

THE FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS JUDICIAL COMMISSION
and
THE APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH DEPARTMENTS
in collaboration with
THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL ASSOCIATION of NYS, INC.

Present

A Continuing Legal Education Webinar Entitled:

Attorneys for Children & Assigned Counsel
A Lawyer's Role in Promoting Justice for Children and Families

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

12:00 p.m.

Welcome Remarks

- **Hon. Shirley Troutman**
Associate Justice
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Co-Chair, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission
Buffalo, NY

12:05 p.m.

Overview of the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission

- **Hon. Shirley Troutman**
Associate Justice
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Co-Chair, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission
Buffalo, NY
- **Hon. Troy K. Webber**
Associate Justice
Appellate Division, First Department
Co-Chair, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission
New York, NY

12:15 p.m.

***General Overview of the Attorneys for Children Program
Statewide***

- **Linda J. Kostin, Esq.**
Director, Attorneys for Children Program
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester, NY

12:20 p.m.

***Perspectives on Running a Small Public Interest Business as a
Solo Practice***

- **Yusuf El Ashmawy, Esq.**
Panel Attorney for the Child/Assigned Counsel for Adults
First Department, New York County
New York, NY

12:35 p.m.

Fusing the Public and Private Sector in a Diversified Law Practice

- **Fredericka P. Bashir, Esq.**
Panel Attorney for the Child/Assigned Counsel for Adults
Second Department, Kings County
Brooklyn, NY

How Our Unique Backgrounds Contribute to a Talented, Dedicated and Vibrant Panel of Attorneys

- **Maria V. De La Cruz, Esq.**
Panel Attorney for the Child/Assigned Counsel for Adults
Second Department, Queens County
Queens, NY

12:50 p.m.

Zealous Advocacy by the Attorney for the Child

- **Jaya L. Connors, Esq.**
Assistant Professor of Law and
Director of Field Placement Programs
Albany Law School
Panel Attorney for the Child/Assigned Counsel for Adults
Third Department, Albany County
Albany, NY

1:05 p.m.

A Day in the Life of an Attorney for the Child - Challenges and Rewards of AFC Practice

- **Marissa Hill Washington, Esq.**
Panel Attorney for the Child/Assigned Counsel for Adults
Fourth Department, Erie County
Buffalo, NY

1:20 p.m.

A Judicial Perspective of AFC and Assigned Counsel Representation

- **Hon. Cheryl A. Joseph**
Supervising Judge for Matrimonial Matters
Supreme Court, Suffolk County
Central Islip, NY

1:25 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Pathway to Becoming an AFC/Building Your Own Practice Through AFC and Assigned Counsel Assignments

- **Hon. Shahabuddeen Ally, Moderator**
Supervising Judge
New York County Civil Part
Civil Court of the City of New York
New York, NY

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2:15 p.m.

Conclusion

This course has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the Continuing Legal Education Board, for a maximum of two-and-a-half (2.5) credit hours of which one (1.0) credit hour can be applied toward the professional practice requirement (Family Law), one (1.0) credit hour can be applied toward the skills requirement, and one half (.5) credit hour can be applied towards the ethics and professionalism requirement. This is a transitional program suitable for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys, as newly admitted attorneys are permitted to earn skills and ethics credit in the webinar format until December 31, 2021.

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