



NEW YORK STATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
ON SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS:  
KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL AND OUT OF COURT

Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY  
April 11-12, 2013

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**Judith S. Kaye**, former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chair of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, convened the *New York State Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids In School and Out of Court* with the encouragement and assistance from a diverse group of partners and supporters.

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# Agenda at a Glance

## Thursday, April 11, 2013 at Hofstra University Club

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. **Thursday Program and Dinner Registration**
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. **OPENING PLENARY: Prelude to Prison: Youth Perspectives on School Suspension**
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. **WELCOME AND DINNER**

## Friday, April 12, 2013 at Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **SETTING THE STAGE**  
HON. JUDITH S. KAYE, Former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chair of the NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children
- 8:45 a.m. **PLENARY 1: Reaching A Critical Juncture For Our Kids: The Need to Reassess School-Justice Practices**  
RUSSELL SKIBA, PH.D., Director of the Equity Project at the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy at Indiana University
- 9:20 a.m. **PLENARY 2: Exclusionary School Discipline: Economic, Educational and Justice System Effects on 1 Million Texas Students**
- 9:45 a.m. **PLENARY 3: NYS Data: What does it tell us about School Discipline, Arrest, Court Involvement and Disparities with National Expert Response Panel**
- 10:45 a.m. **PLENARY 4: Model Arrest Protocols and Discipline Codes**
- 11:15 a.m. **PLENARY 5: Discipline Codes in New York with National Expert Response Panel**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. **PLENARY 6: State Reforms Leading the Nation**
- 1:05 p.m. **PLENARY 7: Brief Overview of New York's Statutory Framework with National Expert Response Panel**
- 1:50 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Data, Arrest Protocol and Discipline Code, and Legislative Reform**  
Each Breakout Session will bring together the featured national and local experts to permit a more in-depth discussion with an opportunity for questions and answers and smaller group discussions regarding next steps for New York State.
- 3:00 p.m. **PLENARY 8: There's Some Great Things Already Happening in New York**
- 3:20 p.m. **PLENARY 9: Report Out and Next Steps**
- 3:35 p.m. **CALL TO ACTION**  
MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, Founder and President, Children's Defense Fund
- 3:55-4:00 p.m. **CLOSING**  
HON. JUDITH S. KAYE



# Thursday Program

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4:00-5:00 p.m. **Thursday Program and Dinner Registration**

5:00-6:00 p.m. **OPENING PLENARY: Prelude to Prison: Youth Perspectives on School Suspension**

**Speaker**

**MARSHA WEISSMAN, PH.D.**

Executive Director, Center for Community Alternatives

**Youth Panel**

**RUKIA LUMUMBA, ESQ.** (Moderator)

Director, Youth Advocacy Services, Center for Community Alternatives

**MALIK GARDNER**

**TATIANA NELSON**

**DEVIN WALLACE**

**SHAMIK MILEY**

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6:00-8:30 p.m. **WELCOME AND DINNER**

**Speakers**

**DEAN ERIC LANE**

Dean and Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

**HON. JUDITH S. KAYE**

Former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chair of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children

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**ELIZABETH GLAZER**

Deputy Secretary for Public Safety

**KAVITHA MEDIRATTA**

Program Executive, The Atlantic Philanthropies



# Friday Program

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7:00-8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration/Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30-8:45 a.m.	<b>SETTING THE STAGE</b> <b>HERMAN A. BERLINER, PH.D.</b> , Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Hofstra University <b>HON. JUDITH S. KAYE</b> , Former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chair of the NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children
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9:20-9:45 a.m.	<b>PLENARY 2: Exclusionary School Discipline: Economic, Educational and Justice System Effects on 1 Million Texas Students</b> <b>Speaker</b> <b>DEBORAH FOWLER</b> , Deputy Director, Texas Appleseed
9:45-10:45 a.m.	<b>PLENARY 3: NYS Data – What does it tell us about School Discipline, Arrest and Court Involvement and Disparities</b> <b>Speakers</b> <b>EDWARD FERGUS-ARCIA, PH.D.</b> , Deputy Director Metropolitan Center for Urban Education; Research Assistant Professor, New York University <b>PAUL MELLER, PH.D.</b> , Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Institute for Family Forensic Psychology, Hofstra University <b>TONI LANG, PH.D.</b> , Deputy Director, NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children <b>National Expert Response Panel</b> <b>RUSSELL SKIBA, PH.D.</b> , Director of the Equity Project at the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy at Indiana University (Moderator) <b>ANDRÉS ALONSO, ED.D.</b> , Superintendent, Baltimore City School District, MD <b>DEBORAH FOWLER, ESQ.</b> , Deputy Director, Texas Appleseed <b>DONNA LIEBERMAN</b> , Executive Director, New York Civil Liberties Union
10:45-11:15 a.m.	<b>PLENARY 4: Model Arrest Protocols and Discipline Codes</b> <b>Speakers</b> <b>HON. STEVEN C. TESKE</b> , Chief Judge, Juvenile Court, Clayton County, GA <b>SARAH BIEHL, ESQ.</b> , Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund-OHIO

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

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11:15-12:00 p.m. **PLENARY 5: Discipline Codes in New York**

**Speakers**

**PROFESSOR KENNISHA AUSTIN**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and Team  
**ANDY ARTZ, ESQ.**, Legal Services NYC-Bronx’s Education Law Project; DSC-NY

**National Expert Response Panel**

**HON. STEVEN C. TESKE**, Chief Judge, Juvenile Court, Clayton County, GA (Moderator)  
**JIM ANDERSON**, Vice-President, Citizen Action of New York  
**LARA HERSCOVITCH**, Deputy Director, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance  
**LINDA BAKST**, Deputy Director, Policy Services, NYS School Boards Association

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12:00-12:45 p.m. **Lunch**

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12:45-1:05 p.m. **PLENARY 6: State Reforms Leading the Nation**

**Speaker**

**JESSICA FEIERMAN, ESQ.**, Supervising Attorney, Juvenile Law Center

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1:05-1:50 p.m. **PLENARY 7: Brief Overview of New York’s Statutory Framework**

**Speakers**

**KATHLEEN DECATALDO, ESQ.**, Executive Director, NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children  
**NANCY GINSBURG, ESQ.**, Director, Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Project, Criminal Defense Practice, Legal Aid Society

**National Expert Response Panel**

**JESSICA FEIERMAN, ESQ.**, Supervising Attorney, Juvenile Law Center (Moderator)  
**MATT CREGOR, ESQ.**, Assistant Counsel of the Education Practice, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.  
**JAIME KOPPEL**, Director of Education and Youth Justice, Children’s Defense Fund  
**HON. STEVEN C. TESKE**, Chief Judge, Juvenile Court, Clayton County, GA

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1:50-3:00 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:** Each Breakout Session will bring together the featured national and local experts to permit a more in-depth discussion with an opportunity for questions and answers and smaller group discussions regarding next steps for New York State.

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**DATA—Speakers/Facilitators**

**ANDRÉS ALONSO, J.D., ED.D.**, Superintendent, Baltimore City School District, MD

**EDWARD FERGUS-ARCIA, PH.D.**, Deputy Director Metropolitan Center for Urban Education; Research Assistant Professor, New York University

**DEBORAH FOWLER, ESQ.**, Deputy Director, Texas Appleseed

**JACQUELYN GREENE, ESQ.**, Director, Juvenile Justice Policy, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and Counsel to the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety

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**PAUL MELLER, PH.D.**, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Institute for Family Forensic Psychology, Hofstra University

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**ARREST PROTOCOL AND DISCIPLINE CODE—Speakers/Facilitators**

**JIM ANDERSON**, Vice-President, Citizen Action of New York

**ANDY ARTZ, ESQ.**, Legal Services NYC-Bronx's Education Law Project; DSC-NY

**PROFESSOR KENNISHA AUSTIN**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

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**PROFESSOR ANDREW SCHEPARD**, Max Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Children, Families and the Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

**HON. STEVEN C. TESKE**, Chief Judge, Juvenile Court, Clayton County, GA

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**LEGISLATIVE REFORM—Speakers/Facilitators**

**TOM ANDRIOLA**, Director of Policy and Implementation for the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety

**MATT CREGOR, ESQ.**, Assistant Counsel of the Education Practice, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

**KATHLEEN DECATALDO, ESQ.**, Executive Director, Commission on Justice for Children

**JESSICA FEIERMAN, ESQ.**, Supervising Attorney, Juvenile Law Center

**NANCY GINSBURG, ESQ.**, Director, Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Project, Criminal Defense Practice, Legal Aid Society

**JAIME KOPPEL**, Director of Education and Youth Justice, Children's Defense Fund

**KIM SWEET, ESQ.**, Executive Director, Advocates for Children of New York

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3:00-3:20 p.m.

**PLENARY 8: There's Some Great Things Already Happening in NY**

**Speakers**

**KATHERINE ECKSTEIN**, Chief of Staff, The Children's Aid Society

**KIM SWEET, ESQ.**, Executive Director, Advocates for Children of New York

**SUSAN SEAWOOD**, Buffalo Promise Zone Coordinator

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3:20-3:35 p.m.

**PLENARY 9: Report Out and Next Steps**

**Speakers**

**JACQUELYN GREENE, ESQ.**, Director, Juvenile Justice Policy, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and Counsel to the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety

**PROFESSOR ANDREW SCHEPARD**, Max Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Children, Families and the Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

**KATHLEEN DECATALDO, ESQ.**, Executive Director, NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children

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3:35-3:55 p.m.

**CALL TO ACTION**

**MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN**, Founder and President, Children's Defense Fund

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3:55-4:00 p.m.

**CLOSING**

**HON. JUDITH S. KAYE**



# SHORT INTRODUCTIONS

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## *ANDRÉS ALONZO, ED.D., Superintendent, Baltimore City School District, MD*

DR. ANDRÉS A. ALONZO, At the age of 12, emigrated from Cuba to the United States with his parents. Originally speaking no English, he attended public schools in Union City, New Jersey, graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University, and earned a J.D. and a Doctorate in Education from Harvard University. After practicing law in New York City he changed course to become an educator.

From 1987 to 1998, Dr. Alonso taught emotionally disturbed special education adolescents and English language learners in Newark, New Jersey. He then served as Chief of Staff for Teaching and Learning and as Deputy Chancellor for Teaching and Learning at the New York City Department of Education during the launch of its Children First reform.

On July 1, 2007, Dr. Alonso became CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools). During his tenure, Baltimore City students have reached their highest outcomes in state exams, across all categories of students. City Schools saw its enrollment climb, following four decades of steady enrollment decline. It posted its best-ever dropout and graduation rates, driven largely by attention to all students, a focus on adult performance, the promotion of choice and school autonomy for all schools, and intensive efforts to engage parents and community. In 2010 City Schools settled the Vaughn G. special education lawsuit, ending 26 years of court oversight and litigation. In 2011 Dr. Alonso was appointed to a four year term on the National Assessment Governing Board, which sets policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), known as "The Nation's Report Card." Effective July 1, 2011 Dr. Alonso signed a new four-year contract as CEO of City Schools.

Throughout his career Dr. Alonso has been defined by his fervent commitment to students and their families. He loves Cuban culture.

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## *JIM ANDERSON, Vice-President of Citizen Action of New York*

JIM ANDERSON serves as Vice-President of Citizen Action of New York (CANY works to influence and impact development of legislation that works in the best interest of New York residents). He also serves as President of Peace Action New York State (PANYS works to replace our nation's culture of militarism with a culture of peace). As a founding board of director's member to Alliance for Quality Education (AQE), Jim played a strong role in the organizing that led to a historic increase in NYS education funding. He is host of a weekly talk radio program 'Conversations with Jim Anderson' (conversations about things that matter). He's a social justice activist on many issues (Education, Human & Civil Rights, Religious/Faith based) collaboration nationwide.

Born and reared in Buffalo, New York, Jim Anderson is known throughout the community for standing up for justice, coalition building, and forging collective leadership. His wealth of experience, demonstrative talent and commitment has been a positive impact to the City of Buffalo and State of New York, and an endearing help and comfort to many families. Jim serves on numerous boards and organizations, and collaborates effectively with diverse community entities.

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## *TOM ANDRIOLA, Director of Policy and Implementation for Elizabeth Glazer, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety*

TOM ANDRIOLA serves as the Director of Policy and Implementation for Elizabeth Glazer, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety under Governor Andrew Cuomo. In that capacity, he is responsible for facilitating the progress and implementation of the juvenile justice reform initiatives included in the Strategic Planning Action Committee's (SPAC) strategic plan, and advising the Deputy Secretary on other key public safety and

cross systems initiatives. Mr. Andriola also currently serves as Vice President of the Mohonasen Board of Education in Rotterdam, New York. Prior to his position with Deputy Secretary Glazer, Mr. Andriola served as Assistant Chief Budget Examiner for the New York State Division of the Budget, and as Deputy Budget Director for the New York State Assembly Ways and Means Committee. He also spent some time working in the private sector prior to joining public service. Mr. Andriola received an M.A. in Economics from the State University of New York at Albany in 1996 and a B.S. in Economics in 1993 from Siena College, which included a semester abroad at the Institute for American Universities in Aix-en-Provence, France.

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*ANDY ARTZ, ESQ., Staff Attorney, Legal Services NYC-Bronx's Education Law Project; DSC-NY*

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ANDY ARTZ is a Senior Staff Attorney in the Education Law Unit at Legal Services NYC-Bronx. His practice focuses on school discipline and special education. Andy is a graduate of Princeton University and New York University School of Law. His distinctions include the Kirkland & Ellis Public Service Fellowship, and co-founding the Suspension Representation Project.

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*PROFESSOR KENNISHA AUSTIN, Visiting Assistant Professor, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University*

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KENNISHA AUSTIN is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Hofstra University School of Law, teaching Civil Procedure I and II. Professor Austin's research, writing, and teaching interests include education law and policy, civil rights, civil procedure and lawyering.

Prior to joining the Law School's faculty, Professor Austin was a Clinical Teaching Fellow at Fordham Law School, where she co-directed the Externship Program, taught Fundamental Lawyering, and several other experiential learning seminars.

Before entering academia, Professor Austin was a practicing attorney in New York City, specializing in civil rights law at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP. Professor Austin received her B.A. in Psychology and African-American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her J.D. from Columbia Law School. After law school, Professor Austin clerked for the Honorable Damon J. Keith on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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*LINDA BAKST, Deputy Director, Policy Services, NYS School Boards Association*

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LINDA BAKST is Deputy Director of Policy Services for the New York State School Boards Association. Policy Services supports school districts across the state in crafting and implementing effective policy. Ms. Bakst researches, writes and presents on a wide range of policy issues, including but not limited to bullying, school climate, attendance, and fiscal oversight. As an outgrowth of her policy work, Linda co-presented a program entitled, "Navigating the Landmines of Technology Misuse," at the National School Boards Association convention in April 2011, with Jay Worona, NYSSBA's General Counsel, and serves as a member of the Statewide Dignity for All Students Act Task Force. Ms. Bakst served for nine years as a Guilderland Central School District Board of Education member, including six years as chair of the Policy Committee.

Prior to joining NYSSBA, Ms. Bakst worked at various levels of local and state government as a policy analyst, including New York City's Mayor's Office, the New York State Division of Budget and the New York State Legislative Commission on Expenditure Review. Bakst also served as director of the New York State Project of the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference Institute. She was a certified impartial hearing officer for the State Education Department, hearing disputes between parents and school districts regarding special education services.

Bakst earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a master of public administration degree from Columbia University. She also completed coursework for a PhD in public administration at the University at Albany.

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*HERMAN A. BERLINER, PH.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Hofstra University*

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DR. HERMAN A. BERLINER is the provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, the second in command to the president at Hofstra University. Dr. Berliner has oversight responsibilities for all the Colleges,

Schools and academic programs of the University, as well as the Libraries, The Hofstra Cultural Center, the Hofstra Museum, and the Saltzman Community Services Center. In this capacity and at the president's request, he also serves as the chair of the University negotiating team in collective bargaining with faculty. Provost Berliner played a vital role in the establishment of the School of Communication and the School for University Studies, the first new Schools established at the University since 1970. More recently, under his leadership, Honors College was established. Presently, he is a member of the Joint Leadership Group overseeing the new Hofstra/North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine.

Dr. Berliner joined Hofstra University in 1970 as an assistant professor of economics after having earned a Ph.D. in economics from the City University of New York Graduate School. Dr. Berliner's areas of specialty as an economist include the economics of higher education. He presently also serves as a TIAA/CREF Institute Fellow, a Trustee of the North Shore School District, and Secretary of the Project GRAD Long Island Board of Directors.

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*SARAH BIEHL, ESQ., Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund-OHIO*

SARAH BIEHL, An Ohio native, received both her undergraduate and law degrees from Ohio State University and clerked for the Honorable James G. Carr of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio before being awarded a Skadden Fellowship with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. While in Chicago, Sarah designed and operated a legal clinic inside a public charter high school on the west side of the city and developed a strong commitment to community-based lawyering as a means of working for systems change. Sarah moved back to Ohio in early 2008 to work on education law issues as a staff attorney at the Ohio Poverty Law Center. In 2013, Sarah became Policy Director at Children's Defense Fund-Ohio, where she directs CDF-Ohio's substantive work on juvenile justice reform, the cradle to prison pipeline, and child health issues. Sarah is deeply committed to empowering low-income children and their families and has represented children and their parents in a variety of areas. Sarah has done presentations on the school to prison pipeline, special education law, and students' rights, published articles on school discipline and safe haven laws, and regularly collaborates with Ohio youth, parents, community activists, and other statewide and local advocates to achieve justice for young people. Sarah is an active participant in several working groups of the Dignity in Schools Campaign, a national coalition of parents, youth, educators, organizers, and advocates who aim to challenge the systemic problem of pushout in the nation's schools. Sarah is also a member of the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Ohio and is on the Executive Committee of the American Constitution Society, Columbus Lawyer Chapter.

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*MATT CREGOR, ESQ., Assistant Counsel of the Education Practice, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.*

MATT CREGOR is an Assistant Counsel with the Education Practice Group of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). Matt provides support for community-led efforts to improve school discipline and is working to integrate these efforts with the national push to reform the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (last reauthorized as the "No Child Left Behind Act"). Matt facilitates the federal advocacy of the Dignity in Schools Campaign – a national coalition of parents, students, educators and civil rights organizations working to reframe the school discipline debate from one that favors reliance on zero tolerance policies to one that respects the human right to a quality education. In this role, Matt works with Campaign members to engage Congress and the administration in support of disciplinary policies and practices that improve the learning environment and keep students engaged and in school. Prior to LDF, Matt taught fifth grade at a middle school in the Bronx, NY, and worked on district-, state-, and federal-level discipline reform efforts as a staff attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama.

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*KATHLEEN DECATALDO, ESQ., Executive Director, NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children*

KATHLEEN DECATALDO is the Executive Director of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. Under the leadership of its chair, former Chief Judge Judith Kaye, Ms. DeCataldo is responsible for developing and implementing the work of the Commission which aims to improve the lives and life chances of children involved in the court system. Responding to emerging child welfare, juvenile justice and related health, education and other well being issues, Ms. DeCataldo is responsible for the development of

materials, training aids and trainings to enhance judicial and other professionals' knowledge and understanding of the issues as a means to better serve children involved with the court system. Ms. DeCataldo advocates for the Commission's agenda by developing legislative, administrative and other reforms; speaking at state, national and public events; and conducting trainings and forums. Ms. DeCataldo is a member of numerous committees and advisory groups including the Governor's Children's Cabinet Advisory Board, New York City Family Court Administrative Judge Advisory Council and New York State Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Advisory Group.

Prior to coming to the Commission, Ms. DeCataldo served as Assistant Deputy Counsel and Director of Legislation and Special Projects, at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Ms. DeCataldo served as the State appointed representative to the Nicholson Review Committee and Co-chair of the statewide collaborative Adoption Now Workgroup. While at OCFS, Ms. DeCataldo was instrumental in the passage of the Permanency Bill, Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2005, and the PINS Diversion law, Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2005. Ms. DeCataldo conducted numerous statewide trainings of court, legal and social services district staff.

Ms. DeCataldo served as Family Court Judge in Schenectady County in 2000. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Ms. DeCataldo was in the private practice of law from 1989 to 2000, with a concentration in Family Court, matrimonial and public sector labor relations practice. As a private practitioner, Ms. DeCataldo's Family Court experience included representation of parents, grandparents, adoptive parents and children as a Law Guardian in neglect/abuse, termination of parental rights, PINS, JD, custody, visitation, adoption and support proceedings. Ms. DeCataldo is a graduate of Albany Law School and the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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*KATHERINE ECKSTEIN, Chief of Staff, The Children's Aid Society*

KATHERINE ECKSTEIN is Chief of Staff at The Children's Aid Society (CAS). As one of the nation's largest and oldest community-based organizations, CAS helps children in poverty to succeed and thrive by providing comprehensive supports to children and their families in targeted high-needs New York City neighborhoods. Katherine serves as a key advisor to the President and CEO and, as a member of the senior leadership team, is charged with driving Children's Aid's cradle-through-college agenda and improving overall organizational effectiveness and accountability. She is also oversees CAS' policy and advocacy work at the local, state and national levels. Key areas include education, health, child welfare, youth development, early learning, adolescent pregnancy prevention and juvenile justice.

Katherine began her work at Children's Aid in the National Center for Community Schools and served most recently as CAS' Director of Public Policy. Previous to joining Children's Aid, Katherine served as Special Assistant to a Regional Superintendent in the New York City Department of Education and Director of Adult and Family Programs and Interim Executive Director at Playing2Win, the nation's first community technology center.

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*MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, Founder and President, Children's Defense Fund*

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. The Children's Defense Fund's *Leave No Child Behind*® mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

Mrs. Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years she served as the Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 began CD

Mrs. Edelman served on the Board of Trustees of Spelman College which she chaired from 1976 to 1987 and was the first woman elected by alumni as a member of the Yale University Corporation on which she served from 1971 to 1977. She has received over a hundred honorary degrees and many awards including the Albert

Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include: *Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change*; *The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours*; *Guide My Feet: Meditations and Prayers on Loving and Working for Children*; *Stand for Children*; *Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors*; *Hold My Hand: Prayers for Building a Movement to Leave No Child Behind*; *I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children*; *I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children*; and *The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation*.

She is a board member of the Robin Hood Foundation and the Association to Benefit Children, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Marian Wright Edelman is married to Peter Edelman, a Professor at Georgetown Law School. They have three sons, Joshua, Jonah, and Ezra, two granddaughters, Ellika and Zoe, and two grandsons, Elijah and Levi.

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*JESSICA FEIERMAN, ESQ., Supervising Attorney, Juvenile Law Center*

JESSICA FEIERMAN joined Juvenile Law Center in 2006. Jessica engages in litigation and amicus efforts on a wide variety of subjects, including juvenile life without parole, institutional conditions, and adult sentencing. Jessica leads Juvenile Law Center's work on trauma-informed advocacy, and on education of children in foster care. With Juvenile Law Center Deputy Director and Chief Counsel Marsha Levick, Jessica co-authored the lead child advocates amicus briefs in *Graham v. Florida*, where the U.S. Supreme Court struck life without parole sentences for juveniles convicted of non-homicide offenses under the Eighth Amendment; *Safford v. Redding*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court held a school strip search unconstitutional; and *J.D.B. v. North Carolina*, where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a juvenile's age is relevant to the Miranda custody analysis under the Fifth Amendment. Jessica is a graduate of Wesleyan University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and was awarded an LLM in advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center.

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*EDWARD FERGUS-ARCIA, PH.D., Deputy Director Metropolitan Center for Urban Education and Research Assistant Professor, New York University*

DR. EDWARD FERGUS is the Deputy Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education and Research Assistant Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences Department at New York University. Dr. Fergus is a School Board Trustee of the Yonkers City School District, and was appointed by the New York State Governor to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. Dr. Fergus has published numerous articles and books including *Skin Color and Identity Formation: Perceptions of Opportunity and Academic Orientation among Mexican and Puerto Rican Youth* (2004) with Routledge Press. More recently co-edited a volume titled *Invisible No More: Understanding the Disenfranchisement of Latino Men and Boys* (2012) with Routledge Press. And is set to publish *Building Resilience for Black and Latino boys: Single Sex Schools and the Intent of Public Education* with Harvard Education Press (2013). He writes extensively and conducts research and school improvement reform on school violence, educational outcomes of boys of color, and disproportionality in special education and suspensions. Also co-developed the state-wide data driven processes for California Education Department and Texas Education Agency in addressing disproportionality in special education and suspension. Dr. Fergus is a former high school social studies teacher.

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*DEBORAH FOWLER, ESQ., Deputy Director, Texas Appleseed*

DEBORAH FOWLER, Deputy Director of Texas Appleseed, oversees Appleseed's legal team, coordinating efforts on juvenile justice, the school-to-prison pipeline, and other Texas Appleseed project areas. She is a nationally recognized expert in school discipline and juvenile justice issues and has authored three major reports on the school-to-prison pipeline in Texas, including the latest on ticketing, arrest, and use of force in public schools. She also authored the first of its kind handbook for attorneys representing defendants with mental retardation in the criminal justice system. She received the *2011 Excellence in Public Interest Award* for her contributions to public interest law and the *2011 Ma'at Justice Award* from the Women and the Law Section, State Bar of Texas. Deborah previously served as Texas Appleseed's Legal Director for five years. She also has extensive experience working with the judiciary, both as a judicial clerk and supervising attorney. Deborah holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University and a Juris Doctor from Lewis & Clark College's Northwestern School of Law.

*NANCY GINSBURG, ESQ., Director, Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Project, Criminal Defense Practice, Legal Aid Society*

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NANCY GINSBURG is the director of the Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Project in the Criminal Practice of the Legal Aid Society. The project represents adolescents citywide who are 13-15 years old and are charged with violent felonies prosecuted in Supreme Court and 16-18 year olds prosecuted in Criminal and Supreme Courts. The lawyers and social workers provide advocacy to obtain foster care, mental health and educational services. Ms. Ginsburg has been with the Legal Aid Society for over twenty years as an attorney in the Juvenile Rights and Criminal Practices. Ms. Ginsburg has represented thousands of children and adolescents in child protective, foster care, criminal and educational administrative proceedings. Ms. Ginsburg is responsible for supervising and training lawyers in the area of adolescent practice throughout the five borough offices of the Criminal Practice of The Legal Aid Society. Ms. Ginsburg is responsible for legislative and policy issues concerning court-involved adolescents in the adult Criminal Court system. She testifies frequently before the New York City Council. She is a member of the New York City School Justice Partnership Task Force and the New York City Council Gun Violence Task Force and was a member of the Task Force on the Future of Probation in New York State, appointed by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye.

*ELIZABETH GLAZER, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety*

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ELIZABETH GLAZER was appointed Deputy Secretary for Public Safety and Homeland Security by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on January 4, 2011. In this role, Ms. Glazer oversees a \$4 billion budget that supports eight public safety agencies. Ms. Glazer has held a number of senior positions in federal and local government, implementing successful crime control and prevention strategies. As the Chief of the Organized Crime unit at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Ms. Glazer was the first prosecutor in the nation to systematically use the racketeering laws to incapacitate violent street gangs. Ms. Glazer also created the first federal mapping system to coordinate federal investigations among agencies; this initiative was recognized with a Reinventing Government Award by then-Vice President Al Gore. Ms. Glazer subsequently served as First Deputy Commissioner in New York City's Department of Investigation, the city agency charged with investigating corruption and fraud and then as First Deputy District Attorney in Westchester County, where she was responsible for developing and executing strategies to reduce the county's crime rate. Most recently, she served as Special Counsel to the New York State Attorney General's Office. Ms. Glazer is a graduate of Harvard University and Columbia Law School.

*JACQUELYN GREENE, ESQ., Director, Juvenile Justice Policy, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and Counsel to the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety*

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JACQUELYN GREENE serves as the Director for Juvenile Justice Policy at the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and as Counsel to the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety. In that capacity, she advises the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety on juvenile justice related issues and implements the Governor's juvenile justice agenda; provides interagency coordination of juvenile justice policy; develops and implements strategic juvenile justice policy with the New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG); and staffs additional efforts to support the needs of youth transitioning out of the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Before coming to DCJS, Ms. Greene served as Assistant Deputy Counsel at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and as counsel to the New York State Assembly committees on children and families and social services. Ms. Greene has also spent time representing young people in court proceedings, first running a legal services program for homeless youth at Covenant House and then as an attorney for children. She received her J.D. in June of 1998 from Harvard Law School and a BA in Psychology and Political Science in 1994 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

*LARA HERSCOVITCH, Deputy Director, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance*

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LARA HERSCOVITCH, deputy director of the Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance, brings extensive experience in nonprofit program and policy development, in the U.S. and overseas. She has been with the Alliance for the past five years, part of the team that successfully advocated for raising the age of the state's juvenile jurisdiction from 16 to 18 and is working with multiple state actors to develop models that reduce school-based arrests. Previously, she oversaw grant-making and nonprofit capacity building for a Connecticut community foundation, and worked in education/literacy and youth development programs for Save the

Children/US, primarily focusing on Latin America and Asia. Ms. Herscovitch is also an award-winning and touring singer-songwriter and former Connecticut State Troubadour, blending modern folk with blues, jazz and pop. Her most recent CD weaves in and around themes related to the civil rights crisis of the U.S. prison industrial complex ([www.ctjja.org](http://www.ctjja.org) and [www.LaraHerscovitch.com](http://www.LaraHerscovitch.com)).

*HON. JUDITH S. KAYE, former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chair, NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children*

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JUDITH S. KAYE joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as Of Counsel in February 2009. Before joining the firm, for 25 years, three months and 19 days, she served as Judge of New York State's high court, the Court of Appeals, 15 of those years as Chief Judge of the State of New York. She was the first woman named to that bench. Before her appointment, Judge Kaye was associated with Sullivan & Cromwell, IBM, and Olwine, Connelly, Chase, O'Donnell & Weyher, where she became that firm's first female partner. Her practice was essentially in the area of commercial litigation, supplemented by bar association and pro bono activities. She is a graduate of New York University School of Law (cum laude) and Barnard College.

Judge Kaye wrote notable decisions on a wide array of constitutional, statutory and common law issues. As Chief Judge she also left her mark on New York's courts as a creative reformer, centering on improvement in the jury system, the Commercial Division of the State Supreme Court, creation of streamlining procedures for permanency for children, and opening "problem-solving courts" to deal constructively with repeat offenders, offering services for drug treatment, mental health counseling and job training. She is the author of more than 200 publications, including articles on legal process, state constitutional law, women in law and professional ethics.

Her current Board service includes Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the American Arbitration Association, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution ("CPR"), Volunteers of Legal Services and the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. She also has received numerous awards recognizing her judicial and scholarly accomplishments, such as the New York State Bar Association's Gold Medal, the ABA Justice Center's John Marshal Award, the National Center for State Courts' William H. Renhquist Award for Judicial Excellence, the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Adoption Excellence Award.

Judge Kaye is the mother of three, and grandmother of seven (ranging in age from 5 to 20).

*JAIME KOPPEL, Director of Education and Youth Justice, Children's Defense Fund*

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JAIME KOPPEL is the Director of Youth & Education Justice at CDF-NY. In this role, she supports the efforts of CDF-NY's Youth Justice team, focused on ensuring meaningful education and juvenile justice reforms. Jaime has experience in the fields of child welfare and public education. While living in Honduras from 2001 - 2003, Jaime founded BECA, a nonprofit organization committed to collaborating with local communities in providing community-run, BECA-staffed and resourced bilingual schools. In addition to her nonprofit management and education experience with BECA, Jaime served as Chief of Staff for the Executive Deputy Commissioner of New York City's Administration for Children's Services. During her time with Children's Services she managed over \$3.5 million dollars in grants; was nominated for the selective NYC Management Academy and served as the agency's liaison to a not-for-profit that supports the needs of young people in foster care. In 2007, Jaime was selected as a New York City Education Pioneers Fellow. Jaime has a MPA from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). At Columbia University she was awarded the Harvey Picker Prize for Public Service for her demonstrated commitment to serving others.

*ERIC LANE, Dean and Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University*

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ERIC LANE is the Dean and Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. Dean Lane has served as the senior fellow at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, where he wrote the report (with Meg Barnette) A Report Card on New York's Civic Literacy. From 2002 to 2005, Dean Lane was special counsel to the speaker of the New York City Council. Prior roles include his service as counsel to the New York Commission on Constitutional Revision, which was created in 1993. In 1990 he chaired the New York City Task Force on Charter

Implementation, and from 1986 to 1989, he served as executive director/counsel to the historic New York City Charter Revision Commission, which was responsible for the most substantial changes in the institutions and processes of New York City government since its creation. Dean Lane also spent six years (1981-1986) as chief counsel to the New York State Senate Minority.

Dean Lane is the author of three books. His trade book (with Michael Oreskes, senior managing editor of the Associated Press) *The Genius of America: How the Constitution Saved Our Country and Why It Can Again* received favorable reviews throughout the country, and his two textbooks (with the Honorable Abner A. Mikva) on the legislative process and statutory interpretation. Dean Lane serves on the boards of the Vera Institute of Justice, the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, GrowNYC and the Columbia Land Conservancy. He is also a member of the American Law Institute and the American Bar Foundation.

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*TONI LANG, PH.D., Deputy Director, NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children*

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TONI LANG is the Deputy Director of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. The Commission's work underscores the importance of engaging youth in their permanency hearings, promotes the use of data to improve outcomes for children and families, and addresses issues related to children of incarcerated parents and the educational outcomes for children involved with the courts. A current focus is to promote school-justice partnerships – an emerging strategy to keep kids in school and out of court. Prior to coming to the Commission, Dr. Lang was the project director for the New York State KIDS COUNT initiative and the Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC) Project at the New York State Council on Children and Families. Both projects aim to advance the use of children's health and well-being indicators as tools for policy development, planning and accountability as a means to improve outcomes for children and families. While working for Cornell University, she promoted the use of a strengths-based approach when working with families. Dr. Lang received her doctorate in sociology from the University at Albany, a Masters in Public Health in epidemiology from the University at Albany and a Bachelor of Science in social work from New York Institute of Technology at Old Westbury.

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*DONNA LIEBERMAN, ESQ., Executive Director, New York Civil Liberties Union*

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DONNA LIEBERMAN has been Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union since December 2001. She previously served as Associate Director from 1988 to 1993 and founder/director of the NYCLU Reproductive Rights Project from 1990 to 2000.

Under Lieberman's leadership, the NYCLU has expanded the scope and depth of its work, supplementing the pursuit of litigation with an aggressive legislative advocacy and a field organizing program. As a result, the organization is widely recognized as the state's leading voice for freedom, justice and equality - advocating for those whose rights and liberties have been denied, especially for those most marginalized by society.

Lieberman began her public interest legal career as a criminal defense lawyer in the South Bronx office of the Legal Aid Society, and she later acted as Executive Director of the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys. She served on the faculty of the Urban Legal Studies Program at City College for nearly a decade.

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*HON. JONATHAN LIPPMAN, Chief Judge of the State of New York*

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JUDGE LIPPMAN was appointed to serve as the Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in February 2009 by Governor David A. Paterson. In that capacity, he presides over New York's highest court while heading a statewide court system with a more than \$2 billion budget, nearly 3,400 state and locally paid judges, and over 15,000 non-judicial employees in more than 350 locations around the State.

During his tenure on the Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Lippman has authored major decisions addressing constitutional, statutory and common law issues shaping the law of New York, the contours of state government and the lives of all New Yorkers. As the State's Chief Judge he has championed equal access to justice issues and taken the leadership role in obtaining state funding for civil legal services for the poor and ensuring an adequate level of indigent criminal defense services. In response to the foreclosure crisis, Chief Judge Lippman instituted new filing requirements and special foreclosure calendars to ensure that foreclosure cases are handled

efficiently and fairly. The Chief Judge has spearheaded legislative and practice reforms to address the systemic causes of wrongful convictions. He has championed juvenile justice reforms to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York to 18 years of age and established adolescent diversion courts toward that end. Most recently, Chief Judge Lippman made New York the first state in the country to require 50 hours of law-related, uncompensated pro bono work prior to bar admission.

Prior to his appointment as Chief Judge, Judge Lippman was the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, beginning in May 2007. In that capacity, he dramatically reduced the court's pending backlogs and served on the Administrative Board of the Courts, the policy and rule making body of the New York State Court System.

Chief Judge Lippman's career in the court system spans four decades, starting as an entry level court attorney in Supreme Court and including service as a law clerk in Supreme Court and Surrogate's Court, Principal Court Attorney for Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term, Chief Clerk and Executive Officer of that court, and Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Management of the statewide court system.

In 1995, he was appointed as a Judge of the New York Court of Claims by Governor George E. Pataki, who subsequently reappointed him to a full nine-year term on that court in 1998. In 2005, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District. He also served as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts.

From January 1996 to May 2007, he served, by appointment of then Chief Judge Judith Kaye, as the Chief Administrative Judge of all New York State Courts. As the longest tenured Chief Administrative Judge in state history, Judge Lippman played a central role in many far-reaching reforms of New York's Judiciary and legal profession, including community courts, drug courts, domestic violence courts, and other problem-solving courts; specialized commercial and matrimonial parts; overhauling the state's jury system; opening Family Court to the public; and adopting new rules governing fiduciary appointments; mandatory continuing legal education, attorney-client fee dispute arbitration, and written letters of engagement.

Judge Lippman served on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Judges, and a former President of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and Vice-Chair of the Board of the National Center for State Courts. In 2008, Judge Lippman received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, presented each year by the nation's Chief Justice to a state court judge who exemplifies the highest level of judicial excellence, integrity, fairness, and professional ethics. Judge Lippman lectures frequently in New York and around the country, has published numerous articles and essays, and has received many awards and honors from the legal community.

Jonathan Lippman received his B.A. in 1965 from New York University and his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1968.

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*RUKIA LUMUMBA, J.D., Director, Youth Advocacy Services, Center for Community Alternatives*

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MS. LUMUMBA has a J.D. from Howard University and was a 2011 Fellow of the National Juvenile Justice Network Youth Justice Leadership Institute and a 2011 Lead the Way Fellow of the NYU Wagner Women of Color Policy Network. Ms. Lumumba was also a recipient of scholarships from the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, and the Dominican Bar Association. She has been employed with CCA since 2008 prior to which she was a program director for Parent Watch Inc. in Washington DC where she developed and supervised assisted in the opening of the first Parent Resource Center in Washington, D.C. detention center. While at Parent Watch, Ms. Lumumba also convened the District's Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee. Ms. Lumumba has also clerked for the Public Defenders Juvenile Service Program of the District of Columbia where she represented detained youth against institutional violations. Her previous work experiences have also included coordinator of the Katrina On Ground Initiative which brought over 700 college students to Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi to provide relief support.

*KAVITHA MEDIRATTA, Program Executive, The Atlantic Philanthropies*

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KAVITHA MEDIRATTA is a program executive at The Atlantic Philanthropies and is responsible for the foundation's grant making to reform school discipline policies nationally. Mediratta served previously as program officer for education at The New York Community Trust and before that, spent more than a decade working with grassroots youth and community groups to improve the New York City public schools. Mediratta is the author of numerous publications, including *Community Organizing for Stronger Schools: Strategies and Successes* (Harvard Education Press, 2009). She has received several awards for her work, including the prestigious Warren Weaver fellowship at the Rockefeller Foundation and the Aspen Institute's nonprofit research fellowship. She has taught in public and private schools in the U.S. and India.

*PAUL MELLER, PH.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Hofstra University and Director, Institute for Family Forensic Psychology*

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PAUL J. MELLER, PH.D. is an Associate Professor at Hofstra University, where he is the Director of the Institute for Family Forensic Psychology, and the Assistant Director of the doctoral training program in School-Community Psychology. He earned his doctorate at Syracuse University in School and Developmental Psychology in 1988. He has published over 20 articles, three books, and more than 100 conference presentations. In addition, he has authored or co-authored several programs for at-risk children and families including, the Enhance Social Competence Program, PEACE for Kids, PEACE (revised program), Project FRED. He has consulted with numerous school districts and Head Start programs throughout New York State regarding the development, implementation and evaluation of programs to prevent school adjustment difficulties in children. Recently, Dr. Meller has been very active in providing court-referred services to families of Long Island. Over forty-five different Supreme Court Justices and Family Court Judges have appointed him as a psychologist. He has held leadership positions in numerous state and national professional organizations including Co-Director of Suffolk County PEACE program, founding member of the New York Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, founding member of the Parenting Coordinators Association of New York, and member of the Executive Board of the New York Association of School Psychologists.

*PROFESSOR ANDREW SCHEPARD, Max Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Children, Families and the Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University*

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ANDREW SCHEPARD is Professor of Law, Hofstra University School of Law and the Director of Hofstra University's Center for Children, Families and the Law. Professor Schepard is the editor of the *Family Court Review* and the author of *Children, Courts and Custody: Interdisciplinary Models for Divorcing Families* (Cambridge University Press 2004). He has written many law review articles in family law and alternative dispute resolution. Professor Schepard writes the Law and Children column for the *New York Law Journal*. He is a member of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children and a founding member of the American Bar Association's Commission on Youth at Risk. Professor Schepard has received numerous awards from the American Bar Association and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts for his work with families and children in conflict. Professor Schepard is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

He is a 1972 graduate of Harvard Law School, where he served as Articles Editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, served as a Law Clerk to former Chief Judge James L. Oakes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

*SUSAN SEAWOOD, Buffalo Promise Zone Coordinator*

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SUSAN SEAWOOD joined the South Buffalo Promise Zone initiative as Coordinator in 2011. After spending 8 years in various child and family related positions, including home based mental health treatment with children and families, supervised visitation, intake coordinator for a large foster care agency, teaching a parenting curriculum, and serving as a Clinical Team Leader, she has enjoyed moving into a macro role. Susan supervises 6 school-based student/family resource centers, modeled after the Closing the Gap in Student Performance Consortium and the Community Schools model.

*RUSSELL SKIBA, PH.D., Professor and Director of the Equity Project at the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy at Indiana University*

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RUSSELL SKIBA, PH.D. is a Professor in the School Psychology program at Indiana University. He has worked with schools across the country in the areas of disproportionality, school discipline, and school violence, has been project director or principal coordinator on numerous federal and state grants, and has published extensively in the areas of school violence, zero tolerance, and equity in education. Skiba is currently Director of the Equity Project, a consortium of research projects offering evidence-based information to educators and policymakers on equity in special education and school discipline. He was a member of the writing team that produced the U.S. Department of Education's document on school safety *Early Warning, Timely Response*, and a member and lead author of the American Psychological Association's Task Force on Zero Tolerance. Skiba has testified before the United States Civil Rights Commission, spoken before both Houses of Congress on issues of school discipline and school violence, and in 2008, acted as a special consultant to OSEP on issues of disproportionality and equity in special education. He was awarded the Push for Excellence Award by the Rainbow Coalition/Operation PUSH for his work on African American disproportionality in school suspension. His article *Race is Not Neutral*, recently won the Article of the Year award for the journal *School Psychology Review* in 2011. In his current research, he is seeking to implement a statewide network of culturally responsive positive behavior supports to address issues of disciplinary disproportionality, and conducting case study research to better understand the factors that contribute to racial and ethnic over-representation in suspension and expulsion.

*KIM SWEET, Executive Director, Advocates for Children of New York*

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KIM SWEET is the Executive Director of Advocates for Children of New York (AFC), a not-for-profit organization that promotes access to quality education for all children in New York City's schools. She leads a staff of 48 attorneys and education specialists and oversees a wide range of projects focusing primarily on the educational rights and needs of the children the school system often overlooks – children with disabilities, English Language Learners, children who are homeless, and children involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. At AFC, Ms. Sweet has served on a number of task forces, coalitions, and commissions, including the Commission on School Governance established by the Public Advocate for the City of New York in 2008.

Ms. Sweet came to AFC following ten years with New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), where she most recently held the title of Associate General Counsel. While at NYLPI, Ms. Sweet and a colleague from the New York State Commission on Quality of Care started Parents for Inclusive Education (PIE), a group of parents, educators, and advocates who came together to advocate for more inclusive educational options in New York City's schools. After more than a decade, PIE continues to make a unique and valuable contribution to the formation of special education policy in the City.

After graduating law school, Ms. Sweet clerked for the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Jr., District Court Judge of the Southern District of New York, and worked as a litigator at the firm of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP. Ms. Sweet holds a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

Ms. Sweet is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cahn Fellows Program at Teachers College, Columbia University. She also taught for two years as an adjunct professor in the Urban Law Clinic of New York Law School.

*HON. STEVEN C. TESKE, Chief Judge, Juvenile Court, Clayton County, GA*

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JUDGE TESKE was appointed to the bench in 1999. He earned his Bachelors, Masters, and Juris Doctor degrees from Georgia State University. He was Chief Parole Officer in Atlanta, Deputy Director of Field Services for the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and Trial attorney in the law firm of Boswell & Teske LLP. He also served as Special Assistant Attorney General prosecuting child abuse and neglect cases and representing state employees and agencies in state and federal cases.

He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia admitted to practice before the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He has written several articles on juvenile justice reform published in the *Juvenile and Family Law Journal*, *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*, *Juvenile Justice and Family Today*, and the *Georgia Bar Journal*. His book, *Reform Juvenile Justice Now*, is a collection of essays on juvenile justice issues.

Teske has testified before Congress on detention reform and before several state legislatures on detention reform and zero tolerance policies. The Governor has appointed him to the Children and Youth Coordinating Council, Governor's Office for Children and Families, DJJ Judicial Advisory Council, Georgia Commission on Family Violence, and the Georgia Criminal Justice Reform Council. Teske is on the Board of the Coalition of Juvenile Justice. He has served on the Federal Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice which advises the President and Congress on juvenile justice issues. The Governor recently appointed Judge Teske to the Criminal Justice Reform Council established by Executive Order to recommend reforms in the juvenile justice system.

He is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and past president of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges.

He has received numerous awards including the Atlanta Journal Constitution Hero of Open Government Award, Georgia Association of Homes for Children Leadership Award, Judge Romae T. Powell Award for Outstanding Service to the Community, Georgia Juvenile Services Association Howard K. Ables Award, National Association of Legal Services Scales of Justice Award for Outstanding Professionalism, and the NAACP Community Service Award.

His work to reform juvenile justice has been featured in numerous media outlets including the *New York Times*, *NPR*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *The Nation*, *Washington Post* and the *CBS Evening News*. He is regular contributor for *Juvenile Justice Information Exchange* ([www.JJIE.org](http://www.JJIE.org)) and *Youth Today*.

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*MERRYL TISCH, ED.D., Chancellor, New York State Board of Regents*

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MERRYL H. TISCH was appointed to the New York State Board of Regents on April 1, 1996 and reelected to five year terms on April 1, 2001 and April 1, 2006. She was elected Vice Chancellor by her colleagues effective April 1, 2007 and was elected Chancellor by her colleagues effective April 1, 2009. Chancellor Tisch brings to her appointment many years of experience in the fields of education, community service, and philanthropy.

Chancellor Tisch is chairperson of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. With an annual budget of \$100 million, Met Council has gained national recognition for its work in the areas of youth and family services, housing, poverty programs, and neighborhood preservation. Previously, she served as chairperson of the Mt. Sinai Children's Center Foundation.

Chancellor Tisch serves on the executive committees of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy and the Citizens Budget Commission. Additionally, she serves on the board of The Trust for Cultural Resources of the City of New York, the Graduate School of Education's Board of Overseers at the University of Pennsylvania, Learning Leaders, and the Sesame Workshop.

From 1977 to 1984, Chancellor Tisch taught first-graders at New York City's Ramaz School and the B'nai Jeshurun School. She received a B.A. from Barnard College, an M.A. in Education from New York University, and an Ed.D from Teacher's College, Columbia University.

MARSHA WEISSMAN is the founder and Executive Director of the Center for Community Alternatives. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University. Under her leadership, the Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) has developed model alternative-to-incarceration programs for young people in the juvenile justice system as well as men and women in the criminal justice system. Justice Strategies, CCA's policy initiative draws upon CCA's direct service experience to advance justice and criminal justice system reform.

Dr. Weissman has testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions Health on the problem of the "school to prison pipeline" and ways to reduce school suspension and expulsions. In 2008, Dr. Weissman along with youth from CCA's juvenile justice programs, testified before the U.N. Committee to End Racial Discrimination about the problem of racial disparities in school suspension and juvenile justice system.

Dr. Weissman is the author of several publications related to mass incarceration including "The Use of Criminal History Records in College Admissions: Reconsidered" and "Aspiring to the Impracticable: Alternatives to Incarceration in the Era of Mass Incarceration," *New York University Law School Review of Law and Social Change*, 33 2009." She is currently completing a book "Prelude to Prison: Youth Perspectives on the School-to-Prison Pipeline" which will be published later this year.

Dr. Weissman serves on several boards including the Sentencing Project, the New York State Defenders Association and the National Hire Network. She was also a member of the New York State Task Force on Transforming Juvenile Justice.

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