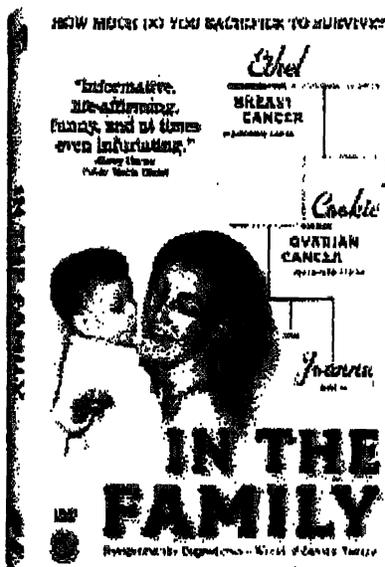
THE BRONX COUNTY GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

HON. RICHARD LEE PRICE, *CHAIR*
 HON. EFRAIN ALVARADO
 HON. BARRY SALMAN
 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

PROUDLY PRESENTS

The Gender Fairness on Film Series

Co-sponsored by
 The Bronx Women's Bar Assoc. & The Bronx County Bar Assoc.



"In the Family is a poignant account of one young woman's striving to live fully in the shadow of the cancers that afflict women's lives."

Date: *January 27, 2010, Wednesday*

Time: *12:45 P.M.*

Place: *Bronx County Hall of Justice
 Courtroom 540*

Speaker: *LAURA D. BERNSTEIN, M.D.
 Attending Radiologist
 Montefiore Medical Center*

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LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2009-2010

**Name of the Committee: GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE of the
SUPREME COURT, CIVIL BRANCH, NEW YORK COUNTY,
NEW YORK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE and
APPELLATE TERM, FIRST DEPARTMENT**

In 1989, in accordance with an Office of Court Administrative directive that Administrative Judges establish Gender Fairness Committees within their respective courts, our Supreme Court, County Clerk's Office and Appellate Term, established an Anti-Bias Committee to promote gender fairness, tolerance, equal opportunity and cultural diversity. During the past 20 years, our New York County Anti-Bias Committee has been among the most active such committees in the State. In 2007, the Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann, Administrative Judge (ret.), reorganized our Anti-Bias Committee, effective January 1, 2008 by appointing two successor Committees: the Gender Fairness Committee and the Cultural Diversity Committee. We continue on under the guidance of our current Administrative Judge, the Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler.

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The Gender Fairness Committee has three sub-committees devoted respectively to sponsoring programs for Women's History Month (March); Take Our Children To Work Day (April); and Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October). Of course, our Gender Fairness Committee does not function in a vacuum and many activities in our court by our sister Cultural Diversity Committee, by other court committees, and by individuals, complement significantly the work of our Gender Fairness Committee.

A word about our June "Annual Unity In Diversity Program", now sponsored by our Cultural Diversity Committee. This wonderful program held in our Rotunda is a social event featuring the cuisine of so many of the diverse cultures within the court system and beyond. Last year, approximately 40 Bar Associations and cultural associations participated and literally hundreds of Judges, court staff, practitioners and other "constituents" of our court enjoyed this mid-day program. This program also celebrates the goals of our Committee, of our Cultural Diversity Committee and of our affiliated organizations. Our Committee voted unanimously to rename this annual event in honor of the late Caren Aronowitz, long time Co-Chair who tragically passed away.

Other activities of our court which complement and support the goals of our Gender Fairness Committee, include our Court Tour Program, the largest such program in the court system hosting as it does thousands of students each year together with Judges and dignitaries from all over the world (Ms. Yasmin Beydoun, Director); our large Summer Intern Program (with its own lecture series) which last summer, as in previous summers, attracted more than 100 law students, a clear majority of whom were women law students; our Newsletter, *Just Us*; and various cultural, ethnic and educational programs, sponsored by a variety of court committees and Bar groups.

Number Members: Gender Fairness Committee 28
Average Attendance: Excellent

Number of Meetings: 10
Use of Video Conferencing: No

Composition of the Committee (judges, administrators, advocates, etc.)

The Committee includes Judges, Attorneys, Court Reporters, Court Referees, Secretaries, Court Security Staff and Clerks, all of whom are Judges and staff of our court, the County Clerk's Office and the Appellate Term, First Department.

Please include names of co-sponsors, size of the attendance, and copies of any press.
For our Women's History Month Program, please see attached webpage from the Manhattan Society site. The event was also mentioned in the New York Law Journal.

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2009:

The Committee presented a program entitled "Live Without the Enemy" which featured acclaimed photo journalist, author and speaker Donna Ferrato. Ms. Ferrato, who's work has been featured in such publications as Life Magazine and the New York Times is the author of "Living with the Enemy", a best selling book since its release in 1991, which chronicles family relationships plagued by intimate violence. Ms. Ferrato presented a photo display, media presentation and offered remarks to over one hundred people at our meeting. After the speaker concluded her remarks we had an open question and answer session.

Activities for Women's History Month March 2010:

On March 19, 2010, our Committee presented a program featuring renowned professor and ethics expert Paula Franzese. We also honored Elizabeth "Betty" Piervencenti from the County Clerk's Office for years of outstanding service to the Court and legal community since 1961.

What are your committee's biggest strengths?

Our Committee's greatest strength is the intelligence, high energy and commitment of its members, as well as the support of our local administration, all of which are reflected in the outstanding programs which have been sponsored by the Committee and its affiliated committees, groups and individuals.

What are your committee's biggest impediments?

Our court is among the busiest in the State. Thus, there is always a great deal of competition for resources and attention. It is in this very competitive environment that we seek to have our message heard. We also face logistical problems with courtrooms and back offices located in four separate court buildings, 60, 80 and 111 Centre Street as well as 71 Thomas Street in downtown Manhattan.

What have you learned as a committee chair that you think would be useful to pass onto other committees?

Since we assumed leadership of the Committee, we are pleased to continue the very impressive tradition of our court, generally, and the 20+ years of prior service of our Anti-Bias Committee, specifically, in promoting gender fairness, tolerance, equal opportunity, and cultural diversity. We are also excited by the renewed interest in our Committee and are delighted to have so many new members. In going forward, we know we have the support of our Administrative Judge, our Justices, our court personnel (including the Office of the County Clerk), which support is so important to the success of our Committee.

What assistance would you find helpful from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

Of course, we are always very interested in the work of the New York State Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts and we appreciate that Committee's continuing support.

What assistance would you find helpful from other local gender bias/gender fairness committees?

We would appreciate receiving notice in advance of their programs, so that we might send representatives to participate.

Please return this form to

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IN RECOGNITION OF

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK COUNTY SUPREME COURT, CIVIL BRANCH

PRESENTS

LIVE WITHOUT THE BARRIERS

multimedia show exposing the
cycle of violence.

by **DONNA FERRATO**

Donna Ferrato has devoted her life to preventing the abuse of women and children. One of the foremost photojournalist of this period, she has documented the raw, intense reality of domestic violence for over 25 years.

This is a free event open to the general public.

When: October 22, 2009

Where: New York County Supreme Court

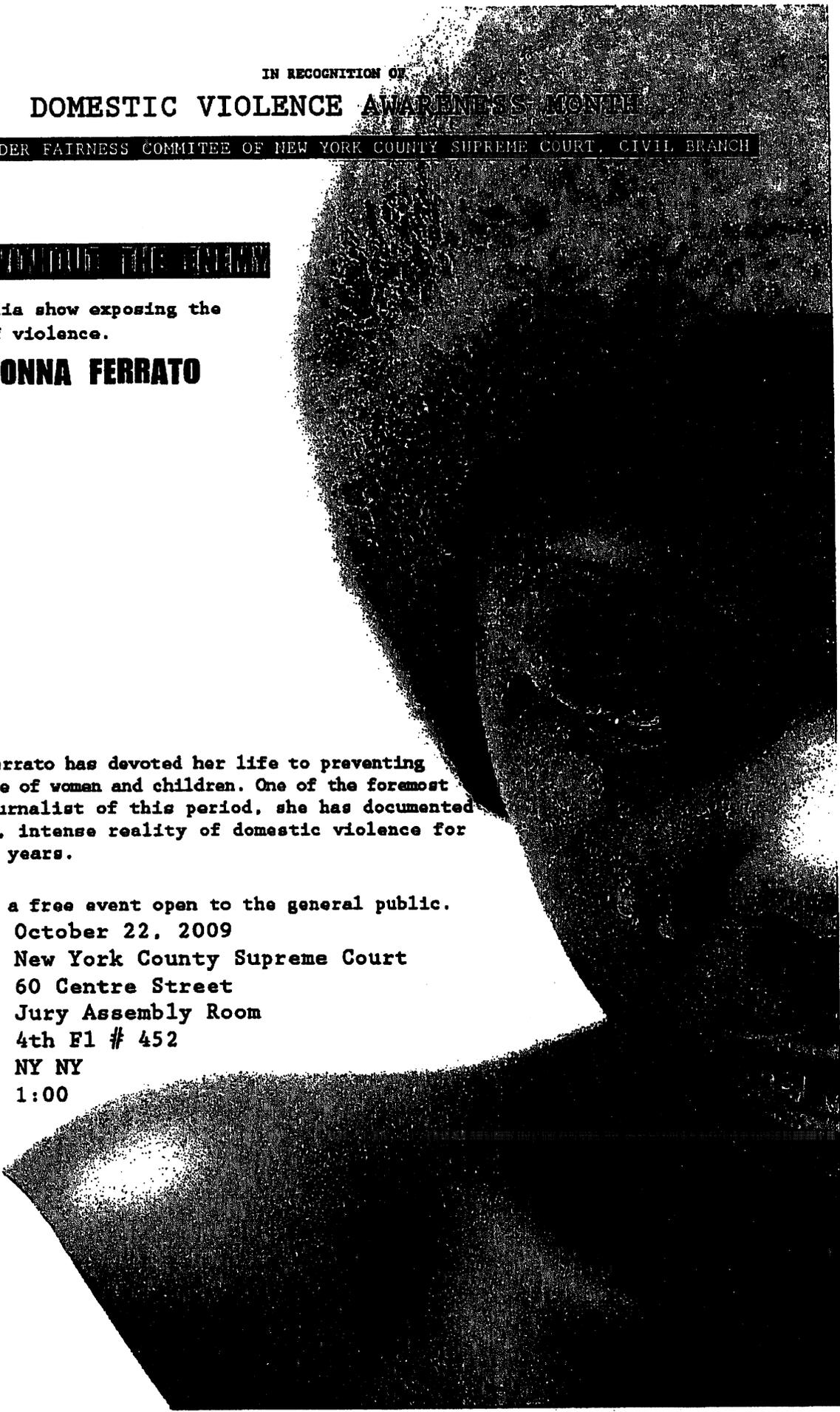
60 Centre Street

Jury Assembly Room

4th Fl # 452

NY NY

Time: 1:00



DONNA FERRATO

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Donna is famous because she accomplished the impossible: she photographed a man beating his wife behind closed doors. With those images, she became the pre-eminent force in the fight against Domestic Violence.

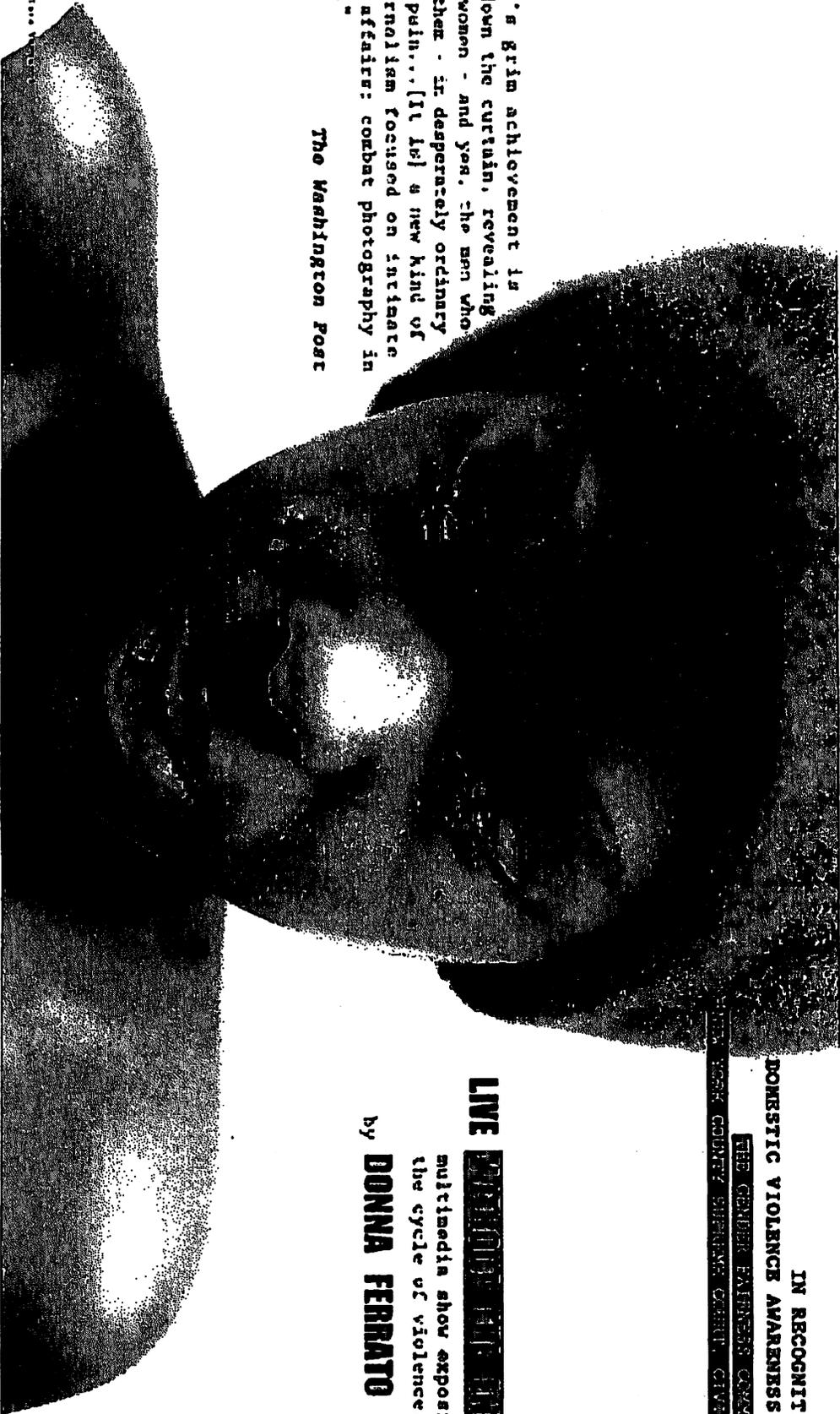
Living with the Enemy, published by Aperture in 1991 is her best selling book and considered to be a clear visual journey into the dark heart of domestic abuse. Opinion makers say her photographs have changed laws and consistently challenged ignorant attitudes about violence against women and children.

In 1991, a New York's battered women's shelter, Sanctuary for Families, used her photographs for a revolutionary benefit event. Based upon that success in 1992, Donna founded Domestic Abuse Awareness, Inc. a (501c3). This way she was able to tour her photographs and raise funds to educate society about domestic violence. The exhibitions have travelled to over 500 venues worldwide, including the US Army in 2006. Donna's mission is to try and stop the violence when the vets come home.

Her photographs make people think.

Some of Donna's awards include:

- W. Eugene Smith Grant (1986)
- Robert F. Kennedy Award for Humanistic Photography (1987)
- Kodak Crystal Eagle for Courage in Journalism (1988)
- IWMF (international women media foundation 1996)
- Prestigious Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism (2002)
- WebMd Health Foundation Grant (2007)
- Tribeca Film Festival's VIP Artist (2008)
- Proclamation of appreciation of Manhattan Borough President NYC (2008)



-Ferrato's grim achievement is to tear down the curtain, revealing ordinary women - and yes, the men who battered them - in desperately ordinary kinds of pain... [It is] a new kind of work journalism focused on intimate domestic affairs: combat photography in the home."

The Washington Post

IN RECOGNITION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
THE GENDER BUSINESS CREATES US
WOMEN WORK COUNTRY SUPPLIES GERMANY CIVIL SERVICE

LIVE **WOMEN AT WORK**

multimedia show exposing the cycle of violence.

by **DONNA FERRATO**

Oct 22 2009 Domestic Violence Awareness Day

**Welcome.....Hon. Deborah Kaplan and Anna Rubera, Esq.
Co-Chairs Gender Fairness Committee,
Supreme Court, Civil Branch,
New York County**

**Remarks.....Hon. Joan H. Carey, Administrative
Judge for Civil Matters,
First Judicial District**

**IS DEDICATED TO THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE
OVER VIOLENCE, TO FREEDOM OVER OPPRESSION,
AND TO THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF WOMEN.**

**Introduction of
Honoree Donna Ferrato...Hon. Matthew F. Cooper, Co-Chair
of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee**

PresentationDonna Ferrato

**Closing Remarks and
Award Presentation.....Gregory Festa, Esq., Co-Chair of
the Domestic Violence Subcommittee**

MANHATTAN SOCIETY Webpage can be found at:

http://manhattan.smugmug.com/Most-Recent-2009/DONNA-FERRATO-DomesticViolenc/10053825_FSnME#692262033_m3LxN

LIVE WITHOUT THE ENEMY by DONNA FERRATO In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presented by The Gender Fairness Committee of New York County Supreme Court

NEW YORK-OCTOBER 22:

LIVE WITHOUT THE ENEMY, a multimedia presentation exposing the cycle of violence by photographer **DONNA FERRATO** In recognition of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** on Thursday, October 22, 2009 before **The Gender Fairness Committee of New York County Supreme Court**, Civil Branch, 60 Centre Street, Jury Assembly Room, 4th Floor #452, New York City, NY. The **New York State Supreme Court Judges** honored **Donna Ferrato** today for her influential encouragement of gender fairness through her talent as both an artist and activist photographer. Guests were welcomed by: **Ann Rumsberg, Esq.**(Co-Chair, Gender Fairness Committee, Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County) and **Hon. Deborah Kaplan** (Co-Chair, Gender Fairness Committee, Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County). Special remarks were delivered by **Hon. Joan B. Carey**, (Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, First Judicial District) **Hon. Matthew F. Cooper** (Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee) introduced the honoree, **Donna Ferrato** who made a multimedia presentation exposing the cycle of domestic violence. **Gregory Testa, Esq.** led the closing remarks and the award presentation. Among the VIP Guests in attendance was **Rosana Rodriguez** a survivor of domestic violence, advocate and activist who is presently the **Voices of Women** (VOW) Court Reform Organizer. **About Donna Ferrato: Donna Ferrato** has been a professional photographer since 1982, having become famous for and establishing her career by visually capturing the horrors of family violence. For ten years, she documented domestic abuse by spending time in battered women's shelters, living with couples in their homes, and riding with the police for weeks at a time. In 1991, **Aperture Foundation** published her documentation in a book titled, "**Living with the Enemy**", a photo-journey that engages the reader in the dark and often neglected realities of love and family life. Donna's unique ability to get behind closed doors has allowed her to capture the most complex moments in human interactions and relationships. Her commitment to society's darkest problems from domestic violence to child sexual assault has become landmark essays in the field of documentary photography. Her photographs have changed laws and consistently challenged ignorant attitudes promoted by society about violence against women and children. Her iconic book, **Living with the Enemy**, has been reprinted three times and sold a record number of 40,000 copies worldwide. Through exhibitions of her pictures and lectures worldwide **Donna Ferrato** is recognized as one of the pre-eminent forces in the fight against the oppression of women. She has become one of the most recognized American photojournalists working worldwide on personality projects as diverse as Bruce Springsteen, Guns AND Roses, and human sexuality. Today, **Donna Ferrato** lectures on domestic violence at universities, hospitals, and shelters. **Ferrato** has worked worldwide on assignments from Bruce Springsteen to the Gulf War. Her photographs have been published

extensively, in publications such as Life, Fortune, The New York Times Magazine, Stern in Germany, DAS and DU magazines in Switzerland. Her domestic violence documentation has won numerous awards, including the W. Eugene Smith Grant, the Robert F. Kennedy Award, and the Kodak Crystal Eagle for Courage in Journalism. Donna Ferrato was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, raised in Lorain, Ohio, and is now based in New York City, in the Tribeca Neighborhood. Through exhibitions of her pictures and lectures worldwide Donna is recognized as one of the pre-eminent forces in the fight against the oppression of women. She has become one of the most recognized American photojournalists working worldwide on personality projects as diverse as Bruce Springsteen, Guns AND Roses, and human sexuality. SEE ALSO: Abuse Aware | Domestic Abuse Awareness | Tribeca Trib, Donna Ferrato's 10013 | Love, Donna-Photographs by Donna Ferrato | NY Times, Showcase: TriBeCa Chiaroscuro
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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

*The Gender Fairness Committee of New York County
Supreme Court, Civil Branch*

Proudly Presents

*Women and the Law: Towards a New Discourse
Featuring Nationally Recognized & Award Winning Speaker*



Professor Paula A. Franzese

Professor Paula A. Franzese is the Peter W. Rodino Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law, eight-time recipient of the Student Bar Association's Professor of the Year Award, and one of the country's leading experts in government ethics and property law. Professor Franzese has spearheaded ethics reform initiatives on behalf of three governors, serving as special ethics counsel to former New Jersey Governor Richard Codey and Chair of the New Jersey State Ethics Commission.

and honoring
Elizabeth "Betty" Piervencenti

Elizabeth "Betty" Piervencenti will be receiving the Distinguished Service Award. Betty's tenure in the Unified Court System spans a period of forty-nine years. Betty is a past recipient of the Bernard Botwin Award for her outstanding contribution to the administration of the courts.

WHEN: March 19, 2010 at 12:45 P.M.

WHERE: 60 Centre Street, Room 452

Norman Goodman Jury Assembly Room

This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Honorable Deborah Kaplan and Anna Rumberg, Esq.

Gender Fairness Committee, Co-Chairpersons

For further information about this event, please e-mail GTBSTA@COURTS.STATE.NY.US

**THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK COUNTY
SUPREME COURT, CIVIL BRANCH
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 19, 2010
12:45 P.M.**

**60 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK
NORMAN GOODMAN JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM**

WELCOME:	HONORABLE SHERRY KLEIN HEITLER, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FOR CIVIL MATTERS, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OPENING REMARKS:	HONORABLE DEBORAH KAPLAN & ANNA RUMBERG, ESQ., CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE, NEW YORK COUNTY, CIVIL BRANCH
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:	PROFESSOR PAULA FRANZESE WOMEN & THE LAW: TOWARDS A NEW DISCOURSE
PRESENTATION OF THE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO ELIZABETH PIERVENCENTI:	NORMAN GOODMAN, NEW YORK COUNTY CLERK
CLOSING REMARKS:	HONORABLE DEBORAH KAPLAN

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

ELIZABETH "BETTY" PIERVENCENTI
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD HONOREE

The Gender Fairness Committee is proud to present the Women's History Month Distinguished Service Award to Elizabeth "Betty" Piervencenti. Betty was the former Administrator for the office of the County Clerk, New York County from 1983 to 1998. After her retirement, Betty soon thereafter returned to the New York County Clerk in 1999 to offer her services as a part-time employee-consultant. She presently works two days a week and continues to this day to be a valuable resource to the administrative office.

Betty's tenure in the Unified Court System spans a period of forty-nine years. She entered the court system in 1961 as a provisional key punch operator for the Criminal Court at 100 Centre Street. Betty's hard work later elevated her through the data entry ranks as a supervisor, eventually becoming a principal court analyst in charge of administration.

Betty is a past recipient of the Bernard Bolein Award for her outstanding contribution to the administration of the courts. Betty is also a proud mother of two children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She is indeed a pillar at 60 Centre Street.

The Gender Fairness Committee of the Supreme Court,
New York County, Civil Branch
wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the following people
for assisting with this event

Norman Goodman, New York County Clerk
John Werner, Esq., Chief Clerk & Executive Officer
James Rossetti, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Gregory Testa, Esq., Senior Court Attorney
Ray Denton, Principal Court Analyst
Michelle Gonsieski, Management Analyst
Naomi Ruiz, Assistant Court Analyst
PJ Garone, Appellate Court Clerk
Jackie Glass, Associate Court Attorney
Irene Laracuenta, Supervising Jury Clerk
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LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2009-2010

Name of the Committee Gender Fairness Committee, New York County Supreme Court, Criminal Division

Name and Title of Chair Hon. Bonnie Wittner

Members - would you attach a list of your members?

Dates of Meetings Quarterly

Average Attendance 10 - 15

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009: Transgender Issues in the Criminal Justice System, December 2009, presenters, Elana Redfield, Esq. and Gabriel Arkles, Esq., both of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project

Activities for Women's History Month 2010: Co-sponsor of International Women's Day Reception, screening of a documentary examining the challenges facing six women judges on the Constitutional Court of South Africa followed by discussion with filmmaker and international judges.

What are your plans for next year? In formation

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

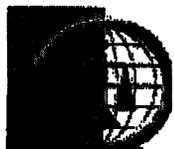
We continue to monitor and encourage promotions and hiring of women for supervisory jobs such as Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain in the ranks of the Unified Court System, Criminal Term, New York County Supreme Court.

Please return this form by **March 15, 2010** to:

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2009-2010

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International Association of Women Judges

advancing human rights and equal justice for all

International Women's Day Reception

"Courting Justice"

A documentary film examining the professional and personal challenges facing six women judges of the Constitutional Court of South Africa during the transition from apartheid to democracy

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Reception at 6:00, screening of film at 7:00, followed by discussion with filmmaker Ruth Cowan and international judges

U.S. Court of International Trade

1 Federal Plaza, 4th floor, New York, N.Y.

(enter on Lafayette Street side, between Worth and Duane Streets)

Host organizations

International Association of Women Judges

National Association of Women Judges, New York Chapter

United States Court of International Trade

Contributing Sponsors (list in formation)

Queens County Women's Bar Association

Brooklyn Women's Bar Association

New York Women's Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Co-sponsors (list in formation)

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New York County Lawyers Association - Women's Rights Committee

New York City Bar Association

New York Association of Lesbian and Gay Judges

International Association of Lesbian and Gay Judges

Staten Island Women's Bar Association

Gender Fairness Committee of the Supreme Court, New York County, Criminal Term

Admission charge: \$10 at the door, payable to National Association of Women Judges

Gender Fairness Committees
of New York County Supreme & Criminal Courts

~in conjunction with~

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Law
Association of Greater New York (LeGaL)

and

The Alliance - The Gay-Straight Alliance of the New York
State Justice System

present

TRANSGENDER ISSUES
IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
N.Y. County Supreme Court
100 Centre Street, 15th Floor, Room 1517
5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Presenters: Elana Redfield, Esq., Sylvia Rivera Law Project

Gabriel Arkles, Esq., Sylvia Rivera Law Project

The presentation is offered free of charge and light refreshments will be served.

2 CLE credits will be provided (Experienced and transitional attorneys)

RSVP: Lisa Lindsay, Esq. llindsay@courts.state.ny.us (646) 386.4700



Gender Fairness Committees
New York County Supreme & Criminal Courts
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**SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY
GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE
LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2009-2010**

1. NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

Supreme Court Kings County Gender Fairness Committee

2. NAME AND TITLE OF CHAIR.

Gloria M. Dabiri, Justice, New York State Supreme Court

3. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Hon. Rachel Adams	Lucinda DiSalvo
Hon. Betsy Barros	Donna Farrell
Hon. Bernadette Bayne	Lesley Friedland*
Hon. Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix	Noel Hinds
Hon. Sarah Krauss*	James Imperatrice
Hon. Karen B. Rothenberg	Dina James
Hon. Robin Sheares*	Izetta Johnson
Hon. Marsha Steinhardt	Thomas Kilfoyle
Hon. Nancy Sunshine	Major Eric Long
Hon. Delores Thomas	Yvonne Marin, Esq.
Hon. Albert Tomei	Jeanette Mercedes, Esq.
Hon. Michelle Weston	Roderick E. Randall
Loretta Argiro	Leah Richardson
Major Luz Bryan	Noreen Soto-Fier, Esq.
Lisa Cruz	

*Representing Kings Family Court Gender Fairness Committee

4. DATES OF MEETINGS (Full Committee).

April 23, 2009, September 29, 2008, October 16, 2009, February 8, 2010,
February 24, 2010, March 10, 2010.

Much of the work of the Gender Fairness Committee is performed through subcommittees. For example, the Bring Your Child to Work, Family Feud Games, Conference on Women as Leaders and Book Drive subcommittees.

5. AVERAGE ATTENDANCE. 15 to 6

6. ACTIVITIES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – 2009.

a. Discussion on the Impact of Domestic Violence in the Asian, Arab-American, Orthodox Jewish and disabled communities of Brooklyn.

On October 29, 2009, in conjunction with the Kings County Family Court Gender Fairness Committee, a panel discussion was held during lunchtime in the ceremonial courtroom at 320 Jay Street (flyer annexed). Panelists included Yi Hu Chang, Assistant Director of the New York Asian Women's Center, Kinaja Janardhanan, Director of the Arab-American Family Support Center, Chana Widawski, organizer of Project Kol Tzedek for the Kings County District Attorney's Office, and Georgette Delinois, Director of Barrier Free Living. Wanda Lucibello, Chief of the Kings County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Bureau was moderator of the discussion.

Approximately 50 people attended. Light refreshments were served. Event organizers included Judge Sarah Krauss, Izetta Johnson, Lesley Friedland, Yvonne Marin, Judge Rachel Adams and Justice Fern Fisher.

- b. Book Drive. The Committee, for the **third** year, collected books for families residing in Domestic Violence Centers. More than **300** books for children and adults were donated by court personnel, with the expectation that shelter residents will take the books with them when they leave and begin home libraries. The book drive was lead by committee member Loretta Argiro of the County Clerks Office. [letter from Center Against Domestic Violence, annexed]. The Book Drive was conducted during December 2009.

7. ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – 2010.

- a. Essay Contest. For the past **four** years the Committee has presented a \$250 scholarship to a high school essayist during our Women's History Month program. Attempts to engage students at the Urban Assembly School for Law and Justice (housed in the former Family Court building) in the essay contest were unsuccessful. The contest was then opened to the children of Supreme Court employees (notice annexed). In keeping with the National Women's History Project's theme for 2010, the topic is "Writing Women Back Into History." The scholarship will be presented to the award-winning essayist at the **Ruth E. Moskowitz Lecture** on March 22, 2010.

- b. Court Feud Challenge Games — March 18, 2010. In order to encourage broader participation by court personnel in Women's History Month activities, the Committee has hosted a series of women's history court-feud/trivia games, during March, for the past **four** years. Teams of five compete against each other during the lunch hour. The games foster collegiality while increasing an awareness of the role of women in history and in society today. To date, four

teams have been organized: Family Court, County Clerks, Civil Court and Administration for Children Services (flyer annexed).

This year the Committee **outreached** to agencies and court personnel from the various courts in downtown Brooklyn. Judge Robyn Sheares, Loretta Argiro, Leah Richardson, Lesley Friedland, Major Luz Bryan and Izetta Johnson are members of this subcommittee. Judge Sheares and Justice Albert Tomei have agreed to MC the games.

- c. **Ruth E. Moskowitz Lecture — March 22, 2010.** In collaboration with the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, the Family Court Gender Fairness Committee and the Civil Court Gender Fairness Committee, the Committee will hold its annual Women's History Month event in the Surrogates Court on March 22, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. (flyer annexed).

The Honorable Nancy T. Sunshine, Kings County Clerk and Commissioner of Jurors, will be our guest lecturer. A scholarship will be awarded to the winning student essayist, and a light reception will follow.

Judge Rachel Adams, Justice Gloria Dabiri, Pamela Elisofon, Esq. and Hemalee Patel, Esq. are organizers of this event.

- d. **Women in History Quotations.** Quotations by noted women were posted by the IT Department on the employee space bulletin board throughout March.

8. OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR.

- a. **Bring Your Child to Work Day — April 22, 2010.**

On National Bring Your Child to Work Day the Criminal and Civil Terms will participate in this annual event which is open to children, ages 7 to 14, of court employees. Group activities will be held between 8:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. A draft of the program schedule is annexed.

This year "The Concept," a play about drugs and making bad choices will be presented.

It is anticipated that, as in past years, the New York State Court Clerks Association, the New York State Supreme Court Officers Association, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, the Tribune Society, the Shomrim Zdzek Society, Cervantes, Amicus Curiae, and the Association of Secretaries to Supreme Court Justices will partner with the Gender Fairness Committee. Justice Karen Rothenberg is chair of this subcommittee. Izetta Johnson will co-ordinate activities at 320 Jay Street and Yvonne Marin, Esq. at 360 Adams Street.

b. Women in Leadership Focus Groups — October 16, 2009 and October 30, 2009.

The Committee held two informal lunchtime focus groups to explore some of the challenges women face as judges, supervisors and managers, and to obtain suggestions on the kind of training, tools and skills-building that would be most helpful to participants. The first session was attended by some 15 female management level staff and judges from the Kings Supreme Court, Civil and Criminal Terms. A similar number of women judges attended the second session.

The sentiment expressed by many participants was that while women have made progress, particularly within the court system, there are still challenges for women in attaining leadership positions, and as a result of the perception and expectations people have of female leaders.

9. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR.

- a. **Conference** – “Leadership Strategies for Women” in the courtroom and court system.
- b. **Presentation by Sign Language Court Interpretation Task Force** on issues facing hearing impaired litigants, witnesses and victims of domestic violence.
- c. Screening of “**Off and Running**” film in June 2010, Gay Pride month.
- d. **Collaboration** with Kings County Family Court, Criminal Court and Civil Court Gender Fairness committees.

10. IMPORTANT ISSUES OF WOMEN AND GENDER IN THE COURTS THIS YEAR. UNMET TRAINING NEEDS.

- a. Sexual harassment training.
- b. Educating employees on the procedures for reporting complaints of discrimination and sexual harassment.

11. HELP WE WOULD LIKE FROM NYS JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE COURTS.

- a. Dissemination of program and event announcements.
- b. Assistance with identifying and obtaining event venues, speakers and resources.

IN RECOGNITION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEES OF

KINGS COUNTY
FAMILY COURT



KINGS COUNTY
SUPREME COURT

PRESENT

A DISCUSSION ON THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN
OUR BROOKLYN COMMUNITIES

FEATURING PANELISTS FROM

NEW YORK WOMEN'S ASIAN CENTER
ARAB-AMERICAN FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
PROJECT KOL TZEDEK (ORTHODOX JEWISH COMMUNITY)
BARRIER FREE LIVING (PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)

PANELISTS:

Y-HUI CHANG, LCAT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES, NEW YORK ASIAN WOMEN'S CENTER
KINAJA JANARDHANAN, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS, ARAB-AMERICAN FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
CHANA WIDAWSKI, LMSW, ORGANIZER, PROJECT KOL TZEDEK, KINGS COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE
GEORGETTE DELINOIS, LCSW, DIRECTOR OF BARRIER FREE LIVING, NON-RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

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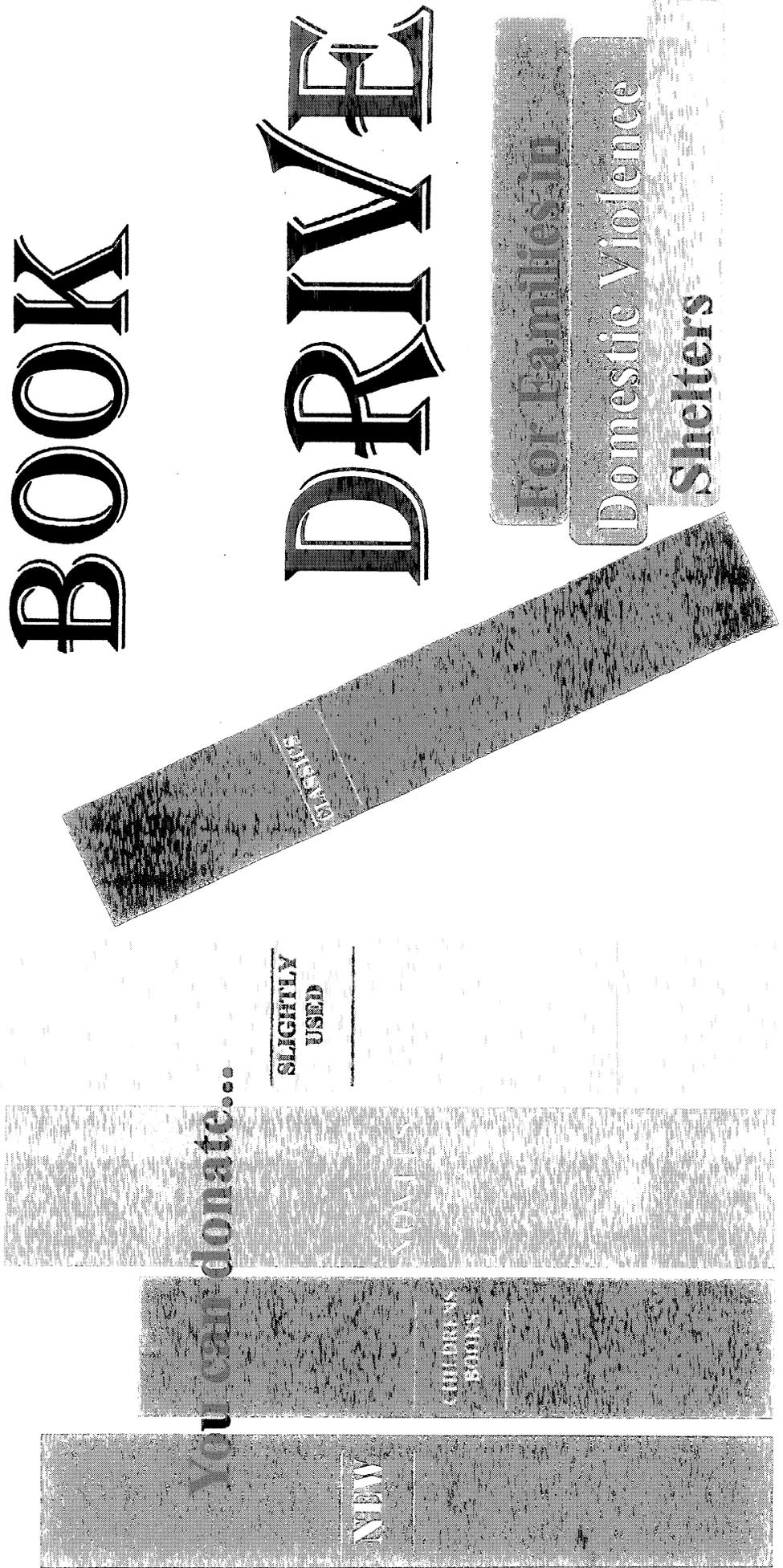
WANDA LUCIBELLO, CHIEF OF THE KINGS COUNTY D.A.'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUREAU

OCTOBER 29, 2009, 1:15 PM
CEREMONIAL COURTROOM 2.95
KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT
320 JAY STREET, BROOKLYN

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**Supreme Court, Kings County
Gender Fairness Committee**

HOLIDAY



BOOK

DRIVE

For Families in
Domestic Violence
Shelters

Book Drop Off Locations

Deadline, December 11th

**360 Adams Street, Rm 156, County Clerks Office; Loretta Argiro
320 Jay Street, Rm. 13.66, Mailroom; Noel Hinds**

For more information, please call 718-224-1234 or visit our website at www.kccgfc.org

CENTER AGAINST

TRANSFORMING LIVES

January 22, 2010

Hon. Gloria Dabiri
Supreme Court, Kings County
360 Adams Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Judge Dabiri:

The Center and the women we serve are grateful for all you and the Gender Equity Committee of the Court have done over the years. Your last donation of books provided holiday gifts for the women and children in all three of our shelters, for the families involved with our community based support groups and for peer leaders at the seventeen schools we serve. The previously owned books went into the shelter libraries and the three day care and after school programs the Center operates for children from violent homes.

I know that you agree that prevention is the best service we can offer to end relationship abuse and domestic violence. The Gender Equity Committee's last donation and their previous book drive and Halloween Costume drive have not only benefited the victims of relationship abuse, but have helped prevent it in the future.

Thank you again. Please feel free to call me. It would be my pleasure to speak with you about our programs and perhaps take you on a tour.

Sincerely,



Rona Solomon
Deputy Director

cc: T. Colter
J Pikaze
J Kahan

*In Celebration Of
Women's History Month*

**Brooklyn Women's Bar Association
Kings Supreme Court Gender Fairness Committee
Kings Civil Court Gender Fairness Committee
Kings Family Court Gender Fairness Committee**

proudly present

The Ruth E. Moskowitz Lecture

by

HON. NANCY T. SUNSHINE

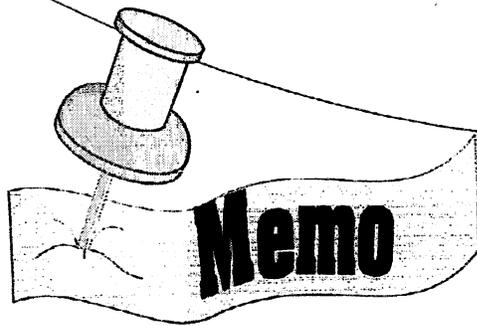
***County Clerk of Kings County
Commissioner of Jurors***

Monday, March 22, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

***Kings Supreme Court - 360 Adams Street
Surrogate's Courtroom - 319***

Everyone Welcome—Light Refreshments

RSVP Dina James by March 16th 347.296.1563



WOMEN'S HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

In honor of Women's History Month, the Gender Fairness Committees of the Supreme and Family Courts in partnership with the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association is hosting an essay contest that celebrates the contributions made by women in this country.

The overarching theme for 2010 is
Writing Women Back Into History.

Children of Supreme Court personnel attending Junior High or High School are invited to submit their essays to Izzetta Johnson (ijohnson@courts.state.ny.us or at 320 Jay Street, Room 13.68). The essay should be at least 300 words, typed and doubled-spaced.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 10:00 AM

**Kings "Supreme and Family Courts"
Gender Fairness Committee**

Presents...

Women's History Month

The "Jeopardy" Challenge

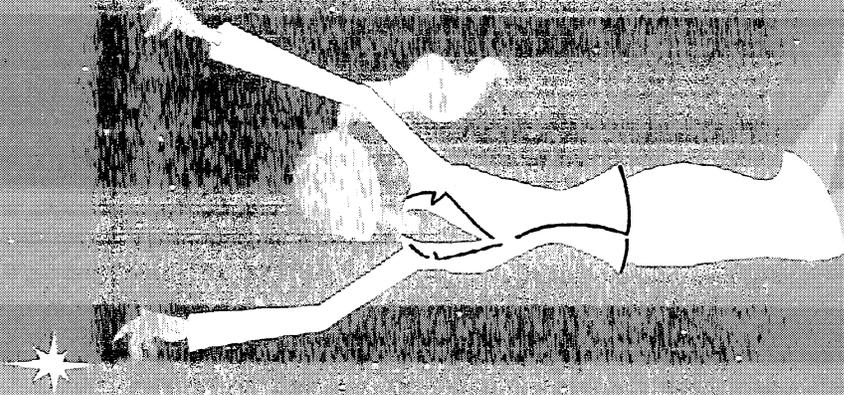
How Well Do You Know Women's History?

Thursday, March 18, 2010

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Located at 320 Jay St. 2nd floor rm. 2.95

Contact: Leah Richardson @ 347-296-1880 or 347-401-9889



This is the most
important flyer you will
read today.

The Gender Fairness Committee of Kings County Supreme and Family Courts,
are looking for teams to play

“The Court Feud”

Trivia Game given in recognition of Woman's History Month

Save the date, the game will be played either
March 16 or March 19, 2010



Sign up **YOUR** teams immediately!!!
Email or call Izetta Johnson at ext. 61231

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Women's History Month Quotations

What is sad for women of my generation is that they weren't supposed to work if they had families. What were they going to do when the children are grown - watch the raindrops coming down the window pane? - Jackie Kennedy

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Women's History Month Quotations

Women always worry about the things that men forget; men always worry about the things women remember. - Author Unknown

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Women's History Month Quotations

I do not believe in sex distinction in literature, law, politics, or trade—or that modesty and virtue are more becoming to women than to men, but wish we had more of it everywhere. - Belva Lockwood (American lawyer and reformer, 1830-1917)

Kings Supreme Court
Employee Bulletin Board

Employee of the Year

Kings Supreme Court
Photoalbum 2009

Kings Supreme Court
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Kings Supreme Court
Photoalbum 2007

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Photoalbum 2006

Career on the Courts

Suggestion Box

Women's History Month Quotations

I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship. - Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), the author of Little Women

Kings County Supreme Court Gender Fairness

Committee

Sponsors

BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Note: (1) Registration and Photos; (2) Welcoming Greeting; and (3) Say No To Drugs programs are combined for all participants in one location.

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Gray areas apply to participants from 360 Adams Street.

Orange areas apply to participants from 320 Jay Street.

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:30 to 9:30	Registration and Photos (All participants)	320 Jay Street Room -
9:30 to 9:50	Welcoming Greeting (All participants) <Hon. Barry Kamins and Hon. Karen B. Rothenberg>	320 Jay Street Room -
10:00 to 11:00	Say No To Drugs (All participants) Participants will view a live play "The Concept." <Daytop Drug Treatment Center>	320 Jay Street Room -
11:10 to 11:40	Internet Safety (Ages 10 - 14) Participants learn about internet safety and ways to protect themselves and their identity. Parental participation is welcome. <TBD>	360 Adams Street Room -
11:10 to 11:40	Court Crafts (Ages 7 - 9) Participants make decorative court- related objects. <TBD>	360 Adams Street Room -
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<p>3:20 to 4:00</p>	<p align="center">Goodie Bags and Farewell</p>	<p>360 Adams Street Room - 320 Jay Street Room -</p>

The Concept



“The Concept is one of those rare works that hits you square in the gut and reminds you how powerfully theater can change lives.”

Elizabeth Margid, Professor, Fordham University Theater Department 2004

The Concept is a play about the human side of drug addiction. It is performed by recovering addicts, and shows examples of people who have made wrong choices, some of the methods used in Daytop to cut through clients’ defenses against change, and the universal human needs that must be met in order to effect true change in a person’s life.

Performed for students, parents and other community groups, the play opens discussion about addiction and substance abuse prevention.

To schedule performances, please contact the Public Affairs Office at (212) 354-6000, ext. 256 or Mr. Adolph Fulton, 54 W. 40th Street, 3rd floor, New York, NY 10018

About the Play

The Concept was first conceived in 1968, by Lawrence Sacharow. He perceived the connection between the methods evolved at Daytop to meet the needs of its residents and the ritualized theater he had been studying in his travels. He worked the experiences of the recovering addicts into a coherent theater piece featuring those individuals as “themselves.” Director Lawrence Sacharow’s work has earned a place in theatrical history as the avant-garde pioneer of Open Theater.

The internationally acclaimed, original Concept opened at Café La Mama and ran for three years Off Broadway, then toured the U.S. and Europe performing at the Moscow Art Theatre in St. Petersburg, the United Nations and gave a command performance at the White House. In 1987, The Concept was “reinvented” by a new generation of Daytop clients and opened at the River Arts Repertory in Woodstock, New York, where Sacharow was the artistic director. It later performed at New York’s Circle in the Square. The Concept continues to perform and bring its message of hope and the human capacity to grow and change to school audiences, community organizations and Performing Arts Theaters.

*Queens County Gender Fairness Committee, NYC Criminal Court and
Citywide Gender Fairness Committee, NYC Criminal Court*

Hon. Toko Serita

Queens Criminal Court Building

120-01 Queens Blvd.

Kew Gardens, New York 11415

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**Queens County Gender Fairness Committee
Criminal Court of the City of New York
2009 - 2010**

Name of the Committee

Queens County Gender Fairness Committee
Criminal Court of the City of New York

Name and Title of Chair

Judge Toko Serita

No. of Members

11 Members

Dates of Meetings

9 meetings between 2009 - 2010, both locally (Queens committee only) and videoconference meetings (with Manhattan and Brooklyn committees)

Average Attendance

7 - 9 members

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009

“Changing the Status Quo on Domestic Violence and Deadbeat Parents”

Hon. Daniel Donovan, District Attorney of Richmond County

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Queens County Criminal Courthouse

125-01 Queens Boulevard

Sponsored by the Queens County Gender Fairness Committee of the Supreme and Criminal Court, and the Queens County Women’s Bar Association

Activities for Women's History Month 2010

None.

Other Activities in the Past Year

- 1) Tour of the NYC Family Justice Center, Queens
Alexandra Patino, Esq.

Executive Director &
ADA Scott Kessler,
Bureau Chief, Domestic Violence Bureau

July 1, 2009

126-02 82nd Avenue

The Queens Family Justice Center provides comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and houses several different organizations.

- 2) "Very Young Girls," A Documentary on Human Trafficking
by Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS)
w/ a Special Q & A with Rachel Lloyd, Executive Director of GEMS
September 25, 2009
Queens County Criminal Courthouse
125-01 Queens Blvd
sponsored by the Queens Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee

- 3) Breast Health Program
in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Presented by the Maurer Foundation
on Risk Reduction, Healthy Lifestyle Choices, Early Detection Methods & Breast Self Exam
November 6, 2009
Queens County Criminal Courthouse
125-01 Queens Blvd.
sponsored by the Queens County Gender Fairness Committees of the Supreme and Criminal Court, and the Queens County Women's Bar Association

- 4) "Developing New Approaches to Prostitution-related Offenses in the Criminal Justice System"
Judge Toko Serita
ADA Kim Affronti, Deputy Bureau Chief, Criminal Court
Rachel Lloyd, Executive Director, GEMS
Danielle Latimer, Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention Program (SAVI)
Kara Kim, Restore
Haemy Lee, NY Asian Women's Center

December 15, 2009

Queens County Criminal Courthouse

125-01 Queens Blvd

sponsored by the Queens County Gender Fairness Committees of the Supreme and Criminal Court

What are your plans for next year?

The Queens Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee, previously a subcommittee of the Citywide Gender Fairness Committee, has now been merged with the Supreme Court, Criminal Term, Gender Fairness Committee (now called Criminal Court Matters Gender Fairness Committee). It is co-chaired by Hon. Marcia Hirsch, Supreme Court Justice, Criminal Term, and Hon. Toko Serita, Criminal Court Judge. We will be having our first meeting as the new committee on April 28th, 2010. Previous to this, during a restructuring phase, Judge Serita and Justice Marguerite Grays were co-chairs of a committee that represented both the criminal and civil side, supreme and criminal court. In that capacity, we successfully put on several programs, including a very well attended lecture in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October 2009 with Richmond County DA, Hon. Daniel Donovan. For that event, CLE credit was provided and we had over 65 attendees.

We anticipate organizing activities around Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Women's History Month, at the very least, in addition to other activities throughout the year. We also thought it might be a good idea to propose an annual joint event with the other gender fairness committees in this county.

Based on the 2010 restructuring of the committees, however, we are in the process of assessing the continued viability of a Citywide Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee, which has proven highly successful and rewarding for the membership, the courts, and the communities at large. (Attached is the 2008-2009 Summary for the Citywide Gender Fairness Committee, Criminal Court of the City of New York, that outlines the work and the mission statement of this collective venture of the former "subcommittees," now independent committees.)

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

One of the proposed activities for the committee this year, as part of a continuation of our joint citywide effort from 2009, is to have a workshop around transgender issues in the court system. Both the Manhattan and Brooklyn Criminal Court subcommittees presented these workshops last year, and Queens is now the last

one to do so. This is a very relevant topic given the increased number of transgendered defendants in the prostitution diversion court in Queens County, as one example, and the treatment of the transgendered population by the criminal justice system.

Another area of concern during this or any other year are the issues of underage prostitution and human trafficking. Although there are a handful of criminal courts within the state that have taken a different approach to the way that underage defendants charged with prostitution related offenses are dealt with, viewing them as victims in need of help rather than as criminals, this is the exception rather than the norm. Judge Serita presides over the prostitution diversion court in Queens County, and its success in helping defendants 21 years and younger illustrates the need for such diversion courts around the state. Additionally, we have only recently started to address the scope of the issues involving trafficking victims, whether they be domestic or international, labor or sex trafficking victims.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

Not at this time.

What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

I would like to see the Comm take a more active role in helping to facilitate resource-sharing, as well as increasing communication amongst the gender fairness committees state-wide. It could also be helpful in terms of information gathering and research around a variety of issues.

QUEENS CRIMINAL COURT GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

invites you to a

TOUR OF THE NYC FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, QUEENS

JULY 1, 2009
1:00 - 2:00 PM

MEET AT THE CENTER AT 1PM
126-02 82ND AVENUE
[Behind the Kew Gardens Courthouse]

RSVP REQUIRED - ALL ARE WELCOME

The Queens Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee is hosting a tour of the Queens Family Justice Center on July 1st, from 1-2 PM, and we welcome you to join us. The Center provides comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and houses several different organizations. **The Executive Director of the Family Justice Center, Ms. Alexandra Patino, Esq., will be present, along with ADA Scott Kessler, Bureau Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.** For further information, contact committee members:

ADA Naomi Schneidmill at
(718) 286-5967
NKSchneidmill@queensda.org

or

Felice Barry, Esq. at
(718) 261-3947 x535
fbarry@qlanyc.org

RSVP BY JUNE 30, 2009 TO:

THOMAS P. KING, COURT ATTORNEY TO
J. T. SERITA
TPKing@courts.state.ny.us or (718) 298-0951

[names must be submitted in advance for security purposes]



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Queens County Gender Fairness Committee
of the Supreme and Criminal Court
and
The Queens County Women's Bar Association
Present

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“Changing The Status Quo
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Kew Gardens, New York
Eight Floor Conference Room

All Are Welcome!

Light Refreshments will be Served.



In Recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month,
the Queens County Supreme Court Gender Fairness Committee and
the Queens County Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee
present a



Breast Health Program

1 p.m., Friday, November 6
Queens County Criminal Courthouse
Eighth Floor Conference Room
All are welcome!

Representatives from the Maurer Foundation will discuss with us
Risk Reduction,

Healthy Lifestyle Choices,

Early Detection Methods,

And give step-by-step instructions on how to perform an effective
Breast Self Exam (BSE) on lifelike silicone breast models.

For more information on the Maurer Foundation, visit maurerfoundation.org or call 1-800-853-LEARN.

The Queens County Gender Fairness Committee of the Supreme and Criminal Court presents

Developing New Approaches to Prostitution-Related Offenses in the Criminal Justice System

**Tuesday, December 15, 1-2 PM
Queens County Criminal Courthouse
8th Floor Conference Room**

Speakers: Judge Toko Serita (Prostitution Diversion Court, Part T-2G)
ADA Kim Affronti (Deputy Bureau Chief, Criminal Court)
Rachel Lloyd (Executive Director, Girls Educational Mentoring Services)
Danielle Latimer, LMSW (Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention Program)
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*** All Are Welcome * CLE Credit Provided ***

*** Please RSVP to Lt. Stephanie Hunter (718) 298-0735 ***

Gender Fairness Committee

Criminal Court of the City of New York, Queens County

presents

Very Young Girls

A Documentary Film on Human Trafficking

By

Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Friday, September 25, 2009

Queens Criminal Court

125-01 Queens Boulevard

Courtroom 190

12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Open to All

Bring Your Lunch

Special Guest: **Rachel Lloyd**
Executive Director, GEMS

Very Young Girls is an expose of human trafficking that follows thirteen and fourteen year old American girls as they are seduced, abused, and sold on New York's streets by pimps, and treated as adult criminals by police. Rachel Lloyd, Executive Director of GEMS, will conduct a Question and Answer Session following the film.



Gender Fairness Committee

Supreme Court of the State of New York, Queens County
Criminal Court of the City of New York, Queens County

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**Citywide Gender Fairness Committee
Criminal Court of the City of NY
2008-2009**

Name of the Committee

Citywide Gender Fairness Committee
Criminal Court of the City of NY
("Citywide GFC")

Name and Title of Citywide Chair

Judge Toko Serita

Members

The Citywide GFC is composed of three subcommittees - one in each county for Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn (see attached reports from each subcommittee):

Brooklyn GFC chair: Judge Ruth Smith

Queens GFC chairs: Judges Mary O'Donoghue & Toko Serita

Manhattan GFC chair: Judge Rita Mella

No. of Members

Brooklyn - 10

Queens - 10

Manhattan - 6

Total = 26

No. of Meetings

7 citywide videoconferencing meetings

2 citywide "Meet & Greet" social gatherings

plus 3+ local subcommittee meetings (see attached reports from each county)

Composition

Judges, court attorneys, administrators, clerks, officers, interpreters, defense bar and prosecution, men & women.

Activities

(For each county subcommittee activities, see individual reports attached)

Activities of the Citywide Comm 2008 - 2009

The Citywide GFC has made significant strides in the past year and has succeeded in accomplishing its objectives for the year. During the first year of its existence as a *citywide* committee, the emphasis was on developing and strengthening each of the local subcommittees so that it could function independently, though with the recognition that it was part of a larger entity (see last year's Annual Report). Thereafter, late last year, the citywide GFC agreed upon a joint effort focusing on the issue of teen dating violence in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October & November of 2008. This effort was spearheaded by Judge Tanya Kennedy who, at the time, was in Manhattan Criminal Court. The project entailed each county sponsoring two separate events on this topic, with some subcommittees partnering with local high schools by either inviting them to a program in the courthouse or by visiting their schools in conjunction with other organizations involved in this work. Doing this project helped realize several of our goals as a committee, including the following:

- ◆ Becoming more unified as a committee by working on common issues. This was the first time that each of the subcommittees engaged in a joint project together and it illustrated the success of our model by allowing us to serve the needs of our respective communities while engaging in a joint cross-county collaboration that enabled us to work toward common themes for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We created a steering committee responsible for overseeing our six separate presentations for DV Awareness Month.
- ◆ Developing relationships with our communities. Our citywide project for DV Awareness Month also exemplified our commitment to developing ties between criminal court and the various communities it serves as well as bringing the work of other organizations to different audiences in the courthouse (or to other locations). For example, the citywide GFC reached out to two different high schools as part of this project, Murray Bergrtraum High School in Manhattan, and Pacific High School in Brooklyn, so that we could expose students to criminal court as well as to issues surrounding teen dating violence, and by so doing,

provide a service to the community. We also co-sponsored these events with the New York Women's Bar Association and the Queens County Women's Bar Association. Additionally, we invited several organizations to do these presentations for court-staff, attorneys, service providers and students, such as the NYC Mayor's Office to Combat DV, the NYC Healthy Relationship Training Academy, Day One, and Men Can Stop Rape Now. We feel that this citywide project embodies many of our concerns with respect to forging ties with our various communities, raising awareness around issues concerning gender discrimination, and providing a forum to enhance gender equality in the court system.

Other notable developments

- ◆ Our collective identity as a citywide committee has been strengthened by our ability to use technological resources such as videoconferencing capability to meet regularly. Thus, in addition to our local committee meetings, we have had 7 citywide videoconferencing meetings throughout the past year in which all members were invited to attend. We have also had two "Meet & Greet" functions within the past year, bringing together members from all three counties for an opportunity to meet and get to know one another better (this was the first time that some members from other counties met each other off screen).
- ◆ Mission Statement. It was strongly felt by members of the citywide GFC that a mission statement was important to solidify our identity and to provide coherence for our local and collective work. A mission statement subcommittee was formed, chaired by Judge Rita Mella and the following mission statement was recently approved by the entire comm. It states the following:

The New York City Criminal Court Gender Fairness committee seeks to promote the ideal of gender equality. Our mission is to consider, raise awareness and address issues which relate to gender and which have a bearing on work, wellness, justice, and human dignity. The committee believes in the strong and equal participation of everyone, without regard to gender, in all sectors of the Criminal Court.

[Special thanks to Lisa Lindsay, Esq., Counsel to the Committee, for her assistance in the preparation of this Report.]

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*Local Gender Bias and
Gender Fairness Committees*

2009-2010

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Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee

Hon. Polly A. Hoye, Chair; Tatiana Coffinger, Elena Jaffe Tastenson, and Eleanor DeCoursey, Vice-Chairs

NY County Criminal Court Committee

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LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2009-2010

Name of the Committee: Fourth Judicial District Committee on Women in the Courts

Name and Title of Chair: Polly A. Hoye, Fulton County Judge & Surrogate

Vice Chairs: Tatiana Coffinger, Court Attorney; Eleanor DeCoursay, Esq.,
Elena Jaffe Tastenson, Esq.

Dates of Meetings: No formal meetings

Average Attendance: N/A

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009

Clinton County: "In Her Shoes" presentation, October 14, 2009; Candlelight Vigil, October 22, 2009; "Dynamics of Domestic Violence, Technology and Domestic Violence", October 27, 2009.

Essex County: "Day of Remembrance", October 6, 2009; Panel Discussion, "How the Economy has Affected Women and Children", October 6, 2009; "Voices for Change" Concert, October 10, 2009.

Fulton County: "Walk-A-Thon" for Domestic Violence, October 1, 2009; Task Force Quarterly Meeting with luncheon and awards presentation.

Franklin County: "Take Back the Night", October 8, 2009.

Hamilton County: the Blue Mountain Fire Tower was lit up with purple lights all month for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Montgomery County: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Ceremony, October 2, 2009; The Clothesline Project display, October 5-30, 2009; "In Her Shoes" educational program, October 20, 2009; Domestic Violence Awareness Month Awards Breakfast, October 28, 2009.

St. Lawrence County: "Stop the Violence" 8K Walk/Run, October 18, 2009.

Activities for Women's History Month 2010

Fulton County: "Women's Equality Banner Raising Ceremony", March 13, 2010; "Women's Symposium", March 20, 2010; "Women's History" library display, month long.

Other Activities in the Past Year

Clinton County: Teen Dating Violence presentations, repeated numerous dates; "DV 101" presentation to Kiwanis Club, November 12, 2009.

Essex County: Domestic Violence Training for Magistrates, April 21, 2009; DV Task Force "Caring About Residents of Essex County Fair", May 2, 2009; "Teen Dating Violence and Bullying" presentation, April 27-28, 2009; "Domestic Violence and Alcoholism" Training, June 19, 2009.

Franklin County: DV Awareness training, April 21, 2009.

Fulton County: "Crime Victims Dedication Ceremony", April 29, 2009; "The Yellow Dress" presentation, May 1, 2009;

Fulton & Montgomery Counties: Law Enforcement Training, May 8, 2009.

Montgomery County: Domestic Violence Training for attorneys and judges, March 6, 2009; Cyberstalking Presentation by NYSP Computer Crimes Unit, August 26, 2009.

St. Lawrence County: Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk, May 9, 2009.

Schenectady County: Schenectady County's Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence (SCCCRDV) meets once each month for an educational program, to hear committee reports and to discuss action items; The Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) meets twice per month to review all criminal domestic violence cases.

What are your plans for next year?

With 3 new vice chairs, spread out in differing areas of the district, we will hopefully form a coherent plan address issues affecting women in our district. There are already many worthwhile programs addressing domestic violence awareness. We can work with those and concentrate on issues directly relating to women in our courts.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

Women litigants continue to be underserved in our courts, due to low incomes and childcare responsibilities which prevent them from adequate access to the courthouse and to legal representation. There is a great need for attorneys to represent indigent women on matters for which assigned counsel is not available. There is a need for childcare services for women litigants who have to bring their children to court with them.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

There needs to be greater incentive for attorneys to accept pro bono cases. The court system should be able to provide incentives to encourage this, perhaps through more CLE credits, waiver of attorney registration fees or free bar association memberships for those who provide pro bono services.

What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

The addition of 3 vice chairs will be a great asset. Perhaps working with other nearby districts, such as the 3rd (Albany area) district, we can combine forces and develop some good programs and new ideas. Another statewide meeting upstate, as took place several years ago, would be of interest to us.

NY County Criminal Court Committee

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**GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE
of the
NEW YORK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT**

Date of Report: April 15, 2010

No. of members: 7

Chair: Hon. Rita Mella

No. of meetings since March 15, 2009: 8 (including 3 by videoconferencing with other counties) and one “meet and greet” event outside the courthouses

Composition: Judges, clerks, attorneys, court officers and administrators

Activities: The New York County Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee continued to operate this year as part of, and in conjunction with, the citywide Gender Fairness Committee of the Criminal Court, chaired by Judge Toko Serita. During this year, the committee organized and co-sponsored events on various issues that relate to gender equality with the objective of raising awareness among court staff and court users. At least one of these events was coordinated as part of a city-wide effort of the Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee.

Events

The committee organized or co-sponsored the following events since our last report:

1) Law Day Program

On Friday, May 1st, the New York County Gender Fairness Committee (“GFC”) of NYC Criminal Court held a Law Day program for students of the Murry Bergtraum High School. The school’s Assistant Principal and 17 students, 16 of which were women, attended the program.

The students participated in a discussion on the Writ of Habeas Corpus, which was the topic of the program, and the case *Ex parte Merryman*, which documents President Lincoln’s suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus during the Civil War. A member of our committee led the discussion. The topic of Habeas Corpus and a discussion of this particular case were suggested by the American Bar Association as topics for Law Day programs for High School students across the country. The moderator then explained how the Writ of Habeas Corpus can be seen in present time with enemy combatants held in Guantanamo Bay, and on a daily basis in arraignments. The students were then able to observe what happens in the arraignment process.

The day also included a number of activities in which the students had the opportunity to interact with judges, court administrators, and representatives of the New York City Department

of Corrections and the Police Department. The presentations were informative and the students were full of questions. After the presentations, the students were taken to the empty correctional pens behind the arraignment courtrooms. They were amazed by what they saw and smelled.

The event concluded with the students having lunch with the Judges of New York City Criminal Court. The students enjoyed speaking to the judges about how they became judges and the judges gave the students valuable guidance about the students' future endeavors and how to achieve them.

Last fall, students from this high school participated in the Teen Dating Violence program held in the courthouse as part of the activities organized by our committee in recognition of Domestic Violence Month. We had established a relationship with the school then, and nurturing that relationship was important to us. Our committee is interested in continuing to build connections with community groups and organizations, and in opening the doors of the courthouse to members of the public. This Law Day program constituted one more step in that direction.

2) Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On Thursday, October 8, 2009, the New York County Gender Fairness Committee held a Domestic Violence program in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The program was entitled "The Faces of Domestic Violence." During the program, two short documentary films were shown. The DVD with both documentaries, was provided by the Court Officer's academy. Everyone was encouraged to bring their lunch.

The first documentary was called "The Faces of Domestic Violence." The film was 19 minutes long and discussed the problems that arise in domestic violence cases, including the effects of domestic violence on the victims and the family. The film also discussed the importance of looking for and providing help to victims of domestic violence.

The second film was called "Female Batterers." This 9-minute film, produced by the TV show 20/20, discussed domestic violence where the women were the batterers.

Approximately 20 people participated in the program. After showing the films, the floor was opened for discussion. A lively discussion took place especially around issues raised by the second film. The fact that the vast majority of batterers are men, and that women tend to engage in violent behaviors in self-defense were stressed during the discussion.

3) Program on Transgender Issues

On December 8, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., the Gender Fairness Committees of the New York County Supreme and Criminal Courts, in conjunction with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Law Association of Greater New York (LeGaL) and The Alliance - The

Gay-Straight Alliance of New York State Justice System, held a program titled *Transgender Issues in the Criminal Justice System* in room 1517 of the New York County Supreme Court.

This event, attended by more than sixty individuals, featured an engaging and comprehensive presentation by Gabriel Arkles, Esq. and Elana Redfield, Esq., both staff attorneys with the Sylvia Rivera Law Project that work with clients who are incarcerated and/or have been involved with the criminal justice system. The presenters provided the attendees with a basic vocabulary for discussing gender identity, including screening a video titled *Transgender Basics*. From this foundation, the presenters discussed the discrimination and general lack of awareness and sensitivity experienced by their clients and members of the transgender community in their dealings with the criminal justice system, including in prison and alternative-to-detention programs. The presenters concluded by providing advocacy tips for working with transgender clients as well as suggestions/considerations for courthouse protocol. A lively question and discussion session ended the presentation.

The program was a great success. Following the formal conclusion of the program, a significant portion of attendees joined the committee members and presenters in refreshments and further conversation. More than thirty of the attendees earned CLE credits and many attendees requested additional information about the Gender Fairness Committees, including several requests to be included on email lists for future events.

4) International Women's Month

On March 9, 2010, our committee co-sponsored a program entitled "Courting Justice" in celebration of International Women's Month. The program was organized by the International Association of Women Judges as well as the National Association of Women Judges, New York Chapter, and was held at the United States Court of International Trade in Manhattan. The program was co-sponsored by a number of organizations, including several of the Gender Fairness Committees of the courts.

The program featured the screening of a documentary film by the name of "Courting Justice" about the challenges faced by six women judges in South Africa during the transition from apartheid to democracy.

The program was very well attended and received. More than a dozen women judges from other countries were in attendance. Also present was the United States ambassador to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, Meryl Frank, who spoke about the United States' efforts to build consensus among the U.N. Commission delegates on strategies for promoting gender equality around the world.

Wellness Program

Exercise Class - Our committee continued this year to sponsor lunch-time exercise classes for court employees. The classes started in August 2008. The instructor is also a court employee and the classes take place in one of the courthouses.

The Court's Specialized Parts

The New York County Criminal Court continues to have a specialized part for Domestic Violence cases. A resource coordinator, who is a full-time court clerk, coordinates the referral and follow up of defendants to treatment programs that are part of the court's mandate in the disposition in these cases, such as anger management programs and programs for batterers. The coordinator also provides information to the court regarding the availability of alternative sentencing programs in appropriate cases. The specialized domestic violence part continues to work jointly with the New York County Integrated Domestic Violence Court (IDV-C) in the Supreme Court, and cases are transferred to the IDV-C court when the families are involved in simultaneous proceedings in more than one court.

The Midtown Community Court continues to handle roughly 80% of the prostitution cases in New York County. The vast majority of the defendants in these cases receive alternative-to-jail sentences that involve the provision of services designed to guide the participant out of the prostitution lifestyle. Of those that receive social service sentences, more than 80% percent comply with their court's mandate.

Gender Fairness Committee

Criminal Court of the City of New York, New York County

In Recognition of

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Presents

The Faces of Domestic Violence

A Presentation of Two Short Documentary Films

"The Faces of Domestic Violence"
"Female BATTERERS"

Thursday, October 8, 2009
Manhattan Criminal Court
100 Centre Street, Room 535
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Open to All
Bring Your Lunch

With Introduction by: **Lisa Lindsay, Esq.**
Citywide Domestic Violence Coordinator
New York City Criminal Court

All are welcome to attend this showing of two short documentary films on domestic violence. The presentation is offered free of charge.



Gender Fairness Committee

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and

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present

TRANSGENDER ISSUES
IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
N.Y. County Supreme Court
100 Centre Street, 15th Floor, Room 1517
5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Presenters: Elana Redfield, Esq., Sylvia Rivera Law Project

Gabriel Arkles, Esq., Sylvia Rivera Law Project

The presentation is offered free of charge and light refreshments will be served.

2 CLE credits will be provided (Experienced and transitional attorneys)

RSVP: Lisa Lindsay, Esq. llindsay@courts.state.ny.us (646) 386.4700



**Gender Fairness Committees
New York County Supreme & Criminal Courts
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International Women's Day Reception ***“Courting Justice”***

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Tuesday, March 9, 2010

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U.S. Court of International Trade
1 Federal Plaza, 4th floor, New York, N.Y.
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Host organizations

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Admission charge: \$10 at the door, payable to National Association of Women Judges

Law Day
May 1, 2009

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| 10:15 -10:30 | Students arrive at 100 Centre St, Rm 170 |
| 10:30 -10:45 | Arraignment Video |
| 10:45 -12:00 | Arrest to Arraignment Presentation and Court Observation
Presenters:
Courts: Anthony Cuva, NYC Criminal Court Arraignment
NYPD: Lieutenant Cox
NYC Corrections: Captain Santana
Jail tour and Arraignment operation |
| 12:00 - 12:15 | Break |
| 12:15 - 1:00 | Discussion on Habeas Corpus
Justin Barry, Esq.,and Lisa Lindsay, Esq. |
| 1:00 - 1:45 | Lunch with the Judges |

Kings County Criminal Court Committee

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Kings County Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee
Criminal Court of the City of New York
2009 - 2010

Name of the Committee

Kings County Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee (KCCC GFC)
Criminal Court of the City of New York

Name and Title of Chair

Judge Dena E. Douglas, Chair, KCCC GFC

No. of Members

14 Members

Dates of Meetings

5 meetings between 2009 - 2010, both locally (Kings Co. Crim Ct committee only) and video-conference meetings (with Manhattan and Queens committees)

Average Attendance

8 - 10 members

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009

“All about EVE: An Introduction to the Early Victim Engagement (EVE) Project
and an introduction to KCCC’s Domestic Violence Resources”

Speakers: (a) Anne Patterson, LMSW, Project Director,
Early Victim Engagement (EVE) Project,
NYC Family Justice Center

(b) Sheriece Campbell, MSW, Domestic Violence Resource
Coordinator, Kings County Criminal Court

Friday, November 6, 2009

Kings County Criminal Courthouse

120 Schermerhorn Street

Sponsored by the Kings County Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee

Attendance: 30 - 35

Activities for Women's History Month 2010

- 3/9 -Members of the KCCC GFC attended the International Women's Day reception sponsored by the International Association of Women Judges, and co-sponsored by many local Women's Bar Associations
- 3/15 -Members of the KCCC GFC attended the Women of Color in Leadership Symposium "We've Come a Long Way Baby! Or Have We?" sponsored by BAR NONE: A Consortium of Women's Committees and Women's Bar Associations
- 3/18 -The Kings County Criminal Court Gender Fairness Team participated in "Court Feud", the first trivia game contest held in honor of Women's History Month. The KCCC GFC Team won First Place.
- 3/22 Members of the KCCC GFC attended the Ruth E. Moskowitz Lecture presented by Nancy T. Sunshine, County Clerk of Kings County, and sponsored by the Gender Fairness Committees of the Kings Supreme, Civil and Family Courts

Upcoming Activities

The Kings County Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee has scheduled a program with the working theme of "An Oral History of Women in the Courts" for Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Announcement flyers will be forthcoming. The program will be open to court personnel and to the general public.

What are your plans for next year?

After completing the event scheduled for May 12, 2010, the Kings County Criminal Court GFC will have a follow-up and planning meeting. We anticipate that we will organize specific activities around Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Women's History Month in the upcoming year. We hope to participate again in the Women's History Month Trivia Contest and to defend our Title. We enjoyed the City-Wide outing to Manhattan hope to participate in an annual joint event with the gender fairness committees from the other counties.

We would like to improve communications and carry out more activities with the other Kings County GFC Committees, in the Supreme, Civil and Family Courts.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important this year?

We will tackle this question at our planning meeting after the completion of the May 12, 2010 program. In addition to areas of city-wide concern such as transgender and underage prostitution and human trafficking, we believe that there is an interest in increased diversity in the courts.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Do you see unmet training needs?

Not at this time. We will examine this issue at our planning meeting.

What kind of help would you like from the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts?

It would be helpful to receive more guidance regarding issues that need to be addressed and resources for addressing those issues. KCCC GFC would like to see the NYC JCWC take a more active role in the development of the county-level Gender Fairness Programs as well as helping to increase awareness of the gender fairness committees in each county and state-wide. A Speakers Bureau would be particularly helpful in developing programs at the County level.

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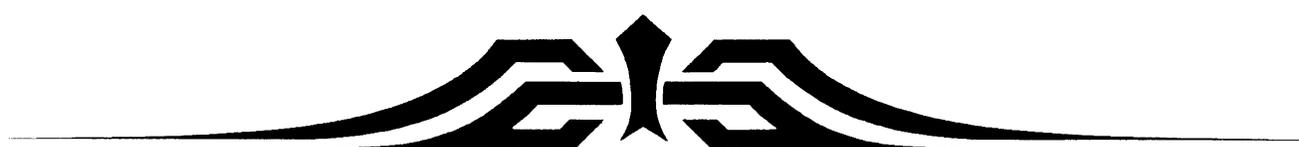
**Anne Patterson, LMSW
Project Director, Early Victim Engagement (EVE) Project
New York City Family Justice Center, Brooklyn, NY**

**Sheriece Campbell
Domestic Violence Resource Coordinator
Brooklyn Criminal Court**

**Friday, November 6, 2009
1 - 2:15 PM, Rm. 307
Light Refreshments Will Be Served**

**Brooklyn Criminal Court
120 Schermerhorn St., 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201**

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BAR NONE:

A Consortium of Women's Committees of New York Area Bar Associations

presents

A Women of Color In Leadership Symposium

entitled

*“We’ve Come A Long Way, Baby! Or Have We?:
Winning As Women Of Color”*

Monday, March 15, 2010

TIME: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom LLP, 4 Times Square (42nd & B’way)

Attendees will earn a maximum of 3.5 CLE Credits in Skills

FREE ADMISSION

*** Keynote Panel - We’ve Come a Long Way, Baby!***

Sylvia Fung Chin, Partner, White & Case LLP

Michele Coleman Mayes, General Counsel, Allstate

Hon. Carol Robles-Roman, Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs & Counsel to the Mayor of the City of New York

Deirdre Stanley, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Thomson Reuters

*** Intermediate Panel - Or Have We?: Status of Women of Color in the Professions ***

Paula T. Edgar, Executive Director, Practicing Attorneys for Law Students

Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan, Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Civil Branch

Laurie N. Robinson, Vice President & Asst. General Counsel, CBS Corporation; Founder & CEO, Corporate Counsel Women of Color

**** Networking Break****

*** Closing Panel - Winning as Women of Color: Strategies for Success***

Gary Horowitz, Partner, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

Jane Hyun, President & Founder, Hyun & Associates; Author, Breaking the Bamboo Ceiling: Career Strategies for Asians

Paul McDonald, Senior Counsel, Kraft Foods

María D. Meléndez, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

Lai Sun Yee, Senior Advisor, Homeland Security for CNA

*** Keynote Speaker***

Carla Harris

Managing Director, Morgan Stanley Investment Management

Author, Expect to Win: Proven Strategies for Success from a Wall Street Vet

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HON. NANCY T. SUNSHINE

*County Clerk of Kings County
Commissioner of Jurors*

Monday, March 22, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

*Kings Supreme Court - 360 Adams Street
Surrogate's Courtroom - 319*

Everyone Welcome—Light Refreshments

RSVP Dina James by March 16th 347.296.1563