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PIONEERING NY COURT CELEBRATES ITS FIRST DECADE

NATION'S PREMIER COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER TO SERVE AS MODEL FOR INNOVATIVE COURTS ABROAD

The first U.S. court to take a holistic, problem-solving approach to quality-of-life offenses has just become a British import.

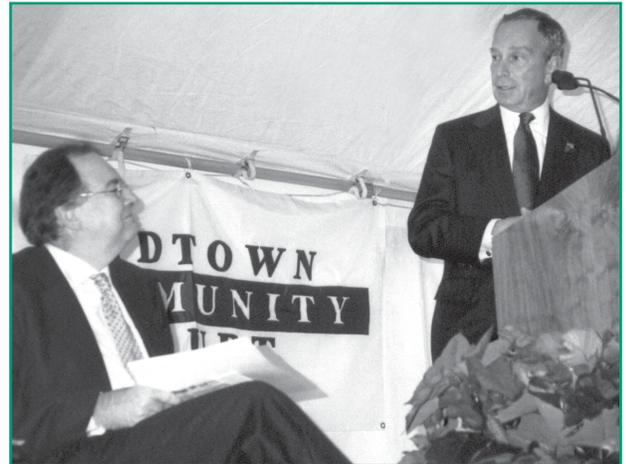
The Midtown Community Court, which opened a decade back on Manhattan's West Side, will serve as a model for a pilot court in Liverpool, England, targeting perpetrators of low-level crimes such as vandalism, shoplifting and prostitution. Since its start-up in New York City's Times Square vicinity in late 1993, the Manhattan court has also helped sow the seeds for community courts in 36 U.S. cities.

The trailblazing court holds defendants accountable for their offenses via a combination of community service sentences designed to enhance the local neighborhood and court-mandated participation in drug treatment, job training and other programs aimed at turning petty criminals into productive members of the community.

Arrests Down, Community Service Up

So far it's a winning formula, with an independent, three-year evaluation by the National Center for State Courts documenting the court's accomplishments: among them, a 56 percent decline in prostitution arrests, a 24 percent reduction in illegal peddling and a dramatic reduction in arrest-to-arraignment time, a key barometer of court efficiency. Additionally, the court boasts the highest community service compliance rate in the city—75 percent—translating into some \$175,000 worth of annual labor to the community.

Liverpool's new community justice center will replicate this successful crime-busting method, combining punishment with a range of on-site rehabilitative services to ensure that offenders have quick and easy access to the support they need to get back on track. Scotland and New



New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg welcomes Lord Falconer of Thornton, the British secretary of state for constitutional affairs, to the Big Apple during the Midtown Community Court's tenth-anniversary celebration last December.

Zealand have followed England's lead, with both countries planning community courts based on the midtown model.

At the Midtown Community Court's tenth-anniversary celebration this past December, New York Chief Judge Judith Kaye joined New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, British Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs, Lord

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Judges Help Launch Reading Readiness Program

Ninth Judicial District Supervising Family Court Judge Joan Cooney has learned many lessons in her 30 years at Family Court, but none more important than the power of literacy in transforming the lives of children and families in crisis.

"Education is the key to success for children, and reading is the key to education. We have seen in Family Court that illiteracy within families often exacerbates many of the problems that bring those families to court," says the jurist, who along with the

district's supervising judge for criminal courts, Janet DiFiore, recently donated some \$25,000 in leftover campaign funds to subsidize a literacy program for youngsters of Family Court litigants served by the district.

Thanks to this financial boost, some 6,000 youngsters who this year will visit the district's children's centers—part of a statewide network of court facilities where youngsters can read, play or dabble in arts and crafts while their parents attend to court

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Mediation Leads to Better Outcomes for Families in Crisis

WHEN A FOSTER MOM SUDDENLY INFORMED THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY she no longer could adopt the two siblings she had lovingly cared for over the past few years, everyone involved in the case was stunned. So in an effort to get to the core of the woman's abrupt change of heart, the matter was referred to a New York City Family Court-affiliated mediation program that specializes in cases involving the fate of foster children.



Attorney-mediator Catherine Friedman with her staff (left to right), attorney-mediator Stephanie Pearl, program coordinator Emily Wilson, social worker-mediator Jenny Psaki and social worker-mediator May Ping Szeto, at Brooklyn's Family Court. The New York City Family Court-affiliated mediation program handles cases involving the fate of foster children.

"We're trying to get all the important adults in this child's life, be they the litigants, foster parents, extended family, service providers—anybody who cares about the welfare of this child—together in planning a safe and healthy future for the youngster," says Frank Woods of the New York state courts' Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), which helped launch the program as well as several similar initiatives in other parts of New York.

By providing the multiple parties in these complex cases a confidential, non-adversarial forum in which to air their concerns and clarify the issues, mediation can lead to mutually acceptable agreements that serve the child's best interests. These discussions are facilitated by neutral third parties who have no personal stake in the outcome of the case, with all agreements reached via this process subject to the court's final review. Should the parties come to a standstill, the case returns to the court for litigation.

Speedier Resolution of Cases

In the case of the foster mother, it turns out she was in the midst of a divorce and worried that her soon-to-be ex-husband would still have to be involved with the children, as the couple had signed on jointly as foster parents.

"Nobody had any idea this was the sole issue. Instead of looking for a new foster home, the agency gladly agreed to work toward a single parent adoption, and for all intents and purposes it was a happy ending," says attorney-mediator Catherine Friedman, coordinator of the court-based program that with the courts' ADR office is a collaborative effort of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

At the program's outset over a year ago, Ms. Friedman and her staff envisioned the ideal case as one where family reunification was the goal, yet the child—for whatever reason or reasons—was still in foster care six months later.

"That was the original plan, but sometimes cases come to us after the parental rights have been terminated or at the adoption stage. We also take cases where there are issues between the foster parents and child-welfare agency caseworkers," explains mediator Jenny Psaki, who works out of Brooklyn Family Court.

"Mediation is an opportunity to discover the failings of a service plan at an early stage in the case, engage the service providers toward an earlier reunification or reinforce the

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Falconer of Thornton, and members of the legal community to mark the award-winning tribunal's success in diverting offenders from future criminal activity and to announce the launching of its British offshoot.

Making a Difference in People's Lives

"You've got to try new things. If we had listened to conventional wisdom we would not have this court, which has brought justice to a problem area . . . When we focus on the

people that cause crime and the areas that experience the most crime, we can have our greatest impact," said Mayor Bloomberg, adding that misdemeanors in the Times Square area have gone down 38 percent since the midtown court first opened its doors.

Expressing his pleasure at being in New York City to celebrate the midtown court's achievements, Lord Falconer, the United Kingdom's highest-ranking judicial official, told the crowd, "I believe we have much to learn from community

NEW CD HELPS NASSAU RESIDENTS NAVIGATE FAMILY COURT

MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CLOTH WEAR MANY HATS THESE DAYS, with congregants seeking their guidance on domestic and other woes that often make their way into our courts.

Looking to local clergy as a primary conduit in acquainting Nassau County residents with the day-to-day workings of their courts, the Nassau courts' Office of Community Relations distributed its newly released "The Family Court and You" CD-ROM to some 500 of the area's religious leaders last January. The Long Island initiative is part of a statewide campaign to foster public understanding of New York's judicial system and aid self-represented litigants in navigating the courts.

Produced on a shoestring budget by the Nassau County courts' community relations director, Daniel Bagnuola, and Senior Court Officer Michael Radigan, the compact disc—an audiovisual "Family Court 101" that kicks off with an introduction to New York's court system by Chief Judge Judith Kaye—includes a Family Court phone directory and links to court forms, lawyer referral services and other legal resources, among other features.

A Portable, Economical Outreach Tool

"The goal is to reach as many people as possible, and a CD seemed the most logical—and cost-effective—way to do that," says Mr. Bagnuola, explaining that the project evolved from talks begun last year between Nassau court officials and clergy representing the county's Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim and Greek Orthodox communities.

The consensus among these religious leaders: of all the concerns their congregants

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came to them with, child custody and other family-related matters topped the list. And so the decision was made to focus first on educating local clergy and their congregants about the county's Family Court, with Mr. Bagnuola and Officer Radigan rolling out the CD in three months on a \$3,100 budget that covered basic equipment and reproduction costs.



Chief Judge Judith Kaye during the filming of the Nassau County courts' "The Family Court and You" CD-ROM. An audiovisual "Family Court 101," the newly released CD includes a phone directory of the Nassau court as well as links to court forms, attorney referral services and other resources.

Others appearing in the CD-ROM include former Nassau County Administrative Judge Edward McCabe, who helped get the project off the ground, Nassau County Family Court Chief Clerk Rosalie Fitzgerald and the court's supervising judge, Ruth Balkin.

It was the first time Judge Balkin found herself talking into a camera, which she admits took some getting used to. "It's surely a lot different from addressing a courtroom filled with people," says the jurist, whose court handles over 30,000 cases annually. Judge Balkin believes the CD will prove especially useful to the many litigants, who laden with "some of the most pressing problems that people can have," show up in Family Court without a lawyer.

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courts in New York . . . and look forward to examining these lessons and putting them into practice in the U.K." Lord Falconer said he expects the Liverpool court to be fully operational by the end of this year.

Addressing the guests, Judge Kaye grew nostalgic as she talked about being presented the key to the courthouse a decade ago, then emphasized, "Justice here is not an abstraction. It's something that people in this community can see and hear on a daily basis."

Delighted that the court has now become the inspiration for judicial leaders in other countries to rethink the traditional court process, the chief judge said she is highly confident that British citizens will benefit from the Liverpool justice center's results-oriented approach.

As the anniversary celebration neared to a close, she added with emotion, "We can make a difference . . . It is possible to make a dent in even the most difficult, seemingly intractable problems." ♦

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business—will leave with a new book to call their own. Most visitors to the court system’s 30-plus children’s centers live in low-income areas and have little or no access to early childhood education programs or reading materials.

New Books, Other Resources for Families

Reaching youngsters in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties, the Ninth Judicial District’s newly launched literacy initiative builds on the Children’s Center Literacy Project, a statewide reading readiness program established three years ago with a one-time donation of 40,000 books from Golden Books Family Entertainment. Donations of books have since been made by

to the district’s centers, also providing the families with other resources, including a brochure chock full of tips to inspire reading. RIF will combine the judges’ donations with a federal grant to pay for the books and other materials.

“Helping children master reading and literacy skills is a priority . . . second only to providing a safe and nurturing home,” Judge DiFiore told guests at a ceremony at the Westchester County Supreme Courthouse in White Plains this past December announcing the RIF initiative.

Helping Youngsters Catch Up

Reading is Fundamental CEO Carol Rasco, also on hand for the courthouse celebration, expressed great excitement over RIF’s new partnership with the district’s children’s centers, then provided those in attendance with some sobering statistics: while low-income children entering kindergarten have an average listening vocabulary of 3,000 words, their middle- and upper-income counterparts walk into kindergarten armed with a listening vocabulary of 20,000 words.

“It’s not just the vocabulary, but all the experience that comes with it . . . We want to make up that gap so that these kids aren’t constantly trying to do that in school,” said the former teacher and U.S.

Department of Education senior advisor.

As part of the RIF program each youngster, upon arrival at any of the district’s five centers, will be invited to

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Janet DiFiore, supervising judge for the Ninth Judicial District’s criminal courts (left), shares a happy moment with the district’s supervising Family Court judge, Joan Cooney, following their announcement of a new literacy initiative for the district’s children’s centers. The centers serve litigants and their families from primarily low-income areas.

Random House, Inc., Scholastic Inc., Simon & Schuster, Inc. and the New York District Kiwanis Club.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF), the nation’s largest nonprofit literacy organization, will distribute the new books

select a free book to take home. Then, over the course of the child’s stay at the courthouse facility—an average visit lasts 90 minutes—center staffers will work to engage the youngster in reading activities built around that particular book.

“I’m so proud that every child who visits the centers in the Ninth Judicial District will receive the key to lifelong learning—a new book,” said an elated Chief Judge Judith Kaye, who received two heartwarming mementos from Judge Cooney during the White Plains ceremony.

Judge Cooney had presented the chief judge with cards penned by center visitors from the district. One child wrote “Books make me smile,” the other, “Reading can take you away.” ♦

Courts Announce Plan to Boost Pro Bono

With the lack of legal representation for the indigent in civil matters reaching epidemic proportions, a report compiled by the New York courts' justice initiatives office is calling for the creation of a statewide planning infrastructure in boosting both the number of hours attorneys spend rendering free legal services to the poor and the overall percentage of New York lawyers who participate in pro bono services.

The newly released publication, "The Future of Pro Bono in New York," proposes the establishment of local pro bono action planning committees throughout New York, to be supported by a statewide entity. Currently, there are over 100 pro bono programs in New York handling primarily civil disputes—legal representation in criminal and certain Family Court cases is mandated by law—operated by local bar associations, legal service agencies, public interest groups and court personnel.

Latest Poll Shows Pro Bono Activity Remains Stagnant

The two-volume report also contains findings of a poll conducted last year of some 3,800 New York lawyers—approximately 3.3 percent of New York's attorney population—a response rate that though small is statistically reliable within a three percent margin.

According to the 2002 survey, pro bono activity in the state has remained more or less stagnant since 1997, with 46 percent of New York attorneys performing pro bono services last year compared with 47 percent in 1997. Interestingly, this slight dip occurred despite two significant factors: the New York Administrative Board of the Courts' adoption in 1997 of a resolution urging attorneys to provide at least 20 hours of pro bono service annually to the indigent, and the post 9-11 upswing in voluntarism among members of the New York bar.

Lawyer Training, Other Support Needed

Some of the reasons cited by survey respondents for not providing pro bono services were a lack of time and resources, including insufficient support staff, as well as inadequate expertise in the required legal area or areas.

"I was expecting the level of pro bono participation to be somewhat higher, but am optimistic that we can raise it to well over 50 percent," says Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Juanita Bing Newton, whose office hosted a series of meetings last year with members of the legal community in coming up with the recommendations set forth in the pro bono report. The judge will continue to work with members of the bar and greater



Judge Juanita Bing Newton, whose office compiled the newly released pro bono report.

community to translate these recommendations into reality.

Along with the formation of a statewide network to address local pro bono issues such as attorney training and procedures for monitoring assigned cases, proposed strategies outlined in the report include facilitating court access to pro bono lawyers to the extent possible, providing law students pro bono

service opportunities and using bar admission as a means to educate young attorneys about pro bono service. Adds Judge Newton, "Our objective is to develop mechanisms that make it easier for lawyers to accept pro bono cases."

Please visit us at www.nycourts.gov/reports to view or download a copy of "The Future of Pro Bono in New York" report. ♦

Pro Bono in New York: Significant Findings of the Courts' 2002 Poll

Last year, the New York state courts conducted a survey to determine the current participation level of New York attorneys who provide free legal services to the poor. The 2002 poll, based on responses from 3,839 attorneys statewide, found

- ♦ The percentage of New York attorneys participating in pro bono dropped slightly since 1997, from 47 to 46 percent
- ♦ The decline in attorney participation in pro bono was not uniform across the state, with Albany, Erie, Monroe, Nassau, Onondaga, Suffolk and Westchester Counties showing a decrease, and the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and the remaining 50 counties outside New York City, viewed as a group, experiencing increases
- ♦ The average number of pro bono hours—some 41 per year—remained essentially unchanged from 1997 to 2002
- ♦ Nearly two-thirds of attorneys would be willing to voluntarily report their pro bono work as a means of helping to assess the unmet legal needs of the poor.

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commitment of a lapsing parent. It can also be the reality check needed for a parent to surrender the child to a foster home in which the youngster is doing well,” adds Eighth Judicial District Administrative Judge Sharon Townsend, former supervising judge of Erie County Family Court. The Buffalo court was the first in New York to introduce a permanency mediation program in November 2000.

From Skeptic to Supporter

Though initially reticent to participate in this nontraditional approach to child welfare cases, Erie County Department of Social Services attorney Paul Wolf now understands the value of permanency mediation, thanks in part to an emotional exchange he had with a drug-addicted mother who ultimately gave up her parental rights.

“I didn’t have a very positive view of her, to say the least,” says Mr. Wolf, describing his feelings for the woman prior to mediation. But Mr. Wolf’s opinion changed once this mom addressed him directly, something she was able to do in mediation but not in the courtroom.

Recalling the encounter, Mr. Wolf says, “I remember thinking, ‘this isn’t going to be very good,’ and then she tells me, ‘I’m a good mother. I love my children, but I’m struggling with addiction.’ I said I believed her, which I did.” By the time the talk was over the biological mom and foster mother were hugging

LONGTIME LAWYER ENJOYS FIRST JUROR STINT

JOHN GEOGHEGAN is no stranger to the jury selection process, but last December the veteran attorney and president of the Westchester County Bar Association got his first taste of voir dire as a juror.

“The selection process was good, well conducted by the lawyers and comprehensible to the layperson and legal professional alike,” says the Westchester native, who as a law clerk in the early 1970s prepared jury charges, among his other duties, for then-New York State Supreme Court Judge Elbert Gallagher.

Mr. Geoghegan was hardly shocked to be called for service, now that it’s been some eight years since the state eliminated jury exemptions for a long list of professionals that included attorneys. However, he was a bit surprised to be chosen as an alternate juror on a property damage case involving flooding, a scenario that hit close to home.

Though Mr. Geoghegan’s role some years ago as the plaintiff in a property damage case—as well as his vow to be impartial if selected—surfaced during voir dire, the Rye resident maintains he’s “intrigued” at having been chosen for the panel.

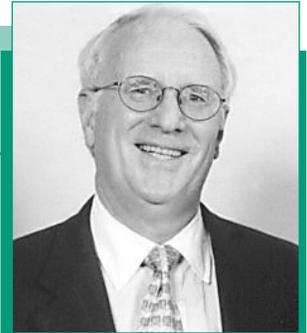
“When I first started practicing law I had to pick some juries, so it was interesting as a juror to sit there and analyze why the lawyers did what they did,” muses Mr. Geoghegan, adding that he was hoping to query the lawyers about their juror choices once the trial was over. Fortunately for plaintiff and defendant, he never got that opportunity, with the two sides settling at the cusp of the trial.

Despite his pleasure upon hearing the good news, he does admit to feeling a little disappointed about missing out on the experience of serving through trial, even though it would have been quite a juggling act for him.

“If nothing else, I was eager to hear the opening statements,” he says with amusement, adding, “But over the years what I’ve seen in civil disputes is that the selection of a jury puts the case into a real crucible of decision-making, and more often than not that’s enough to get to a point of resolution.”

And though his expectation to serve on a trial couldn’t be met this time around, Mr. Geoghegan still gives his brief juror stint pretty high marks. What most impressed him about jury service were the quality of the orientation film shown to jurors on their first day of service and the attentiveness of court personnel in ensuring that the jurors’ time was spent wisely.

“The film does an excellent job of explaining our civic duty and what we can expect as jurors, with the process moving along in relatively quick order,” says the legal practitioner, who looks forward to a meatier juror experience, if you will, the next time he’s called. ♦



Westchester County Bar Association President and recent juror John Geoghegan

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through tears, he recounts.

As Mr. Wolf sees it, the forum enabled the biological mother to accept her inability to take care of the children and gave the other parties a chance to see things from her perspective, allowing

her to walk away with her dignity intact. Adds the attorney, “If this case hadn’t gone to mediation, not only would it have dragged on, leaving these kids in limbo, it would surely have been a much nastier experience.” ♦

ENERGY ABOUNDS AT QUEENS FAMILY COURT DESPITE BLACKOUT

The following is a personal account related by family law practitioner Meryl Kovit, a partner in the Queens, New York, law firm of Kovit and Molloy.

Queens County Family Court was open on August 15, 2003—day two of the biggest power outage in U.S. history—ready for anything, as usual. The blackout created a uniquely challenging environment in which to hold court, but Family Court regulars flourish in such surroundings.

I was at the courthouse on this particular day as one of my clients needed to extend her temporary order of custody. Her husband, residing in another state, had twice in the past five months unsuccessfully attempted to kidnap the couple's eight-year-old twins. I knew it would be easier to deal with the hassles of the 2003 blackout than with a third attempted abduction. And so I set out to provide service to my client, confident that a mere blackout affecting some 50 million people in eight states and parts of Canada couldn't stop the dedicated professionals of Queens County Family Court!

I was not at all disappointed upon my arrival at the courthouse at 9:45 a.m. By that time there were so many people in the courthouse, I promptly experienced my standard 9:45 a.m. panic attack. Had

my case already been called? Fortunately, it had not.

It was clear that for the many devoted Family Court judges and staff this was not "an opportunity to take a summer Friday off" as Mayor Bloomberg had advised most New York City residents to do. Instead, it was an occasion to watch Queens County Family Court Judge Robert Clark singlehandedly conduct intake for every part in the entire courthouse. Of course, only urgent matters like my client's extended order of custody were handled. But still, you had to be impressed. I certainly was.

New York City Family Court Administrative Judge Joseph Lauria was also on hand to help maintain law and order on this day of chaos and confusion. There were numerous special issues to address on this unusual day, such as how to screen the many litigants entering the building without using magnetometers, which require electricity. Pat-downs appeared to be the order of the day, along with lots of cooperation from all.

Many female attorneys showed up at court in shorts and t-shirts, explaining



Meryl Kovit

these were the only clean clothes they could get their hands on after "camping out" at a friend's or relative's home the previous night. Still, they seemed in great spirits, looking forward to the adventure and uncertainty the day might bring. There were also many a wrinkled suit and shirt spotted at the courthouse that day as well as lots of faces that said, "I slept without air conditioning and couldn't get a hot shower this morning."

Another dilemma posed by the blackout: who would bring the coffee and donuts? Alas, this was the one matter that went unresolved and hopefully will be addressed before the next big snowstorm or other such exigency—as we most surely can count on Family Court being open for business as usual. ♦

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Helping Assuage Litigants' Anxiety

"Education goes a long way in giving people who've never used the courts the confidence to be part of the process," says Ghazi Khankan, director of interfaith affairs for the Islamic Center in Westbury, New York, discussing the value of the new CD and the Nassau courts' outreach efforts in general. Likening the CD to "a welcoming mat" to the courts, Rabbi Anshelle Perl of Mineola's Congregation Beth Sholom Chabad adds, "Many people are still scared by the system, and a user-friendly approach like this should help allay their anxiety."

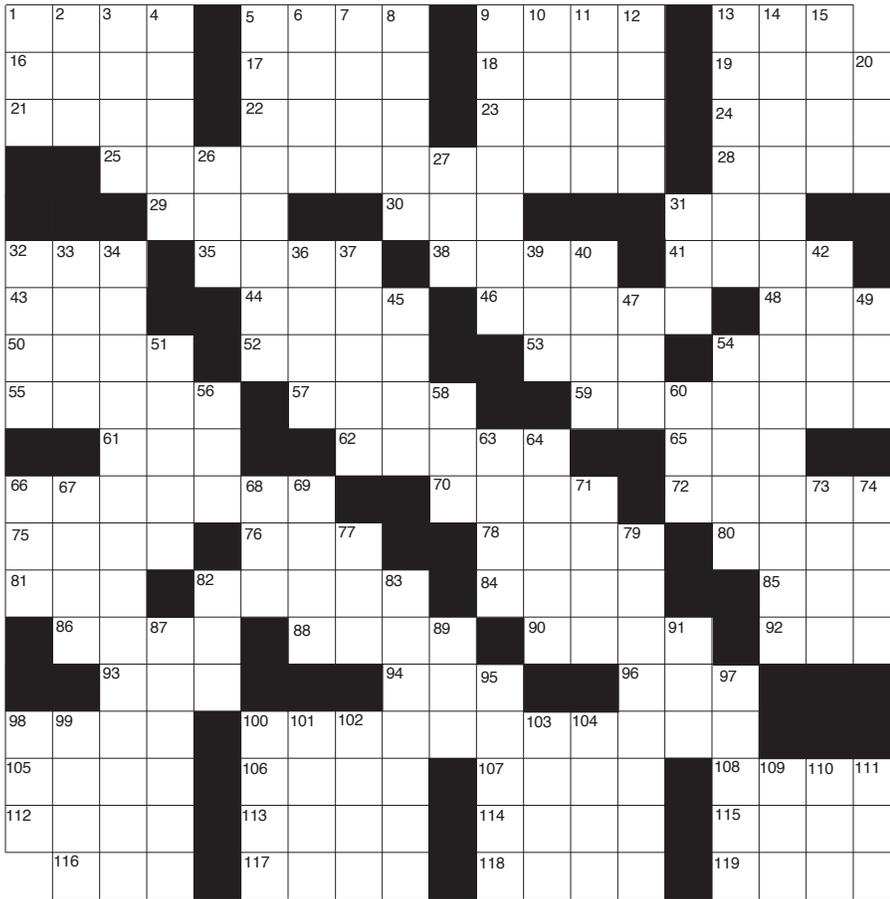
Reporting that local law firms, not-for-profit organizations, schools and all 56 of Nassau County's public libraries have also requested copies of "The Family Court and You" CD, Mr. Bagnuolo says his office is gearing up for the production of compact discs that will introduce Nassau residents to the county's other courts, including the Nassau County Matrimonial Center,

which handles divorce cases exclusively.

"We're committed to expanding these programs. In fact, in the not-too-distant future we'll have public access computers in each Nassau County courthouse so that visitors can view any of these CD-ROMs," says Nassau County Administrative Judge Anthony Marano, adding that the county is also in the process of creating an Office for the Self-Represented—there are already such offices in operation in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and Westchester—a place that self-represented litigants can visit to get legal forms and directions on how to complete them.

For more information on the New York court system's offices for the self-represented, please visit us online at www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/, where one can also download court forms and find answers to commonly asked law- and court-related questions. ♦

C O U R T S I D E C R O S S W O R D



ACROSS

- 1. "O __, all ye faithful," Christmas favorite
- 5. Bundle, as hay
- 9. Too
- 13. Do a thespian's work
- 16. Christian, of fashion-designer fame
- 17. Mr. Trebek
- 18. Lion's den
- 19. Stir up
- 21. Group with common ancestors
- 22. Tennis's Nastase
- 23. __ of Wight
- 24. Naked
- 25. The U.S. Constitution's first 10 amendments: 3 words
- 28. The Beaver State: abbr.
- 29. Overhead railways
- 30. 2,000 lbs.
- 31. Abbreviation for a certain sandwich order

- 32. Fuel
- 35. One who gets things accomplished
- 38. Bird's home
- 41. Scent
- 43. Northeastern college: abbr.
- 44. Name of a Russian mountain range
- 46. Cathedral
- 48. In favor of
- 50. Book's printed matter
- 52. The Three Musketeers, e.g.
- 53. Gwyneth Martin __ Paltrow
- 54. Nickname for the "Sultan of Swat"
- 55. Gratifies to the full
- 57. Like a snail
- 59. Drank noisily
- 61. Derby, for one
- 62. Guide
- 65. A member of Gladys Knight's singing group

- 66. Type of deletion
- 70. Name of one of the Great Lakes
- 72. Scoff
- 75. Icy covering that forms on a cold surface
- 76. __ King Cole
- 78. The three wise men from the East
- 80. Ivy League institution
- 81. Hole in one
- 82. Word with "surgery" or "printer"
- 84. Tiny particle
- 85. Fabricate
- 86. Sole
- 88. 365 days
- 90. With the greatest of timeliness feasible: abbr.
- 92. Unhappy
- 93. Female deer
- 94. "__ a Wonderful Life," Capra classic
- 96. College level test: abbr.
- 98. Baby's first word, perhaps

- 100. Party that pursues a criminal case
- 105. Like fine wine
- 106. Prefix meaning "half"
- 107. Uganda's exiled leader
- 108. Verdict-deciding panel
- 112. Actress Russo
- 113. Israeli foreign minister from 1966 to 1974
- 114. Body of water
- 115. Ron Howard's early TV role
- 116. Benchmark: abbr.
- 117. Vera, of bridal gown fame
- 118. Without any changes: 2 words
- 119. Makes a canine sound

DOWN

- 1. Agency that monitors the transmission of viruses and other maladies: abbr.
- 2. Frying need
- 3. Ancient kingdom in Syria
- 4. Bert's Sesame Street pal
- 5. Procures a prisoner's release: 2 words
- 6. Telephone greeting in France
- 7. Icelandic explorer Eriksson
- 8. Wield, as control
- 9. Straightened
- 10. Word with "eye" or "back"
- 11. Sediment deposit
- 12. Sources of metal
- 13. California's new governor
- 14. New York State's highest tribunal: 3 words
- 15. Sailor's concern
- 20. Pant part
- 26. Degree for a legal expert: abbr.
- 27. Common suffix
- 31. Ghost's greeting
- 32. Courage
- 33. Region
- 34. It guarantees criminal defendants the right to a jury trial: 2 words
- 36. Slips up
- 37. Train tracks

- 39. Source of solar energy
- 40. Foot digits
- 42. Jurist's garb
- 45. Plunder
- 47. Tormé or Brooks
- 49. Flushed
- 51. Annoy
- 54. Like the sea
- 56. The Little family's lovable rodent, for short
- 58. Tiny
- 60. __ and downs
- 63. The late Ms. Bombeck
- 64. Lariat
- 66. Period
- 67. Wealthy, in Madrid
- 68. Genetic material of certain viruses: abbr.
- 69. Simple
- 71. Self-centered types have big ones
- 73. Film director Kazan
- 74. Woodwind
- 77. Golf mound
- 79. Engages in fantasy
- 82. Caustic substance
- 83. "__ Arizona," wacky 1986 flick
- 87. Rolling in dough
- 89. Highway, for short
- 91. See 48-Across
- 95. La __, Italy's famous opera house
- 97. Take pleasure in, as a good meal
- 98. Blemish
- 99. Grows old
- 100. That was close!
- 101. The talented Ms. McEntire
- 102. One of UAE's neighbors
- 103. Actress Thurman and namesakes
- 104. Kon-__, name of explorer Thor Heyerdahl's raft
- 109. Worldwide news-wire service: abbr.
- 110. Tear
- 111. Affirmative reply