

DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hon. Karen K. Peters, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, has announced the appointment of Hon. Mark M. Meddaugh, Sullivan County Family Court Judge, as the new Chair of the Appellate Division's Office of Attorneys for Children Advisory Committee, effective September 1, 2016. By Court Rule, the Advisory Committee oversees the operation of the Attorneys for Children Program, which includes over 500 attorneys in the counties within the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department. Immense gratitude goes to Judge Meddaugh's predecessor, Hon. Vincent J. Reilly, Jr., Justice of the Supreme Court, who has been the Advisory Committee Chair for the past 23 years. We thank Justice Reilly for his devotion to the program, his constant support and profound guidance. Many thanks, as well, to long time committee member, Hon. Marianne O. Mizel, Ulster County Family Court, for her many years of service.

Hon. Lisa M. Fisher, Justice of the Supreme Court, and Joanne Trinkle, MSW, of the Center for Adoption Support and Education, have also been appointed to the Advisory Committee, effective September 1, 2016. We welcome our new members and very much look forward to working together to insure the highest quality legal representation by attorneys for children.