



*The New York State Office of Court Administration*

*Attorney for the Child Contracts*

*and*



**In collaboration with  
The Appellate Division, Fourth Department  
present**

**ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD  
LEGAL UPDATE**

**2011**

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**AGENDA**  
THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION  
ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD CONTRACTS  
& CHILD WELFARE COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
THE APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT  
*Present*  
**ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD UPDATE**

JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
EMBASSY SUITES  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

**DAY ONE (CHILD WELFARE)**

10:00 A.M. – 10:50 A.M.	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
10:50 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	WELCOME <b><i>Rachel Hahn, Esq.</i></b> Coordinator, OCA Attorney for the Child Contracts
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 noon	AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE <b><i>Erika Leveillee, MA</i></b> Youth in Progress Coordinator Adolescent Services Resource Network University of Albany
12:00 noon – 1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION LAW <b><i>Judith Gerber, Esq.</i></b> Staff Attorney Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	LUNCH
2:00 P.M. – 3:40 P.M.	DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY REPRESENTATION <b><i>Khatib Waheed, MEd</i></b> Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Social Policy  <b><i>Toni Lang, PhD</i></b> Deputy Director Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children
3:40 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.	BREAK
3:50 P.M. – 5:05 P.M.	RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILD WELFARE <b><i>Margaret Burt, Esq.</i></b> Attorney in private practice, specializing in child welfare
5:30 P.M. – 7:15 P.M.	RECEPTION
7:15 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	DINNER

## **DAY TWO**

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST
9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	THE DISPOSITION PHASE OF DELINQUENCY CASES <i>Stephen Weisbeck, Esq.</i> Director, Juvenile Justice Division Legal Aid Society of Rochester
10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	TRAFFICKING & PROSTITUTION <i>Elizabeth Fildes</i> Erie County Sheriff, Deputy
11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.	BREAK
11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.	ETHICS AND CONFLICT ISSUES <i>Gary Solomon, Esq.</i> Director of Legal Support The Legal Aid Society (NYC), Juvenile Rights Practice
12:45 P.M.	BOX LUNCH

The Appellate Division, Fourth Department has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an Accredited Provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York from March 2, 2011 to March 1, 2014. This program has been approved for a total of nine (9) credit hours, of which three and one-half (3.5) hours can be applied toward the skills requirement, three (3) hours can be applied to the professionalism and ethics requirement, and two and a one-half (2.5) hours can be applied toward professional practice (family law) requirement. This program is suitable for experienced and newly admitted attorneys.

**Destination:**

Embassy Suites Hotel  
6646 Old Collamer Road  
East Syracuse, New York 13057  
Tel: 1-315-446-3200

Driving Directions: (From the Embassy Suites Hotel Website)

From 81 North or South take I-90 East. From NYS Thruway (I-90), take Exit 35 to Carrier Circle, follow traffic circle to RT 298 East. Take first left off of 298 East onto Old Collamer Road South and continue through stop sign. Hotel is on the right at the end of the street. From Airport take 81 South and follow above directions.



# **Trafficking and Prostitution**

**Elizabeth Fildes**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2011**

## **Elizabeth Fildes**

Deputy Elizabeth Fildes has been a Spanish Speaking Deputy Sheriff for 29 years. She has worked in the Erie County Holding Center, City Court and the County Court. While working for the Sheriff's Office, she has worked as an Elementary Bilingual School Teacher and has worked with at-risk students and the refugee population at Grover Cleveland High School. While completing her Masters Degree in International Business Management, Deputy Fildes worked in career services at D'Youville College, assisting college students with internships and resumes. Presently, Deputy Fildes has been assigned as the Program Director of the Erie County Sheriff's Human Trafficking Task Force, where she will train law enforcement officers in the Western New York District, as well as assisting in the interview process of potential victims. She is also a member of the NYS DCJS Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking. Recently Deputy Fildes has trained government officials, law enforcement and non-government employees how to identify human trafficking and how to interview victims nationally and internationally.



**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Introduction to Human Trafficking**

**Elizabeth Fildes, Erie County Sheriff's Deputy**

**Program Director, Human Trafficking**

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**▪ WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?**

• The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of *force, fraud, or coercion*

• For the purpose of involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

• This occurs in situations of forced labor such as domestic servitude, factory or agricultural work; or Sex.

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**▪ WHAT IS SEX TRAFFICKING ?**

• Sex trafficking, meaning the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act

• The commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or under circumstances in which the person induced to perform the act is under 18 years of age.

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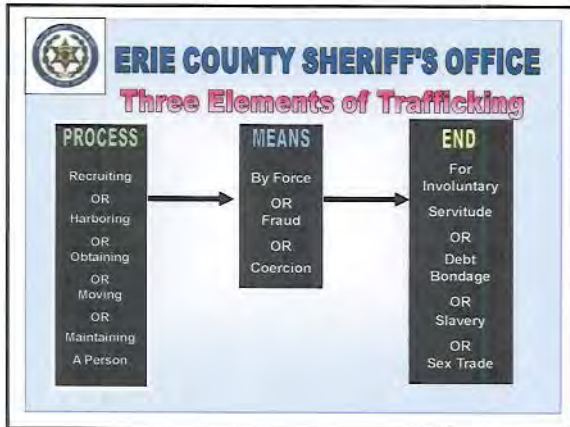
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**- WHAT IS SMUGGLING?**

- Is voluntary, an individual typically contracts to be taken across a border
- Ends after the border crossing
- Fees are usually paid in advance or upon arrival
- Is always international in nature
- Is a crime against the nation's sovereignty

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**Myths and Misconceptions of Human Trafficking**

- The victim knew what they were getting into
- The victim committed unlawful acts
- The victim was paid for services
- The victim had freedom of movement
- There were opportunities to escape but the victim didn't

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**Myths and Misconceptions of Human Trafficking**

- Trafficking involves the crossing of borders
- U.S. citizens can't be trafficked
- The trafficker's actions are culturally appropriate
- It can't be trafficking when the trafficker and victim are related or married

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**Questions or Comments**

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