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NINTH JD WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE HONORABLE KATHIE E. DAVIDSON



Above: Honorable Kathie E. Davidson, Administrative Judge; Press Release on Appointment of Judge Davidson (click image to open press release)

As the new Administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me. I have been the Supervising Judge of the Family Courts in the District since 2004 and I am quickly getting up to speed on all of our other courts. To that end I welcome your insight and input. I have an open door policy and am interested in your ideas to improve operational productivity and case resolution time as well as employee job satisfaction and morale. Over the next few months I will be visiting courts throughout the District and I look forward to having an opportunity to meet you. If there are special events in your court or county, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kathie E. Davidson
Administrative Judge

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT APPOINTS NEW SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURTS HONORABLE JOSEPH A. EGITTO



Joseph A. Egitto is a family court judge elected in Dutchess County in 2013. Prior to his election, he was a partner in the firm of Wolfson, Greller & Egitto, a family law, matrimonial and criminal law and civil litigation law firm in Poughkeepsie. He was also a town justice in the Town of LaGrange, where he routinely presided over cases involving domestic violence and youthful offenders. As an attorney, he had over 28 years of experience handling primarily family law and matrimonial cases from New York City and Long Island to Warren County, New York. He was once admitted *pro hac vice* to represent a client in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

In family court, he represented litigants and children in various cases including juvenile delinquency, custody, visitation, support, family offenses, abuse and neglect cases, PINS and diversion matters and enforcement proceedings. Prior to his election to family court, Judge Egitto spent virtually his entire professional career trying cases and representing litigants (on both sides) and children in every type of case that came before the Family Court. In addition to his extensive trial experience, he also represented litigants and children on appeal.

Judge Egitto was among just a handful of lawyers in the mid-Hudson area qualified for the Capital Defender Panel, a former panel of lawyers specially trained to represent defendants charged with crimes that could result in the imposition of the death penalty. He was a guest lecturer at Dutchess Community College on the court system and a past presenter on the Penal Law, Article 35, on the justification for the use of deadly force, at the New York State Probation Officers Association annual conference.

Judge Egitto is a member of the New York State Family Court Judges Association, New York State Magistrates Association, the Dutchess County Magistrates Association, and the New York State Bar Association the Dutchess County Bar Association and the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association.

Judge Egitto has been married to his wife, Teri Egitto, BSN, MBA, for 17 years and is step-father to their two children, Christopher, 26 and Alyssa, 23. Teri is the Director of Perioperative Services at Nyack Hospital.

Judge Egitto has extensive community involvement as well. He was an assistant coach for girls' youth softball in LaGrange from 2004 to 2006 and an assistant coach for the Town of Beekman Women's Softball organization from 2004 to 2007. Judge Egitto and his wife have supported the Arlington High School Orchestra and Marching Band, Family Services, The Grace Smith House and the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. They have also supported the Dutchess Divas girls travel softball club and have sat on its board from 2009 to 2010. Joe and Teri have also supported the Empire State Huskies and the USA Lady Hawks girls travel softball organizations as well as numerous other charities.

Joe and his family are members of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Church in Lagrangeville, New York.

Regina Coleman Receives Prestigious Award

Regina Coleman is the Resource Coordinator for the Westchester County Diversion Court. She received the Sherri Lintz statewide award in Saratoga Springs in March for excellence as a drug court professional.

The award was presented at the annual training seminar. Regina is the second person from the Westchester County Problem Solving Unit to receive the award. Hope Angarola who works with the White Plains City Drug Court received it last year. Congratulations Regina!



Pictured above: Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Administrative Judge; Betty Campbell, Westchester Commissioner of Jurors; Regina Coleman, Case Manager; Hon. Susan M. Capeci



Welcome New CASA Volunteers



Orange County's newest CASA volunteers are photographed with the family court judges they will work with:

Standing left, Justice Carol S. Klein and right, Justice Christine P. Krahulik and Justice Victoria B. Campbell.

Back row: Vincent Crescenzo, Alyssa Freeman, Kiana Hambric, Gwendolyn Frenzel and Jami Waite,

Front row: CASA program director Chelsea Paterson, Christina Gilot, Tammy Eckert, Jessica Sherwood, Ann McGuinness and RoseMarie Mastrocola.

Orange County's newest Court Appointed Special Assistants (CASA) were sworn in on Valentine's Day by three Family Court Judges: **Carol S. Klein, Christine P. Krahulik and Victoria B. Campbell.**

The CASA training began in December at the Dispute Resolution Center, a nonprofit agency under which CASA in Orange and Sullivan counties operate.

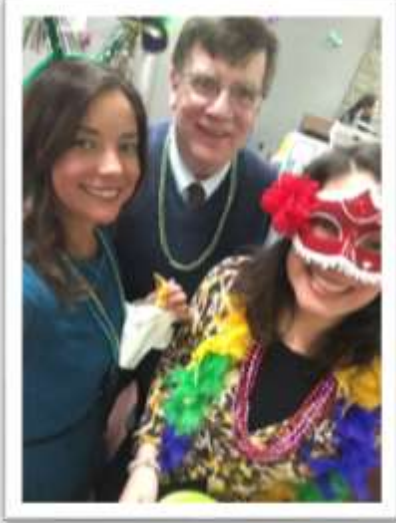
The judges assign CASA volunteers to children who have been placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. The volunteers support what is in the best interest of the child by monitoring court orders and reporting on the progress of the child to the judges in Family Court proceedings.

New volunteers are **Vincent Crescenzo, Tammy Eckert, Gwendolyn Frenzel, Christina Gilot, Klana Hambric, RoseMarie Mastrocola, Ann McGuinness, Jessica Sherwood and Jami Waite.**

Also attending the ceremony were supervisors in the CASA program: **Chelsea Paterson**, CASA program director; **Manny Sepulveda**, CASA coordinator of Orange County, and **Alyssa Freeman**, CASA of Sullivan County.

To volunteer or for information, contact **Donna Ramlow** at 372-8771, ext. 5003, or visit www.drcservices.org

Mardi Gras Celebration Yonkers City Court



The City Court of Yonkers held its 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Celebration on February 15, 2018. Tons of delicious pot luck food was prepared by our amazing staff. A spectacular array of mouth-watering desserts were mostly homemade. A huge thank you to all the staff members who worked before and after work, and during their lunch hour to decorate, set-up, serve and clean-up.

The event turned out to be a huge success with lots of laughs, music, coins, beads and a masquerade contest. The judges of the contest were Hon. Thomas Quinones and Hon. Thomas R. Daly. The winner was Sgt. Brian Byrne.



Sweets Heart Day Putnam County

On February 13th Putnam Surrogate's Court hosted its 6th Annual Sweets Heart Day. Tables were decorated with delicious home baked goodies, baked with love by the staff and included lots of cookies, fudge, and cakes. There were even sweets for those choosing a healthier alternative with gluten free, vegetables and low sugar items! Let's not forget our Candy Table which included Conversation Hearts, M&Ms, Red Hots, Twizzlers, Kisses and lots more. We hope that all who attended were able to fill their sweet tooth at our Sweets Heart Day tradition.



Pictured Left to Right-Front Row:

Marietta Conigliaro, Surrogate's Court, Linda Schwark, Chief Clerk Surrogate's Court, Hon. James T. Rooney, Hon. Kathie Davidson, Administrative Judge, Barbara Dolan, Surrogate's Court, Lisa D'Angelo, Chief Clerk Supreme Court, Irene Muller, Deputy Chief Clerk Surrogate's Court

Pictured Left to Right – Back Row: Donna Moran, Putnam Jurors, Hon. Victor Grossman, Hon. John W. Sweeney, Hon. Janet Malone, Rudy Guigliano Commissioner of Jurors



Pictured left to right: Hon. James T. Rooney, Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Administrative Judge, Barbara Dolan, Surrogate's Court, Lisa D'Angelo, Chief Clerk Supreme Court

Sweets Heart Day Putnam County



Pictured: Rudy Guigliano, Putnam Commissioner of Jurors with the granddaughter of Karen O'Connor, retired Chief Clerk of Putnam Supreme, County and Family Courts



The sweets were plentiful at Sweets Heart Day in Putnam



Orange County Family Court



In keeping with the Irish spirit, we had a wonderful St. Patrick's themed luncheon for the Orange County Family Court staff on Friday March 9th. Chief Clerk Elizabeth Holbrook and Deputy Chief Ric Deacon supplied the food and drinks, including delicious corned beef sandwiches and wraps, as a small token of appreciation and gratitude to the staff for all they do. Family Court Judge Carol Klein's principal Court Attorney, Lisa Noroian was instrumental in the planning and supplied the decorations. Several of the court staff, including Family Court Judge Christine Krahulik, supplied amazing baked goods for dessert. There were a couple of leprechaun sightings and a fun time was had by all because as the Irish proverb says "*Laughter is brightest where food is best*".

Orange County Family Court



Judge Christine Krahulik with her "Car Bomb Cupcakes" Elizabeth Holbrook & Judge Carol Klein



Debra Osborne, Michael Kane & Kathleen Serkes

Brownie Troop Visits Dutchess Surrogate's Court

On March 28th Erica DeTraglia, Chief Clerk of Dutchess Surrogate's Court, welcomed her daughter's Brownie Troop 10006 to the courthouse where they watched Judge Pagonos' Surrogate calendar, toured the Surrogate offices and visited Judge Acker's courtroom and chambers.



Above left: Brownie Troop 10006 with Judge Acker; Above right: Erica's daughter Amelia is pictured right of Judge Pagonos



Ninth JD Wellness

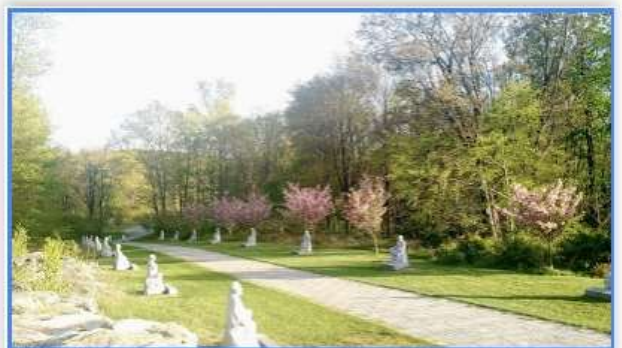
The Unified Court System has seen a great deal of change over the last decade. The uptick in filings, new initiatives, the increased public need for assistance, coupled with the reduction in staffing has been a challenge for employees on all levels. This has created working environments that can strain not only the emotional well-being but the physical well-being of staff and management alike.

With this in mind, our District Executive Nancy Barry has formed a Wellness Committee in hopes of mitigating some of the effects of this day-to-day stress on employees. Drawing from the inspiration of the 7th Judicial District, the 9th District intends to offer a wide range of wellness events ranging from guest speakers on nutrition and fitness, to onsite yoga, to social mixers and team building events.

All employees are encouraged to join and/or make recommendations to the committee so that we can incorporate a broad range of events. Please email the committee at 9jdwellnesscommittee@nycourts.gov with your ideas.

Hike at Chuang Yen Buddhist Monastery

There will be a tour, luncheon, and hike of the grounds at the Chuang Yen Buddhist Monastery in Putnam County sometime in May or early June. Official announcement forthcoming.



Ninth JD Wellness

Rockland Fit Bit Crew

Rockland Campus is working on moving with our own Fitbit challenges. We take no mercy - in it to win it. We had top winners over 100,000 steps. It's a great motivation, we all admit that it gets us moving.



Pictured left to right: AnneMarie Ambrose, Sr. Court Office Assistant, Supreme and Co. Court; Anna Farrell, Sr. PC Analyst; Cindy Dillon, Court Assistant, Supreme and Co. Court; Rachel O'Reilly, Court Analyst, Supreme, County and Surrogate Court; and Sandy Palughi, Secretary to the Hon. Rolf Thorsen

Missing from picture are: Nancy J. Barry, Esq., District Executive; Colleen Downing McMorrow, Court Officer; and Maureen Geraghty, Court Officer

Orange County Steps Challenge



Debbie Collins, SCOA Orange Family Court was the winner of their steps Challenge, she walked 279 miles.

The Challenge members walked a total of 1698 miles, the equivalent of walking from Goshen to Burdock, South Dakota!

Enthusiasm for the Wellness program continues!

Acts of Kindness

Court Officer Kathryn Scriven, Orange County Surrogates Court generously donated her time and talent to crochet over 20 beautiful hats for children undergoing cancer treatment at Sloan Kettering Hospital.

Thank you Kathryn!



Best Wishes



Congratulations to Margarita C. Marcano (Senior Court Office Assistant Orange Supreme Court) and her Fiancé Johnnie C. Ruiz, who will be getting married on June 2, 2018. They have known each other for 35+ years and just reconnected 4 years ago. We wish them a long, happy and healthy marriage.

Birthdays

The 13th floor of Westchester Supreme and County Court celebrated Judge Colangelo's birthday on April 11th. Many employees attended to celebrate with him. We wish Judge Colangelo a very Happy Birthday!!



The Administrative Judge's Office was proud to celebrate the birthday of Sr. Court Office Assistant Nicholas Hudak on February 1st. Nick has been with the court system since 2006 and anyone that meets Nick know that his positive attitude and bright smile makes everyone who

comes in contact with him feel better. "Nick is an exceptional employee and a pleasure to be around. Nick is dedicated to his job and is always willing to help out where needed. No matter the task, nothing is too small or too big for Nick to do and to do with a smile" said District executive Nancy Barry.

Westchester Supreme gathered to wish Maureen DeTone a very Happy Birthday

Pictured at right:

Linda Longhitano, SCOA;

Maureen Detone, Deputy Chief Clerk Westchester Supreme;

Lisa Dorman, Principal Law Clerk; Honorable John P. Colangelo;

Barbara Olsen, Senior Court Clerk



New Arrivals



Sarah Yaakovah Friedman

Paul and Melanie Friedman were blessed with this beautiful baby on January 12, 2018. Paul is a Senior Court Clerk, Yonkers City Court, Melanie is a Senior Court Office Assistant, Westchester Supreme & County, and proud grandma Vivian Friedman is a Senior Court Analyst, Administrative Judge's Office.



Matthew Henry Shaffer

On January 24, 2018 at 7:03 pm, Kathie and Brian Shaffer became the proud parents of Matthew Henry Shaffer (7 lbs., 12.2 ounces, 20 inches). Brian is the Assistant Law Clerk to the Hon. Sandra Sciortino, Orange County Supreme Court. The Judge and her staff hosted a celebration of this happy event on February 13th.

Congratulations Katie and Brian!

New Arrivals



Arianna Kanelopoulos

Arianna Athena was born on February 27th at 9:01 am, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 in. She has a full head of black hair and beautiful blue eyes. Everyone says she looks like daddy, so I am happy she has blue eyes so everyone will know I'm her mom! Her middle name is in honor of her great-grandmother on her daddy's side, who will be 103 years old this year. Arianna has a very sweet disposition thus far. She loves to snuggle. She loves baths, especially when the warm water is poured over her head. And she loves when daddy sings Elvis or country songs to her, or when I sing "You Are My Sunshine". She doesn't cry too much; she squeaks/squawks more, which is when we call her an angry chicken. I started calling her my little monkey when she was in my belly because she would move around so much, so that has also stuck. Diamond, our 14 lb. Jack Russell Chihuahua mix, immediately assumed the role of guardian when we brought Arianna home. She's very protective of her and will growl at anyone who visits and gets close to her "sister." We continue to look at her with such awe and are so grateful to experience this love.

Vanessa & Steve Kanelopoulos

Vanessa is a Court Analyst in the Administrative Judge's Office.

New Arrivals



Dean Salerno

Dean was born on 3/17/18 at 6:34AM to Stephanie DeTone Salerno and Michael Salerno of Middletown, New Jersey.

Proud Grandma and Grandpa, Maureen and John DeTone (this is my 5th grandchild) with one more on the way in August, 2018.

Maureen DeTone
Deputy Chief Clerk
Westchester Supreme and County Court



Sophia Elliana Siegel

Introducing Sophia Elliana Siegel---born March 21, 2018.

Parents: Nanette and David Siegel. David is my son---the baby of my 3 children ☺. This is their 1st child. They live in Des Moines, IA and they are all doing beautifully.

Robin Siegel
Deputy Chief Clerk
Middletown City Court

Retirements

Congratulations and best wishes to our retirees:

Meredith Ferguson – Middletown City Court

Patrick Lupo – Yonkers City Court

Elizabeth Winkelman – Westchester Supreme and County Court

Carol Kuczinski – Westchester Supreme and County Court

Cynthia Lenahan – Westchester Supreme and County Court

Laurie Pellitteri – Orange Supreme and County Court



Thank you for all your years of service!!!

A Fond Farewell Westchester Supreme and County Court



After 37.89 years, Senior Court Reporter Elizabeth Winkelman is "Going off the Record" for good. On 4/18/18, the Judges and staff came together for a farewell breakfast. We are all in agreement that Liz will be sorely missed. We wish her well and a Happy & Healthy Retirement!



Orange Supreme and County Court

On April 18, 2018, Laurie Pellitteri, Sr. Court Reporter, retired after over 30 years of an outstanding career in the Supreme and County Court of Orange County. Our love and best wishes to Laurie on this new chapter of her life!



Upcoming Events

Rockland Fundraiser BBQ

Rockland courts are holding a fundraising event for Brendan Maguire, son of Ellen Maguire, Senior Court Reporter in Putnam (formerly Rockland) who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer. All proceeds will be donated to the family. Join coworkers and friends for a night out to benefit a great cause. For more information, contact Anna Farrell by email at afar516@gmail.com



Friday, May 11th

5:00 Group photo with Support Tee Shirt – Front Courthouse Steps

5:30-9:30 Pearl River Elks
 2041 Elks Drive
 Nanuet, NY

*Donations
 Gladly Accepted*

*50/50's Available
 \$1.00 each*

BBQ: \$50.00

Kids Under 17- \$15.00

Children 5 and Under Free

Food & Drinks for 4 Hours

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sliced Steak, Fried Chicken, Sausage & Peppers,
 Beer, Wine & Soda

Volleyball, Corn Hole & Horseshoes

BRING THE FAMILY!!

Support Brendan Tee Shirt Available - \$20.00

Payment
 BBQ
 due
 May 4th



Shirt Order due
 by
 April 25th

Cash or Checks Accepted – Chief Clerk's Office

Upcoming Events

Five Hour Moonlight Cruise

Date: Friday July 20th 7pm-12am (boarding will begin at 6:30pm)

Location: Klondike Boat Yard
78 Fort Slocum Road
New Rochelle, NY 10805

Price: \$110.00 per person which includes the following:

Antipasto

Hot/Cold Buffet

Beer, Wine, Soda

Coffee and dessert

DJ

Free Parking

Come sail with us down the East River to the Statue of Liberty and back.
We will dance and sail the night away.

If you are planning on joining us, please RSVP to me by Wednesday
May 9th so I can save you a spot. Space is limited.

Paulette Salcito 914-824-5785 office, 914-525-5078 cell, or email
psalcito@nycourts.gov

Thank You for Your Service

Welcome Home LT Barry



I am relieved to announce that my son, LT Kevin J. Barry, Jr. is home from his deployment in Afghanistan. It was a long nine months and I am happy to have him back in the USA. My husband and I were so excited to welcome him home to Ft. Bragg, NC on March 12th and along with hugs and tears, I was happy to share with him some fresh NY bagels and cannoli from Arthur Avenue. I am happy to be

able to sleep at night now. Kevin will be promoted to Captain on May 1st. Thank you to everyone for the warm wishes, thoughts and prayers for his safety. Please, remember our soldiers and first responders.

Student Law Interns Wanted

The Judicial Internship Program for the Ninth District is now accepting applications for the 2018 Summer Program commencing June 4, 2018 and ending July 13, 2018. Typically, the program is open to first and second year law students but we have also accepted bright and mature college and high school students. If you have a family member who is a law student and is interested in learning about the courts in the Ninth Judicial District, please have them apply to the program. Applications can be sent via e-mail to James Garfein jgarfein@nycourts.gov and should include a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, writing sample and your recommendation. The legal internship program is a great way for students to learn about the judiciary and to participate in the important work we do every day.



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