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APPELLATE DIVISION, THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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**Revisions to Article 10 - What's Happening in Your County  
& Representing LGBTGNCQ Youth in Family Court**

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 2, 2016  
THE CENTURY HOUSE HOTEL  
LATHAM, NY

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Refreshments
- 9:00 - 9:15 Introductory Remarks  
**Betsy R. Ruslander, Esq.**  
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children - Albany
- 9:15 - 10:15 Child Welfare Legislation 2016  
**Margaret A. Burt, Esq.**  
Private Practitioner/Consultant - Rochester
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 - 12:00 Applying the New Laws: Non-Respondent Parent Issues and  
Children and Youth at Permanency Hearings - Panel Discussion  
(Moderator - **Margaret A. Burt, Esq.**)  
**Hon. Kevin A. Burke** - Schenectady County Family Court  
**Tracey A. Brown, Esq.** - Albany County AFC Panel Member  
**Thomas P. Coulson, Esq.** - Broome County Attorney  
**Jeffrey G. Kennedy, Esq.** - Albany County Attorney  
**Samantha H. Miller-Herrera, Esq.** - Schenectady County Attorney
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 Representing LGBTGNCQ Youth in Family Court:  
Background and Legal Considerations  
**Kimberly Forte, Esq.**  
Legal Aid Society - NYC
- 2:00 - 2:30 Advocating for Our Youth: Perspective from  
a Former Foster Youth  
**Jarel L. Melendez, Advocate for Youth**  
Lawyers for Children - NYC
- 2:30 - 2:45 Break
- 2:45 - 3:45 Domestic Violence & Teen Dating Violence  
in the LGBTGNCQ Community  
**Amy Schwartz-Wallace, Esq.**  
Empire Justice Center - Rochester