

## **BARBARA L. GIONTA, ESQ.**

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### **PRIVATE EXPERIENCE**

#### **BARBARA L. GIONTA, ESQ.**

**New City, NY**

*Sole Practitioner, January 2007 – present*

Supervise and manage cases in Supreme Court, County Court, Family Court and Justice Courts. Proficient in all phases of litigation in the areas of criminal, matrimonial and family law; including negotiations, arbitrations, depositions, hearings, trials and contract review. Member of Court Approved Attorney for Child Panel and Referee Panel.

#### **GIONTA & DeSTEFANO, Attorneys at Law**

**New City, NY**

*Partner, January 2003 – June 2006*

On behalf of firm, supervised and managed cases in Supreme Court, County Court, Family Court and Justice Courts. Advocated for clients in criminal, matrimonial and family law, estate planning, municipal issues, real estate, corporate and other matters.

### **JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **ROCKLAND COUNTY COURT**

**New City, NY**

**County Court Judge, June 2006 – December 2006**

Presided over felony criminal matters in Rockland County from arraignment to sentence, including pre-trial hearings, jury selection and trials. Ensured that all proceedings complied with the United States and New York State Constitutions and the New York State Penal and Criminal Procedure Laws.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

#### **ORANGETOWN TOWN ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**Orangeburg, NY**

*Deputy Town Attorney, June 2007 – June 2012*

Represented Town on various legal matters. Duties included Drafting of proposed Town Laws and Resolutions; Negotiations with union officials; Preparation and prosecution of charges against town employees; and Defense of Town against grievances brought by CSEA Union and/or PBA Union. Provided legal counsel to Department Heads as needed. Legal counsel assigned to Architecture and Community Appearance Board of Review ("ACABOR") where duties included attendance at all ACABOR meetings and provided legal counsel to ACABOR Board as needed.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE - ROCKLAND COUNTY**

**New City, NY**

*Staff Attorney, January 2000 – June 2006*

Litigated all phases of criminal defense from arraignment through trial. Counseled clients regarding search & seizure issues and other constitutional rights. Prepared, submitted and argued motions, advocated on behalf of clients at hearings and trials.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – ROCKLAND COUNTY**

**New City, NY**

*Senior Assistant District Attorney, Domestic Violence Coordinator, 1997 – 2000*

Researched and obtained federal grant creating position of Senior Assistant District Attorney for Domestic Violence prosecutions. Investigated and prosecuted domestic violence felony cases, grand jury presentations and plea negotiations. Supervised the prosecution of all domestic violence misdemeanors. Community liaison for the District Attorney regarding all issues of domestic violence.

*Assistant District Attorney, 1995 – 1997*

Prosecuted misdemeanor cases in Rockland County Justice Courts. Litigated all phases of criminal prosecution from investigation through trial. Prepared search warrants and participated in obtaining videotaped statements from suspects.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Admitted New York State Bar, Second Department, April, 1994

Admitted New Jersey State Bar, December, 1993

Admitted United States District Court, District of New Jersey, April 1995

**EDUCATION**

**PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, White Plains, New York, Juris Doctor Degree, May 1994**

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, Jamaica, New York, Bachelor of Science, June 1990**

**BAR ORGANIZATIONS**

Rockland County Women's Bar Association

*Director, 2001-2004; June 2013 - present*

*Member 2001 - present*

Rockland County Bar Association, member