

FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT
OPERATION OF THE ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM
APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT

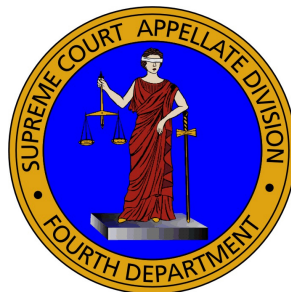


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INTRODUCTION

The Attorneys for Children (AFC) Program is an auxiliary agency of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department. In accordance with 22 NYCRR 1032, the Office of AFC has been established to ensure the provision of the highest quality of legal representation for children and to administer the AFC Program in a manner sensitive to local needs. There are over 500 AFC in the Fourth Department.

The Director of the Office of AFC, appointed by the Appellate Division and supervised by the Presiding Justice, is responsible for the administration of the Program. In addition, the Presiding Justice appoints members of the departmental AFC Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Presiding Justice and Director regarding training of AFC and the promulgation of rules, standards and administrative procedures for the improvement of representation for children in the 22 counties of the Fourth Department. The Advisory Committee consists of representatives of the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Judicial Districts of the Fourth Judicial Department.

In addition to drafting and issuing practice guidelines, the Advisory Committee selects outstanding attorneys for children for awards, makes recommendations with respect to the procedures governing designation and removal of panel AFC, and researches and investigates appropriate issues in the area of AFC practice.

The Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis. The members are volunteers. At each meeting, the Director updates the Advisory Committee on the status of the AFC Program and provides support as needed.

I. FISCAL YEAR 2022 OVERVIEW

In fiscal year 2022, the AFC Program participated in six initiatives to improve the Program:

- **Advanced Juvenile Delinquency Panel**
- **Assigned Counsel and Expert Voucher Program**
- **Diversity Recruitment**
- **Published fully revised and updated Guidelines for AFC in the Fourth Department and an Administrative Handbook**
- **Published Ethics for AFC**
- **Refined the AFC Program Curriculum**

All six goals were accomplished. They are discussed on the following pages.

(A) Advanced Juvenile Delinquency Panel

Legislation enacted in 2017 raised the age of criminal responsibility for 16-year-olds on October 1, 2018, and 17-year-olds on October 1, 2019. On June 18, 2018, the Appellate Division, Fourth Department unanimously approved an amendment to the AFC Rules to create a new Advanced Juvenile Delinquency Panel (AJD panel). The AJD panel was necessary to establish a panel of attorneys who have criminal felony experience and could represent 16 and 17-year-old clients in the Youth Part in Supreme or County Court and follow the case to Family Court if referred there. In fiscal year 2022, the AFC Program continued to recruit attorneys who had significant experience in representing clients charged with felonies, both from the general AFC panel and attorneys who are not on the general AFC panel, but are on the assigned counsel panel, to be designated to the AJD

panel. These attorneys filed an application with the AFC Program and, if found qualified, were required to view specialized CLE training videos on issues relevant to the Raise the Age legislation. There are a total of 64 attorneys on the AJD panel.

(B) Assigned Counsel and Expert Vouchers Program

In coordination with the Office of Court Administration Technical Services, the AFC Program implemented a new online voucher program for all Judiciary Law Section 35 (8) vouchers and developed a new Online Voucher Program Instruction Manual, which was distributed to assigned counsel attorneys and Supreme Court Clerks. In addition to the Instruction Manual, the AFC Program developed and distributed comprehensive Assigned Counsel Reimbursement Guidelines, which detail billing and payment policies for Judiciary Law Section 35 (8) vouchers. Billing and payment policies for expert vouchers are set forth in the AFC Program's comprehensive Compensation and Reimbursement Guidelines.

(C) Diversity Recruitment

In fiscal year 2022, the AFC Program continued its efforts to recruit attorneys of color and attorneys with foreign language proficiency. Two in-person recruitment events were conducted. In July, the AFC Program hosted the Rochester Black Bar Association Diversity Clerkship Summer Associates for an information session luncheon about AFC practice at the AFC Program's offices. Speakers included Appellate Division, Fourth Department Justice Stephen Lindley, Monroe County Family Court Judge Fatimat Reid, and AFC of color. In October, the AFC Program co-hosted an information session

luncheon for diverse law students with the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at the University at Buffalo School of Law, and the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Speakers included Hon. Kevin Carter, Administrative Judge of the Eighth Judicial District, Hon. Lenora Foote-Beavers, Buffalo City Court Judge and Acting Erie County Family Court Judge and AFC of color. The AFC Program continued outreach to the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, the Rochester Black Bar Association, and the William Herbert Johnson Bar Association of Central New York to encourage attorneys of color to attend the AFC Program's Introductory Training.

(D) Guidelines for Attorneys for Children in the Fourth Department and Administrative Handbook

The Office of AFC, in collaboration with the Fourth Department AFC Advisory Committee, completed an extensive update of Guidelines for Attorneys for Children in the Fourth Department (Guidelines). The updated Guidelines reflect current practice in light of case law, statutory changes, Court Rules and Appellate Division, Fourth Department policy. The new version of Guidelines includes considerations regarding diversity and inclusion, cultural sensitivity, communication needs and accommodation, and trauma informed practice. The Guidelines contain recommended best practices for all AFC and shall be used as a basis for evaluation of the overall performance of AFC.

The Office of AFC also updated the Administrative Handbook, which contains a general policy considerations section outlining the role of the attorney for the child and protocols, relevant rules, regulations, and statutes, and contact information for Office of AFC staff, Fourth Department AFC Advisory Committee members and AFC Program

Liaisons.

(E) Ethics for AFC

The Office of AFC published Ethics for Attorneys for Children, which includes general policy considerations, Section 7.2 of the Rules of the Chief Judge, a summary of responsibilities of the attorney for the child, ethical questions and answers and relevant cases on ethics for attorneys for children.

(F) Curriculum Development

Live Interactive Webinar Format Continued

In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, in fiscal year 2022, the Fourth Department AFC Program continued to deliver its curriculum virtually in a live interactive webinar format, rather than in the traditional live seminar format. The webinars also were recorded and posted on the AFC Program's website for AFC to view at a later date. The curriculum included webinars designed for prospective AFC, as well as webinars for more experienced AFC.

The Introduction to Effective Representation of Children webinars, formerly known as Fundamentals, covered the role of the AFC, ethical issues in AFC practice, and the basics of AFC representation in juvenile justice, child protective, and custody and visitation cases. Since October 2020, the introductory webinars have been conducted over three days in sessions that last approximately two hours each day (rather than one full day) with additional mandatory online training videos. This revision to the introductory training format

resulted in even greater efficiency, with no loss in the quality of the training. Prospective AFC received seven hours of free CLE credit for attending live introductory webinars and an additional four-and-a-half hours of free CLE credit for viewing training videos online, including as required by statute, a video addressing domestic violence. The New York State CLE Board granted the request of the AFC Programs in the Third and Fourth Departments for an exception to the CLE Board Regulations to permit skills and ethics credit for viewing mandatory online training videos to be awarded to newly admitted attorneys.

In fiscal year 2022, the Deputy Director, with guidance from the Director, continued to refine the introductory webinar curriculum in accordance with experience and feedback from AFC. The AFC Programs in the Third and Fourth Departments began collaborating on introductory seminars in the fall of 2014. Co-sponsored introductory webinars are organized by the Fourth Department in the spring and the Third Department in the fall. Attorneys must attend both the live webinar training and complete the additional online training before they can be considered for designation to the Fourth Department panel. During fiscal year 2022, 33 Fourth Department attorneys completed the Introduction to Effective Representation of Children training.

The curriculum for experienced AFC includes update webinars that are designed to provide AFC with information about important developments in children's law. In fiscal year 2022, the update webinars were developed in accordance with experience and the suggestions of AFC. Update webinars addressed topics including trans-affirming legal advocacy for transgender and gender diverse youth, custody modification, social media evidence, and addressing the child mental health crisis. The Fourth Department AFC

Program collaborated with the Third Department AFC Program to offer each Program's webinars to AFC in both Departments. The Fourth Department AFC Program also collaborated with the Metropolitan Black Bar Association (NYC) to offer AFC continuing legal education on topics such as understanding trauma in child survivors of sexual abuse and essential steps to a successful adoption.

Additionally, the curriculum for experienced AFC regularly includes a topical CLE that examines one topic in depth, e.g., domestic violence, sexual abuse, custody, permanency planning, or forensics. Unlike live seminars, webinars are much shorter in duration, and typically feature one presentation at a time. Like live seminars, webinars routinely include presentations that address in a detailed and comprehensive fashion, a particular type of proceeding or aspect of children's law, which were historically included in the AFC Program's topical seminars. In fiscal year 2022, such webinars were presented on the cybersecurity and interviewing child clients.

The Appellate Division, Fourth Department is an accredited provider of continuing legal education. AFC receive between 1.0 and 11.5 hours of free CLE credit, depending on the length of the training.

For the 2022 fiscal year the Fourth Department AFC Program offered update webinars totaling 23 CLE credit hours, in addition to the 14 hours CLE credit hours of introductory training.

During fiscal year 2022, approximately 949 Fourth Department AFC attended CLE webinars sponsored or co-sponsored by the Fourth Department AFC Program, with some AFC attending multiple webinars. In addition, approximately 318 AFC from the Third Department, as well as approximately 89 AFC from Legal Aid and other institutional

provider offices, attended Fourth Department AFC Program CLE webinars. The webinar agendas are contained in an appendix to this report.

Expanded Online Video Training for Optional Use and for Recertification

In fiscal year 2022, the Fourth Department AFC Program expanded online video training options. Pursuant to NYS CLE Board rules, AFC can receive free CLE credit for online video training if they have been admitted for more than two years. Effective January 1, 2016, attorneys admitted less than two years can receive free CLE credit for online video training in the categories of professional practice and law practice management only, absent the special rules promulgated in response to the pandemic. Currently, 72 training videos on various topics of interest to AFC are accessible on the AFC Program website in addition to the introductory domestic violence video referred to above. Each segment of training was videotaped at a live seminar or webinar sponsored or co-sponsored by the Fourth Department AFC Program. AFC can meet the AFC Program training requirement for the purpose of recertification by watching online videos, attending live webinars, or completing a combination of videos and webinars. AFC may choose the training videos and/or webinars that most interest them, but they must view at least 5.5 credit hours of online training to meet the requirement for recertification and to receive free NYS CLE credit. In fiscal year 2022, approximately 577 Fourth Department AFC viewed at least 5.5 credit hours of continuing video training online.

II. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

(A) AFC Vouchers

In fiscal year 2022, the Office of AFC processed approximately **19,000** vouchers totaling approximately **\$11,000,000**. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic on court operations and disposition of cases, vouchering during the 2022 fiscal year and lapse period continued to be somewhat reduced from pre-pandemic levels. Currently, the AFC Program processes AFC vouchers within a day of receipt.

(B) Assigned Counsel and Expert Vouchers

In fiscal year 2021, the AFC Program processed approximately **300** assigned counsel vouchers totaling approximately **\$400,000** for assignments made pursuant to Judiciary Law Section 35 (8), and approximately **60 expert vouchers** totaling approximately **\$65,000**. As with AFC vouchers, due to the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic on court operations and disposition of cases, assigned counsel and expert voucher submissions during the 2022 fiscal year and lapse period continued to be somewhat reduced. Currently, the AFC Program processes assigned counsel and expert vouchers within one week of receipt.

(C) Annual Designation of Panels

Effective April 1, 2022, new attorneys were designated and current attorneys were re-designated to the AFC panel upon the recommendation of local Senior Family Court

Judges, a determination that the attorney had complied with the attorney registration requirements of Judiciary Law Section 468-a, that the attorney had fulfilled the Program's mandatory training requirements, and that the attorney filed with the Program a satisfactory re-designation application.

(D) Assignment Summaries Distributed

In fiscal year 2022, the Director provided all Family Court Judges of the 22 Family Courts in the Fourth Department with a summary of their county's fiscal year 2021 AFC appointments, by proceeding code and cost. The summaries specify each assignment given, fees for each assignment, and total fees for the fiscal year.

(E) New Members of the Judiciary

Each year, the Director forwards welcoming correspondence to new Family Court Judges, Supreme Court Justices and Surrogates to acquaint them with the AFC Program and the voucher system. Hard copies of the Fourth Department AFC Guidelines, Ethics for AFC, as well as the AFC Program Administrative Handbook, are provided upon request.

(F) Liaisons

The liaison program was created by the Fourth Department AFC Advisory Committee to solicit suggestions and feedback from panel members on an annual basis. The liaisons attended a hybrid meeting with the Fourth Department Advisory Committee in fiscal year 2022, with some liaisons attending in person and others attending remotely.

Issues raised included the impact of the inadequate rate of compensation on AFC

panel membership, the ongoing impact of the pandemic on court operations and disposition of cases in Family Court, quality of representation issues, billing practices, complaints about Family Courts, and problems with school districts and DSS.

(G) Appeals

The Deputy Director monitors appeals closely. Where an AFC is assigned at the trial level and the case is appealed, the case is tracked from the time the face sheet is completed until the appeal is heard. Letters and e-mails are sent to attorneys who fail to follow the Appellate Division rules, fail to file timely a brief or otherwise appear to be neglecting their duties on appeal. Cases are referred as appropriate to the Clerk of the Court. This process has dramatically improved attorneys' awareness of their duties on appeal and their participation on appeals. In fiscal year 2022, 101 appeal vouchers were reviewed, adjusted when appropriate, and approved by Justices of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.

(H) Children's Legal Center

The Director oversees the administration of the Children's Legal Center (CLC), which was formed by the Appellate Division, Fourth Department to offer effective and economical representation for children. The six CLC attorneys practice in an office that also includes a social worker component. The social workers provide support for CLC attorneys in appropriate matters. The attorneys at CLC are independent contractors who represent minors in Erie County Supreme, Surrogate and Family Courts. The Appellate Division has a separate contract with each CLC attorney and provides each attorney with office space and support staff. The AFC Director is responsible for preparing, negotiating,

and obtaining approval for each attorney's contract. In fiscal year 2022, the AFC Director met virtually with all CLC attorneys to negotiate the next year's contract amounts. The AFC Director maintains regular contact with CLC's Chief Attorney and her administrative assistant with regard to administrative issues that arise in connection with the contracts and staff.

III. FOURTH DEPARTMENT AFC PROGRAM STAFF

The Program has six employees. The Director manages the AFC Program, attends meetings as appropriate, speaks at state and local bar association meetings and public events, and consults regularly with the other three AFC Program Directors in cooperating in statewide AFC functions. The Deputy Director monitors appeals and prepares reports to the Court on appeals, has primary responsibility for the training program and the diversity recruitment initiative, and assists the Director as needed with other administrative tasks. The Senior Court Analyst functions as the Director's Administrative Assistant, one Court Analyst functions as the Deputy Director's Administrative Assistant, the Assistant Court Analyst processes vouchers, and another Court Analyst is in charge of AFC internet voucher system problem-solving and outreach, and processes Judiciary Law Section 35 (8) vouchers.

IV. FOURTH DEPARTMENT AFC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Under the guidance of Hon. Lenora B. Foote-Beavers, Chair of the Fourth Department AFC Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee continued to recommend Program improvements. In fiscal year 2022, Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen made several appointments to the Committee.

The Committee met once in person and twice virtually in fiscal year 2022 to consider issues related to the Program, including the training program, the AFC internet voucher system, extensive revisions to Guidelines for Attorneys for Children in the Fourth Department, the Hon. Michael F. Dillon Awards for excellence in the representation of children, complaints against AFC, conflicts in AFC practice, and other ancillary issues.

In June 2023, the Advisory Committee held an award ceremony, conducted by Presiding Justice Whalen, that recognized the annual Hon. Michael F. Dillon Award honorees for 2022.

V. STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 1996, the Administrative Board of the Unified Court System formed a Statewide AFC Advisory Committee to consider statewide issues of concern for AFC. The Committee is comprised of Judges from the Appellate Divisions, Supreme Court and Family Court, Office of Court Administration representatives, and the four AFC Program Directors.

The mandate of the Committee is broad, i.e., examination of the entire AFC Program. Subcommittees have been established to examine the efficiency of the Program and to make suggestions for improvements. The subcommittees also address issues of quality and scope of AFC representation, institutional AFC representation, the impact of the \$75 per hour rate of compensation on AFC panel recruitment and retention, and ancillary services. The Director attended and participated in all Statewide AFC Advisory Committee meetings.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS

The departmental Directors met virtually with each other to discuss issues of common concern. The Directors also met virtually with representatives of the Office of Court Administration to implement ongoing fiscal policy changes and develop fiscal policy initiatives.

VII. CONCLUSION

In fiscal year 2022, the goal of the Fourth Department AFC Program was to provide the highest possible quality of legal representation for children. To attain that goal the Program Director continued to focus on assessing and improving the Program and the departmental AFC Advisory Committee continued to recommend Program enhancements and improvements.

APPENDIX

OFFICE OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN
APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
Presents

A CLE Webinar Entitled:

Ethical Issues for the AFC when Communicating with Parties and Other Litigants or
Participants, and when Making a Record of the
Child's Desires or Best Interests in Family and Appellate Courts

Thursday, April 14, 2022
12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 1:30 p.m.

- 12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m. Introductory Remarks
Linda J. Kostin, Esq.
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester, NY
Jennifer L. McLaren, Esq.
Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester, NY
- 12:05 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ethical Issues for the AFC when Communicating with Parties
and Other Litigants or Participants, and when Making a Record
of the Child's Desires or Best Interests in Family and Appellate
Courts
Gary Solomon, Esq.
Director of Legal Support
The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice
New York City
- 1:30 p.m. Conclusion

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, 2020 to March 1, 2023. Viewing of this webinar may be used to satisfy the Appellate Division's rules for continuing legal education (CLE) of attorneys for children. Additionally, this course has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the Continuing Legal Education Board, for a maximum of one-and-a-half (1.5) credit hours which can be applied toward the ethics requirement. This is a transitional program suitable for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys.

To register for the seminar, email ad4-lg-seminar@nycourts.gov in the following format:

Subject: Webinar 4/14/22

Text: [your name] will attend the webinar on 4/14/22.

Attendance at this webinar will be applied toward satisfying the AFC Program's 5.5 hour biennial training requirement.

Your registration email must be received on or before Thursday, April 7, 2022. You are not considered registered for the webinar unless you receive a confirming email to that effect. You will receive a confirming email within 3 business days. If you have not received a confirming email after that time, please contact Jen Kohler at jkohler@nycourts.gov. Please retain your confirming email as proof of registration.

THE OFFICES OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN
APPELLATE DIVISION, THIRD and FOURTH JUDICIAL DEPARTMENTS
present:
INTRODUCTION TO EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN

Day One - Monday, April 25, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. Introductory Remarks
Linda J. Kostin, Esq.
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department
Betsy R. Ruslander, Esq.
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Representing a Child Client in Child Welfare Proceedings & Related Ethical Issues
Shannon Filbert, Esq.
Confidential Law Clerk to the Hon. Kelly Brinkworth
Erie County Family Court
Buffalo, New York
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Question & Answer Period
- 1:40 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Representing a Child Client in Child Welfare Proceedings & Related Ethical Issues
(Continued)
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. Question & Answer Period
- 2:40 p.m. Conclusion of Day One

Day Two - Tuesday, April 26, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m. Introductory Remarks
Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department
- 12:05 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. Representing a Child Client in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings & Related Ethical Issues
Katie E. Woodruff, Esq.
Juvenile Justice Coordinator
Legal Aid Society of Rochester
Rochester, New York
- 1:20 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Question & Answer Period
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. Representing a Child Client in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings & Related Ethical Issues
(Continued)
- 2:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Question & Answer Period
- 2:30 p.m. Conclusion of Day Two

Day Three - Wednesday, April 27, 2022

12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.	<u>Introductory Remarks</u> Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department
12:05 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.	<u>Representing a Child Client in Custody & Visitation Proceedings & Related Ethical Issues</u> Michele A. Brown, Esq. Chief Attorney Children's Legal Center Buffalo, New York William R. Hites, Esq. Panel Attorney for the Child, Erie County Assigned Counsel Panel Member, Erie County Buffalo, New York Frank P. Alabiso, Ph.D Suburban Psychiatric Associates Amherst, New York
12:55 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.	Question & Answer Period
1:05 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	<u>Representing a Child Client in Custody & Visitation Proceedings & Related Ethical Issues</u> (Continued)
1:55 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.	Question & Answer Period
2:05 p.m.	Conclusion of Day Three

This webinar has been approved for a total of seven (7) credit hours, of which one (1) hour can be applied toward the ethics and professionalism requirement, two (2) hours can be applied toward the skills requirement, and four (4) hours can be applied toward the professional practice (family law) requirement. This program is suitable for experienced or newly admitted attorneys.

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APPELLATE DIVISION, THIRD DEPARTMENT
in collaboration with
THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN
APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
presents:
A Continuing Legal Education Webinar Entitled:

TRANS-AFFIRMING LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR TRANSGENDER & GENDER DIVERSE YOUTH

Wednesday, May 11, 2022
1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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| 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | <u>Opening Remarks</u>
Betsy R. Ruslander, Esq.
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Albany
John W. Kraigenow, Esq.
Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Albany |
| 2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. | <u>Part One: Trans-Affirming Legal Advocacy
for Transgender & Gender Diverse
Youth</u> <i>Moderator:</i>
Amy Schwartz-Wallace, Esq.
Senior Attorney, Empire Justice Center
Rochester
<i>Presenters:</i>
Lettie Dickerson, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Empire Justice Center
Albany
Carolyn Wolf-Gould, M.D.
Gender Wellness Center, Bassett
Healthcare Network
Oneonta |
| 2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | <u>Break</u> |
| 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. | <u>Part Two: Trans-Affirming Legal Advocacy
for Transgender & Gender Diverse Youth</u>
<i>Moderator:</i>
Amy Schwartz-Wallace, Esq.
Senior Attorney, Empire Justice Center
Rochester |

Presenters:

Mallory Livingston, Esq.

LGBT* Rights Attorney

Volunteer Lawyers Project of CNY, Inc.

Syracuse

Katie E. Woodruff, Esq.

Juvenile Justice Coordinator & AFC

Legal Aid Society of Rochester, Inc.

Rochester

3:50 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Question & Answer Period

4:00 p.m.

Conclusion

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To register for the seminar, email ad4-lg-seminar@nycourts.gov the following format:

Subject: Webinar 5/11/22

Text: [your name] will attend the webinar on 5/11/22.

Attendance at this webinar will be applied toward satisfying the AFC Program's 5.5 hour biennial training requirement.

Your registration email must be received on or before Wednesday, May 4, 2022. You are not considered registered for the webinar unless you receive a confirming email to that effect. You will receive a confirming email within 3 business days. If you have not received a confirming email after that time, please contact Jen Kohler at jkohler@nycourts.gov. Please retain your confirming email as proof of registration.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN
APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
Presents

A CLE Webinar Entitled:

Addressing Issues that Arise When Interviewing or Attempting to Interview Children:
A Panel Discussion

Tuesday June 7, 2022
12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 1:20 p.m.

12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.	<u>Introductory Remarks</u> Linda J. Kostin, Esq. Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, NY Jennifer L. McLaren, Esq. Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, NY
12:05 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.	<u>Addressing Issues that Arise When Interviewing or Attempting to Interview Children:</u> <u>A Panel Discussion</u> Michele Brown, Esq. Chief Attorney, Children's Legal Center Buffalo, NY Courtney Radick, Esq. Panel AFC, Oswego County Oswego, NY Rachel Mitchell, Esq. Panel AFC, Chautauqua County Jamestown, NY Mary Kay Yanik, Esq. Panel AFC, Livingston County Caledonia, NY
1:20 p.m.	<u>Conclusion</u>

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To register for the seminar, email ad4-lg-seminar@nycourts.gov in the following format:

Subject: Webinar 6/7/22

Text: [your name] will attend the webinar on 6/7/22.

Attendance at this webinar will be applied toward satisfying the AFC Program's 5.5 hour biennial training requirement.

Your registration email must be received on or before Tuesday May 31, 2022. You are not considered registered for the webinar unless you receive a confirming email to that effect. You will receive a confirming email within 3 business days. If you have not received a confirming email after that time, please contact Jen Kohler at jkohler@nycourts.gov. Please retain your confirming email as proof of registration.

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APPELLATE DIVISION, THIRD DEPARTMENT
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APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
presents:

A Continuing Legal Education Webinar Entitled:

**CUSTODY MODIFICATION PROCEEDINGS
ISSUES TO KEEP IN MIND**

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Betsy R. Ruslander, Esq.

Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Albany

John W. Kraigenow, Esq.

Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Albany

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Custody Modification Proceedings:

Issues to Keep in Mind

Veronica Reed, Esq.

Law Office of Veronica Reed

Schenectady

Panel Member, Albany, Fulton, Schenectady
& Schoharie County

1:15 p.m.

Conclusion

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APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
Presents

A CLE Webinar Entitled:

The Role of the AFC in Article 8 Proceedings
with Hon. Deanne M. Tripi, Erie County Family Court Judge

Wednesday July 27, 2022
12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 1:05 p.m.

12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.	<u>Introductory Remarks</u> Linda J. Kostin, Esq. Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, NY Jennifer L. McLaren, Esq. Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, NY
12:05 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.	<u>The Role of the AFC in Article 8 Proceedings</u> Hon. Deanne M. Tripi Family Court Judge Eighth Judicial District Erie County Family Court Buffalo, New York
1:05 p.m.	<u>Conclusion</u>

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OFFICE OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN
APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
Presents

A CLE Webinar Entitled:

**What Can I Learn From a Baby?
Interviewing Children From Birth to Age 5 and Beyond**

**Friday, September 30, 2022
12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 2:00 p.m.**

- 12:00 p.m. to 12:10 p.m. Introductory Remarks
Linda J. Kostin, Esq.
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester, NY
Jennifer L. McLaren, Esq.
Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester, NY
- 12:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. What Can I Learn From a Baby?
Interviewing Children From Birth to Age 5 and Beyond
Frank P. Alabiso, Ph.D
Suburban Psychiatric Associates
Amherst, New York
Emily Vella, Esq.
Panel Attorney for the Child-Cattaraugus, Erie, Wyoming Counties
Springville, New York
- 2:00 p.m. Conclusion

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Subject: Webinar 09/30/22

Text: [your name] will attend the webinar on 09/30/22.

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THE OFFICES OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN
APPELLATE DIVISIONS, THIRD and FOURTH JUDICIAL DEPARTMENTS
present:
INTRODUCTION TO THE EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN

Day One - Monday, October 17, 2022

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| 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. | <u>Introductory Remarks</u>
Betsy R. Ruslander, Esq.
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department
Linda J. Kostin, Esq.
Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department |
| 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | <u>Representing a Child Client in Child Welfare Proceedings</u>
Jacqueline Sands, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Rockland County
New City |
| 10:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. | Question & Answer Period |
| 10:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | <u>Representing a Child Client in Child Welfare Proceedings</u>
(Continued) |
| 11:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. | Question & Answer Period |
| 11:40 a.m. | Conclusion of Day One |

Day Two - Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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| 9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. | <u>Introductory Remarks</u>
John W. Kraigenow, Esq.
Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department |
| 9:05 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. | <u>Representing a Child Client in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings</u>
Paul A. Sartori, Esq.
Directing Attorney, Sullivan Trail Legal Society, Inc.
Elmira |
| 10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Question & Answer Period |
| 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. | <u>Representing a Child Client in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings</u>
(Continued) |
| 11:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Question & Answer Period |
| 11:30 a.m. | Conclusion of Day Two |

Day Three - Wednesday, October 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.	<u>Introductory Remarks</u> John W. Kraigenow, Esq. Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department
9:05 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	<u>Representing a Child Client in Custody & Visitation Proceedings</u> Douglas J. Broda, Esq. Rensselaer County AFC Panel, Troy Barbara J. King, Esq. Tully Rinckey, PLLC, Albany Elizabeth C. Schockmel, Psy.D. Capital Psychological Associates, Albany
9:55 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.	Question & Answer Period
10:05 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	<u>Representing a Child Client in Custody & Visitation Proceedings</u> (Continued)
10:55 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	Question & Answer Period
11:05 a.m.	Conclusion

This seminar has been approved for a total of seven (7) credit hours, of which one (1) hour can be applied toward the ethics and professionalism requirement, two (2) hours can be applied toward the skills requirement, and four (4) hours can be applied toward the professional practice (family law) requirement. This program is suitable for experienced or newly admitted attorneys.

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APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
Presents

A CLE Webinar Entitled:

FOURTH DEPARTMENT CASE LAW UPDATE

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Time 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 1:20 p.m.

12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.	<u>Introductory Remarks</u> Linda J. Kostin, Esq. Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, NY Jennifer L. McLaren, Esq. Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, NY
12:05 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.	<u>Fourth Department Case Law Update</u> Maureen N. Polen, Esq. Child Protection Coordinator The Legal Aid Society of Rochester Rochester, New York
1:20 p.m.	<u>Conclusion</u>

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Subject: Webinar 11/02/2022

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APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
presents:
A Continuing Legal Education Webinar Entitled:

INTRODUCTION TO CYBERSECURITY FOR LAWYERS Ethical Requirements and Practical Considerations

**Thursday, November 17, 2022
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Betsy R. Ruslander, Esq.

Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Albany, New York

John W. Kraigenow, Esq.

Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Albany, New York

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Cybersecurity for Lawyers

Prof. Monique Ferraro

Adjunct Professor
Cyber Security and Data Privacy Law Program
Albany Law School
Albany, New York

1:15 p.m.

Conclusion

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A CLE Webinar Entitled:

**Social Media Evidence
Current Law and Evidentiary Tactics**

**Thursday, January 5, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	<u>Introductory Remarks</u> Linda J. Kostin, Esq. Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, New York Jennifer L. McLaren, Esq. Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Fourth Department Rochester, New York
10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.	<u>Social Media Evidence</u> <u>Current Law and Evidentiary Tactics</u> Michael J. Hutter, Esq. Professor of Law at Albany Law School Albany, New York
11:10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<u>Social Media Evidence</u> <u>Current Law and Evidentiary Tactics</u> Continued
12:00 p.m.	<u>Conclusion</u>

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Subject: Webinar 01/05/23

Text: [your name] will attend the webinar on 01/05/2023.

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"Understanding Trauma in Child Survivors of Sexual Abuse"

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Appellate Division- First, Second, Third & Fourth Departments

January 18, 2023-6:00-8:25 p.m.

Program Moderator: The Hon. Wayne Humphrey, JFC

Panelists: Lorraine Ronca D.O., F.A.A.P., Pediatrician, Child Abuse Pediatrics
Dr. Traci Gardner, MD, Medical Director, Children's Village
Danielle Weisberg, LCSW, Chief Child Welfare Officer, Westchester Institute
for Human Development
Ivory Bennett, National Advisory Council for Children's Legal Representation
Karen Crandall, Esq., Attorney for the Child

TIMED AGENDA

Introduction: Welcome & Introduction of Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Dean of the NYS Judicial Institute (Salihah R. Denman, Esq.)-2 minutes (6:00-6:02 p.m.)
Opening remarks: Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Dean of the NYS Judicial Institute-4 minutes (6:02-6:05 p.m.)
Introduction of panelists (Melissa Paul-Franklyn, Esq. & Grace Oboma-Layat, Esq.) -3 minutes (6:05-6:08 p.m.)
Introduction of moderator (Monique Hardy, Esq.)-1 minute (6:09-6:10 p.m.)
Moderator opening statement-2 minutes (6:11 p.m.-6:14 p.m.)

I. Presenter (20 minutes) (6:15-6:35 p.m.):

Lorraine Ronca D.O., F.A.A.P.

Topics:

What is sexual abuse?

Confidentiality

Trauma related to sexual abuse

Dynamics of sexual abuse

Evidence Collection

The Medical Assessment & why there are sometimes no findings

Implicit biases in the system
Reaffirming normalcy for the child through the medical assessment

II. Presenter (20 minutes) (6:36-6:56 p.m.):
Danielle Weisberg

Topics:

What is WIHD
What role does it play in sexual abuse cases
Initial assessment to determine appropriate services
What is a multidisciplinary team?
How children are referred
Services available

III. Presenter (20 minutes) (6:57-7:17 p.m.):
Dr. Traci Gardner,

Topics:

Role of a Medical Director in the context a foster care agency
Trauma as it relates to the child's interaction with the various systems
How trauma presents in child survivors in foster care (i.e., behaviors)
Misdiagnosis and appropriate prescriptions (PTSD)
Definition of a family in the court system
Health and equity in the system

IV. Presenter (20 minutes) (7:18-7:38 p.m.):
Ivory Bennett

Topics:

Brief background on experience in foster care
From the perspective of a lived experience expert: (1) things Attorneys for Children should consider when advocating for their child clients; (2) things attorneys for parents should consider when advocating for their clients; (3) things foster care agencies should consider when interacting with child survivors of sexual abuse

V. Presenter (20 minutes) (7:39-7:59 p.m.):
Karen Crandall, Esq.

Topics:

Relationship building
Therapist v. Validator
Things to consider when representing a Child Survivor of sexual abuse: (1) behaviors resulting from the abuse; (2) services; and (3) visitation.
Steps to take when a child discloses sexual abuse outside the context of a sexual abuse proceeding.
Advocating for criminal prosecution on behalf of your child client.
Abuse allegations in the context of Article 6 proceedings
Parent representation (what to do and what not to do)

VI. Closing remarks from panelists/moderator:
Dr. Traci Gardner (1 minute-8:00-8:01 pm)

Lorraine Ronca D.O., F.A.A.P. (1 minute-8:02-8:03 pm)

Danielle Weisberg (1 minute-8:04-8:05 pm)

Karen Crandall, Esq. (1 minute-8:06-8:08 pm)

Ivory Bennett (1 minute-8:09-8:10 pm)

Hon. Wayne Humphrey (1 minute-8:11-8:12 pm)

Q & A: 15 minutes (8:13-8:23 p.m.)

Lisa A. Daley, Esq.

Salihah R. Denman, Esq.

Closing remarks: Lisa A. Daley, Esq.-2 minutes (8:24-8:25 p.m.)

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APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
presents:
A Continuing Legal Education Webinar Entitled:

**Recent Developments in Children's Law
Case Law and Legislative Update**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 (Noon)	<u>Opening Remarks</u> John W. Kraigenow, Esq. Director, Office of Attorneys for Children Albany
12:00 (Noon) - 1:15 p.m.	<u>Recent Developments in Children's Law</u> Gary Solomon, Esq. Director of Legal Support The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice New York City
1:15 p.m.	<u>Conclusion</u>

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“Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection: What Family Law Practitioners Need to Know?”

*Presented by the Family Law Section of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association
The CLE will be co-sponsored by: Office of Attorney for Children First, Second, Third and Fourth Departments*

Co- Chairs, Asia Scarlett-Jones, Esq. & Charessa L. Glover-Thomas, Esq.
Co-Vice- Chairs, Patricia Cameron, Esq. & Yvonne Agbontaen, Esq.
Secretary, Tina Smith, Esq.

March 1, 2023, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Speaker:

Lawrence Montle, Esq., CISA, CFE, CIPP/US

ORDER OF THE PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction of Speaker: Yvonne Agbontaen, Esq.

Presentation: Lawrence Montle, Esq., CISA, CFE, CIPP/US

Questions/Answers and closing remarks: Patricia Cameron, Esq.

**** CREDIT: 1.0 N.Y. CLE credit: Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection**

****This program is transitional and is suitable for experienced and newly admitted attorneys. The Cybersecurity credit is effective July 1, 2023. If your biennial registration is before July 1, 2023, you cannot include it as part of your 24 credits.**

OFFICE OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN
APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT
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A CLE Webinar Entitled:

Addressing the Child Mental Health Crisis
Identifying and Supporting Youth with Behavioral Health Needs

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 1:45 p.m.

12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Introductory Remarks

Linda J. Kostin, Esq.

Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester, NY

Jennifer L. McLaren, Esq.

Deputy Director, Office of Attorneys for Children
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester, NY

12:05 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Addressing the Child Mental Health Crisis

Identifying and Supporting Youth with Behavioral Health Needs

Melissa Castle Heatly, Ph.D.

Director, Expanded School Mental Health Initiatives
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
University of Rochester Medical Center
Rochester, NY

Corey A. Nichols-Hadeed, J.D.

Associate, Department of Psychiatry
University of Rochester Medical Center
Rochester, NY

Leah Hill, M.Ed, CASAC-T

Sr. SUD Counselor, Clinical Engagement Specialist
URMC Strong Recovery Adolescent and Young Adult Program
Rochester, NY

Trisha Kilbourn, LCSW

Clinical Coordinator, Primary Therapist
INTERCEPT Clinic
Rochester, NY

1:45 p.m.

Conclusion

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Text: [your name] will attend the webinar on 3/15/23.

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"Essential Steps to a Successful Private Adoption Filing: The Do's and Don'ts"

CLE credits 1.5 (to be determined)

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The Offices of Attorneys for Children: First, Second & Fourth Departments

March 22, 2023-6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Program Moderator: **Teneé McKinley-Brooks, Esq.**

Panelists: **Maria Recine, Esq.** Assistant Deputy Counsel New York State Judicial Institute
Devin Harris, Esq., Associate Court Attorney
Robin Carton, Esq., Attorney for the Child/Petitioner

TIMED AGENDA

Introduction: Welcome & Opening Remarks (Monique Hardy) 2 minutes (6:00-6:02 p.m.)
Introduction of Panelists and Moderator (Grace Obama-Layat) 3 minutes (6:03-6:06 p.m.)

** Jadera Ramirez-Garcia will read the CLE Codes

Topics:

I. Presenter (30 minutes) (6:07-6:37 p.m.):

Maria Recine, Esq.

Topics:

- What is a private adoption?
- How does a private adoption differ from an agency adoption?
- Types of private adoptions (most common scenarios)
 - *Stepparent adoptions; same sex couples; second parent adoptions, sperm donor*
- What is an Adoption Certification?
 - Purpose
 - Forms
- What are the proper forms that need to be completed and filed with the Court?

- Petition
- Agreement of Adoption
- Affidavit Identifying the Parties
- Affidavit of Financial Disclosure
- Supplement Affidavit
- Order of Adoption
- Report of Adoption/Notification of Order of Adoption
- Adoptive Child's Medical History Form
- Consent of Natural Parent in Stepparent Adoptions
- Putative Father Registry Form
- ICPC, if applicable
- Additional Documents...
- Common issues that arise regarding private adoption filings in Westchester County

II. Presenter (20 minutes) (6:38-6:58 p.m.):

Devin Harris, Esq.

Topics:

- Common issues that arise regarding private adoption filings in NYCS
- Consents of Non-custodial Natural Parents
- What if the bio parent doesn't consent for instance in a stepparent adoption
 - What's next?
 - Potential Issues
- Notice vs. Consent Father
 - What does the hearing look like?
 - Standard of proof
 - Seminal cases?
 - Statutory authority?

III. Presenter (20 minutes) (6:59-7:19 p.m.):

Robin Carton, Esq.

Topics:

- Tips from a Private Practitioner
- Role of the AFC in private adoptions
- Tips from the Attorney for the Child
 - Are AFC's assigned or retained by the Petitioner?
 - Could the Petitioner retain the AFC?
 - Why or why not?
 - Ethical issues?

Q & A: 10 minutes (7:20-7:30 pm) (Salihah Denman, Esq. and Lisa Daley, Esq.)