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## SAVE THE DATE

Brought to you by the 7th Judicial District Wellness Committee

Yoga Demonstration

Thursday

June 4, 2015

Noon—2:00 pm

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Monroe County

## CONGRATULATIONS!!



Pictured above is *Lucile Mallard, Resource Coordinator II of the Canandaigua City Court and Finger Lakes Misdemeanor Drug Court.* On May 17th at the 2015 Commencement Ceremony of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York, President Mark Gearan presented Lucile with an Honorary Degree (Humanitarian) for her involvement in the community. We are so proud of you Lucile!



### A Note from Human Resources:

Are you thinking about retirement? If so, please e-mail: [7thhumanresources@nycourts.gov](mailto:7thhumanresources@nycourts.gov) with your potential date and they will provide you with some helpful hints about the process, as well as brochures to help you plan.

### 2015 Mentor/Mentee program wraps up 2nd year

On May 7th the final workshop for mentors and mentees in the 7th JD was held. Pictured L to R are coordinators Melissa Barrett, District Executive Ronald Pawelczak, Loreen Nash, Gene Crimi, Lorraine Fodera and Mary Aufleger. Thanks for all the wonderful support and encouragement they gave during this year's program. See page 4 for more articles on this worthwhile program.

Look for next year's program to start in the fall. Details will be sent out through e-mail on how to apply.



## Obituaries



Lee E. Anthony, of Rose, NY, **the father of Lori Peck, Sr. Court Office Assistant, Wayne County**, passed away April 25, 2015, in Sanford, FL. Lee is survived by his wife, Betty, daughters, Lori (Greg) Peck of Rose, Lauren Anthony-Palmer (John) of Webster and step-son, Tom Stamp, of Sanford, FL. Also, three sisters, brother, Robert Anthony, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brothers, Howard, Alan and Gilbert.

A memorial service was held at North Rose United Methodist Church, Main Street, North Rose, May 30th. Memorials may be made in Lee's name to the North Rose United Methodist Church, PO Box 369, North Rose, NY 14516. Cards of condolence may be sent to Lori and her family c/o Wayne Supreme & County Court, Wayne County Hall of Justice, 54 Broad Street, Lyons, NY 14489.

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Glee M. Treichler, of Sanborn, NY, **the mother of Jane Scudder, Secretary to the Hon. Joann Winslow**, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the home of her daughter in Rochester, NY. She was the wife of the late Robert E. Treichler, who passed away in June of 2000. Mrs. Treichler is survived by three daughters, Gail (Kenneth) Terhaar, Nancy (James) Johnson and Jane (Ronald) Scudder, son-in-law Dale Demler, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, brother Lester A. (late Sally) Wagner, also many nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late JoAnn Demler.

Funeral services were held on May 9 at the Rhoney Funeral Home. Memorials may be made in her name to the JoAnn Demler Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2292 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132 or Lifetime Care, 3111 S. Winton Rd., Rochester, NY 14623. Interment in Wheatfield Cemetery North Tonawanda, NY. Cards of condolence may be sent to Jane and her family c/o Monroe Supreme & County Court, 545 Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY 14614

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David A. Merkel, **father of Hilary Merkel McMillan, Principal Law Clerk to Hon. Daniel J. Doyle, Monroe Supreme & County Court**, passed away on May 18, 2015 at age 82. David is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan Oliver Merkel, his children and their spouses, Hilary and Martin McMillan, and Peter Merkel and Christine Sterling, his brother Nelson Merkel, his grandsons Peter McMillan and Oliver Merkel, and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his daughters Stacie, Gretchen, and Marjorie, siblings Edwin, Mary Rita, Gloria, Victor, John, and Marjorie. A memorial mass was held on, May 22nd at St. Bridget's Church, East Bloomfield, NY. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Nativity Preparatory School, 15 Whalin St., Rochester, New York, 14620. Condolences may be offered at [www.johnsonkennedy.com](http://www.johnsonkennedy.com). Cards of condolence may be sent to Hilary and her family c/o Monroe Supreme & County Court, 545 Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY 14614.

## Congratulations to the winners of the CSEA Judiciary Local 335

### 2015 Scholarship Winners

\$500 were awarded to each winner:

Peter McMillan—child of Hilary Merkel McMillan—Monroe County Supreme Court

Nicholas Allen—child of Marianne Pecoraro—Rochester City Court

Frank Sankey, Jr.—child of Arlene Sankey—Monroe County Family Court

Ashley Bonn—child of Meredith Bonn—Monroe Supreme and County Court

### Congratulations on your retirement!



Congratulations to Cheryl Bradley, Court Clerk in Monroe Supreme & County Court retiring after 30 years of service!

L to R: Lisa Preston Monroe S & C, Cheryl's husband, Bill, Cheryl, and Bill Deninger, Monroe S & C.



**Dan Curran** has been promoted to Monroe Supreme & County Court Clerk.

Dan was hired in the Unified Court System in 2007 as a Court Assistant in Monroe S & C. Before that, he spent seven years as a Trial Assistant in the Monroe County Law Dept.—Children's Services Unit. His hobbies include photography, tennis and travel. Congratulations Dan!!



### Thank you

*From Jane Scudder, Secretary to Hon. Joanne M. Winslow Monroe Supreme & County:*

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has given me a card, a hug, or a kind word regarding my mom's passing. I really and truly appreciate it, as it is a difficult time.

### Wayne County Court Security Officer Promoted to Supervisor

Wayne County Sheriff Barry Virts announces, "It is with great pleasure that I am honored to appoint Court Security Officer Dawn Piscioti to the position of Court Security Supervisor, effective Monday, April 13, 2015.

Dawn's experience from the jail facility, her daily knowledge of the court security officers' task, duties and functions, her Court Security Accreditation work and as a re-accreditation assessor for the New York State Sheriffs' Association has given Dawn the foundation to become a very good supervisor.

I am confident Dawn will do an exceptional job as the Court Security Supervisor.



## 2015 Mentor/Mentee program

*By Chuck Perreaud, Monroe County Commissioner of Jurors:* For me, being a mentor to others is an out-growth of my relationship with my mentor Jim Davies, my former boss at OCA. Simply put, Jim still mentors me today, even though we have not worked directly for over 25 years and we started our relationship nearly 38 years ago. My relationship with my recent mentees like Scott Kockler and Nick Sprague has taught me some new insights, especially into how younger, tech savvy millennials see the world, their lives and careers. Even though we work in a large system, there are not many opportunities to get promoted very quickly, especially in these difficult budgetary times. The result is many of the mentees can use improvement or simple practice with interviewing skills. I have worked very hard to develop a practice interview, resume review and strategy which helps the mentees be as prepared as possible. I am assured that my practice interview is the toughest one they will ever face. The mentees are our future leaders and I view the relationships the program fosters as being critical to the success of the organization for decades to come. For that reason, I have continued to informally work with Scott and Nick outside of the formal program, for the long term, as my mentor has done with me.



Scott Kockler, Monroe Family Court, Ron Pawelczak District Executive and Chuck Perreaud

*By Bernie Smith, Monroe Family Court Clerk:* I have been employed by the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for 31 years. I have been with Monroe County Family Court for 24 years and also spent 7 years in Rochester City Court. During my tenure with the court system, I have had the amazing opportunity to be mentored by some of the finest managers that the court system has ever had. Each and every one of them has had something vital to offer me in the progression of my career. With their mentoring, I have developed professionalism, patience, knowledge and maturity in my career. Recently, I had the opportunity to pass some of these skills to another employee seeking to enhance their work experience by participating in the mentor/mentee program in the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. I worked with Jessica Klick, Court Interpreter with the 7<sup>th</sup> District. The experience of participating in this program has been a fulfilling one for me and I hope for Jessica. In addition to two full day workshops, Jessica and I were able to meet a few times individually and Jessica was able to observe areas of the court that she was unfamiliar with. From my perspective, I would recommend this program to any manager who may wish to share their knowledge and to any employee seeking to advance to a management position.



Bernie Smith, Monroe Family Court, Ron Pawelczak and Jessica Klick Court Interpreters



Back row L to R: George Gould, Jessica Klick, Dan DeBruin, Scott Kockler, Rebecca Klymn, Melissa Barrett, Gene Crimi, Loreen Nash, Mark Howell, Nanette Galvin

Front row L to R: Thandie Sykes, Kim Bostley, Lorraine Fodera, Robin Russell, Bernie Smith, LeAnne Frey, Tara Wiggins, Alice Reed and Tracy Hubright.

Missing from picture: Erica Giambrone and Peg Drexler

## News from Livingston

“Strollin for the Colon” in Geneseo is a 5K race that a lot of court people participate in memory of Toni Moore (past Chief Clerk of Livingston County Surrogate’s Court). In the picture on the left is Hon.Dennis Cohen, Terri Parsons (Secretary to Judge Cohen) and Sarah Durbin (Secretary to Hon. Thomas Moran) Terri was Toni’s sister. The picture on the right shows Vanessa Smith Chief Clerk of Surrogate’s Court and her daughter Lexy with Judge Cohen. Judge Cohen won first place in his age group! Congratulations!



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## Skype for Business—New Communication Tool

As you may or may be aware, OCA has embraced a new communication tool called Skype of Business(f/k/a Lync). This new tool will allow for the following:

### ***Instant Messaging***

### ***Video Conferencing for 2-250 participants***

### ***Screen sharing***

### ***Collaboration (allow others to make changes to your desktop)***

Over the past few months, our Automation staff has completed Phase I of this rollout which provided Judges, Support Magistrates, Court Attorney Referees ,Managers, and some supervisors) with headsets and small video cameras. Over the next few months, every employee in the district will receive a headset and, where appropriate, a video camera. Some counties have already received their equipment and we are making a concerted effort to ensure all of the counties have the necessary equipment no later than July. Mobile video carts will be re-outfitted with Skye equipment as well. I am optimistic that eventually we will be able to use this for “in court” purposes as well.

On our OCA Intranet site - <http://inside-ucs.org/index.shtm> you will find more detailed information about this program and training opportunities for which you can attend once you have your equipment or by watching videos on the various topics. I want to encourage you to take a moment to review the materials .

I believe you will find this new communication tool to be very useful- whether for training , conducting or attending meetings or simply communicating with one another. Over the past several months I have come to use this technology on a regular basis and have found its ease of use and functionality extremely helpful to me.

Ron

**Ronald W. Pawelczak**

7th District Executive

### Steuben County News:

On Friday, April 24, 2015, Courtroom B, Steuben County, was the site of a Careers in Law Panel. Panelists consisted of:

- Honorable Peter C. Bradstreet
- Mark Schlechter, Esq., Court Attorney
- Brad Pearce, Esq., Public Defender
- James Miller, Esq., Assistant District Attorney
- Sally Madigan, Esq., Attorney for Children
- Betty Gerych, Chief Clerk/Commissioner of Jurors
- Kelly VanSkiver, Court Assistant - Supreme & County Courts
- Alissa Sanford, Court Reporter
- Corporal Patty Clarkson, Court Security

The panel was asked for information such as what training is needed for your career, daily job responsibilities, salary range, future employment outlook, positive aspects of your career, etc.

Thank you to Mark Schlechter for coordinating everything that needed to come together for this event.

Below is the thank you note that the panelists received.



### CLE training held on May 12th

Hon. Craig J. Doran Administrative Judge, (shown in the center of the picture) spoke at the CLE training on May 12th in Rochester. The topic of the training was Intuition, Implicit Judgments & Judicial Decision Making conducted by Jeffrey Rachlinski of the Cornell Law School. Judge Doran spoke on implicit judgments (intuitive or unconscious) associations and the psychology of judgment and choice.

