

MAKE Friday, June 13th YOUR LUCKY DAY!!!

**Attend A One Day Curriculum
on
“The Fundamental Procedural Concepts
for
New and Experienced Family Court Practitioners”**

This program is MANDATORY for attorneys admitted less than two years and that wish to be included on the Oneida County Supplemental Assigned Counsel Program List

CLE Credits 6.5, including 5.0 Professional Practice, Ethics .5, Skills .5 and Law Practice Management .5

**Mohawk Valley Community College
IT Building
Room IT 225
1101 Sherman Drive
Utica, NY 13501**

**General Agenda: 8:30-9:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Program w/ Breaks
12:00-12:45 Catered Luncheon
12:45-4:30 Program w/ Breaks for Cookies, Soda, Water**

Presented by Oneida County Partners:

**Supplemental Assigned Counsel Program
Bar Association
Public Defender – Civil Division**

Thanks also to NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for educational grant

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 Registration – Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:25 Introduction – Indigent defense, Review of certain “seminal” cases – Frank J. Furno

9:25 – 9:35 Brief Break

9:35 – 10:20 - From the Courthouse Door To Permanency: The Legal Basics of a Child’s Journey through a Child Welfare Proceeding – Part I – Christine Sabino Kiesel

10:20 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:25 – From the Courthouse Door – Part II – Christine Sabino Kiesel

11:25 – 11:35 Break

11:35 – 12:00 – Panel Discussion - Judges and Support Magistrates of Oneida County Family Court

12:00 - 12:45 – Catered Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 – Client Centered Representation and Cornerstone Advocacy – Part I - Michele Cortese

1:45 – 1:55 – Break – Cookies, Soda, Water

1:55 – 2:55 – Client Centered Representation, Part II – Michele Cortese

2:55 – 3:05 Break

3:05 – 3:55 – Family Court Act – Article 8 - Designated Offenses and Sample Motions - Seana L. Sartori

3:55 – 4:05 – Break – Cookies, Soda, Water

4:05 – 4:30 – Supplemental Assigned Counsel Training – Kimberly Strong Flint

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REGISTRATION FEE

TO DEFRAY COSTS OF BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SNACKS

Attorney Duly Licensed to Practice In New York

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Please make check payable to: Oneida County Supplemental Assigned Counsel Program (OCSACP)

800 Park Avenue, Floor 6, Utica, NY 13501

OR Fax Form to 315-797-3047 to reserve seat, then pay at the door

Questions – Kimberly Flint, 315-793-6042 or kflint@ocgov.net

Your registration form must be received by June 2, 2014

SPEAKERS

Seana L. Sartori, Esq. – Received her J. D. from the University of Buffalo, School of Law in June 1993, where she was the recipient of the Robert J. Connelly award for excellence in trial advocacy. During law school and after, Seana worked in the Family Law Unit of Neighborhood Legal Services, in Buffalo, New York representing low-income clients in various types of family court cases: prosecuting family offense cases, custody/visitation, child support and matrimonial actions. In 1994, she continued this same work at a non-profit agency in Rochester, New York, primarily representing victims in family offense matters. Ms. Sartori joined the criminal bureau of the Monroe County Public Defender's Office in 1998, where she handled both misdemeanor and felony cases. In 2008, Seana transferred to the Family Court section of the Public Defender's Office where she currently represents both petitioners and respondents in family offense cases, and handles custody/visitation, child support, abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights matters.

Michele Cortese, Esq. – Serves as Deputy Director of the Center for Family Representation (CFR) in New York City and has held that position since November 2002. CFR is a law and policy organization that works with families where there is a risk of a child entering foster care: CFR provides legal and social work support to parents during child welfare investigations and in child protective proceedings, provides training and technical assistance to professionals working with families and participates in numerous policy initiatives to support parent engagement and family reunification at the city, state, and national level. Since joining CFR, Ms. Cortese has conducted more than 150 training sessions, and has supervised the development of interdisciplinary models of representation for parents in child welfare cases. CFR currently works with more than 1000 new parents each year and is the primary indigent defense provider in Manhattan and Queens.

In addition to representing parents, Ms. Cortese served as an Attorney for the Child (law guardian) for over a dozen years and has also represented foster care agencies in trial and appellate proceedings. Michele worked at the NYC Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Practice (JRP), as the Director of Professional Development, where she coordinated and conducted training citywide for attorney, social work, paralegal and management staff. She also served as the Attorney-In-Charge of JRP's Manhattan trial office that represented 12,000 children annually in child protective, delinquency and PINS proceedings. Ms. Cortese has been a member of the faculty of the Practicing Law Institute, the New York Judicial Institute and the Child Welfare League of America, and has written for the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law. In May 2010, Ms. Cortese received the Kathryn A. McDonald award from the New York City Bar Association for Excellence in Service to the Family Courts. Ms. Cortese is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and Colgate University.

Christine Sabino Kiesel, Esq. – is the Coordinator of the Child Welfare Court Improvement Project for New York State's Unified Court System. Prior to this position, Christine presided over a best practices permanency part in Oneida County Family Court as a Court Attorney Referee and served as a Court Attorney to two Family Court Judges in Oneida and Albany Counties. As an attorney, Christine's practice focused primarily on family law serving as First Assistant Public Defender for the Oneida County Public Defender's Civil Division, as well as acting as "Law Guardian" for many Oneida County children. Christine taught Business Law to undergraduate and graduate business students at SUNY Institute of Technology and Ithaca College. Christine received a local award entitled the "Accent on Excellence" for her work in the area of Court Improvement in Oneida County as well as for service to her community. In 2001, Christine received the National CASA Board Member of the Year Award. She regularly presents trainings both within New York State and nationally on various child welfare topics.

Kimberly Strong Flint - has served in the capacity of Contract Administrator for Oneida County since 2003 and has handled the day-to-day operations of the Supplemental Assigned Counsel Program since 2008. Her responsibilities include oversight, negotiation and execution of the County's public contracts for all departments, as well as local, state and Federal grants. Prior to her tenure at the County, Kim was the regional manager for the U.S. Census 2000 operations center, which collected and processed data for a seven county district. Kimberly received her Bachelors Degree from Keuka College, majoring in Special Education, Art and Theatre. In 2004, she earned her Masters in Public Administration from Marist College, with a concentration in public budgeting and program administration

Frank J. Furno, Esq. – Graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Utica College of Syracuse University in 1979 and earned his *Juris Doctor* from Syracuse University College of Law in 1988. Frank serves as Department Head for the Oneida County Public Defender – Civil Division and has done so since January 2004, first appointed by Oneida County Executive Joseph Griffo and re-appointed twice by current County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr.