



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER 2020

The continuing threat of the pandemic will likely keep many of us from engaging in holiday traditions in the way we have in the past. However, I hope that everyone stays safe and healthy and finds new ways to celebrate with friends and family. While anxiously anticipating the end of a year unlike any other in our lifetimes, I reflect on our collective resilience and strength through a time of relentless turbulence and tremendous loss.



Amanda B. Norejko

I am grateful for the adaptability of our Officers, Directors, Advisory Council, Committee Chairs and members who have worked hard to continue providing valuable information and social interaction for our legal community. I would like to particularly thank our Newsletter Committee co-chairs, **Gabriella Formosa** and **Katelyn M. Brack**, who have worked hard to produce interesting publications every month. I would especially like to thank our Executive Director, **Karen Lu**, who has gone above and beyond to enable us to host dozens of programs and events on our Zoom account, quickly disseminate e-blasts and press releases, maintain our events calendar, improve our website, create our Newsletter layout, and so many more tasks that keep our Association functioning seamlessly despite having to adjust all of our plans to operate in a completely virtual setting.

I am so proud of how our Association's members have given generously of their time and money to support our Association and its Foundation and to promote causes central to our mission. Despite all the uncertainty we face about our future, I feel confident that the NYWBA will continue to deliver on its commitment to its members and its core values as we look forward to the new year.

In 2020, we lost pioneers who shaped the lives of millions through their vision and courage. The passing of legends like Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** and Congressman **John Lewis** made many of us feel deep sorrow as well as apprehension that the gains they had achieved for civil rights and equality would be quickly eroded. However, history has shown us that women, LGBTQ+ folks, people living with disabilities, and people of color who have fought hard for dignity and equality under the law will not allow their human rights to be stripped away without a fight. In the coming year, the NYWBA will continue to raise awareness about injustices faced by diverse communities and explore ways in which the legal system can be used to bend the arc of history toward a more just society.

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The New York Women's Bar Association

presents a program to launch:

Guardianship Diversity Initiative

Speakers:

Hon. TA-TANISHA JAMES

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Hon. MARY V. ROSADO

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Antonia J. Martinez

Sabrina E. Morrissey

Date: December 8, 2020

Time: 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Cost: FREE – for NYWBA members and non-members

Place: via Zoom. Link will be provided upon RSVP.

RSVP: Before December 4, 2020 to:
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Save-the-Dates

ADR/Litigation/Civil Courts Committees CLE
on Representing your Client in Mediation

Part I: **January 26, 2021, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Part II: **February 9, 2021, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

via Zoom

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On October 27, 2020, the NYWBA Diversity Committee, led by co-chairs **Yasmin Dwedar** and **Ernestine Mings**, hosted a panel discussion titled "Election 2020: How Women of Color Are Shaping a Historic Election Year." This year, we saw a phenomenal achievement by **Stacey Abrams** and other women of color, who helped hundreds of thousands of citizens from groups that have been subjected to a long history of voter suppression, exercise their fundamental right to participate in the democratic process. Whatever your political affiliation, women and particularly women of color, can still celebrate shattering another glass ceiling as the United States finally elected its first female Vice President, Senator **Kamala Harris**.

Voters met with significant challenges due, in part, to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, there was record participation in the 2020 election. I am proud of the electorate for valuing this important right and responsibility of U.S. citizenship enough to stand in long lines (in some cases for four or more hours) or planning in advance to obtain and deliver an absentee ballot in order to ensure that the will of the people would be heard.

I would like to congratulate the following individuals who were elected to judicial office in New York County in November 2020: **Hon. David B. Cohen**, Supreme Court; **Hon. Melissa Crane**, Supreme Court; **Hon. Carol Ruth Feinman**, Civil Court; **Hon. Ta-Tanisha James**, Supreme Court; **Hon. Michael L. Katz**, Civil Court; **Hon. Gerald Lebowitz**, Civil Court; **Hon. Leticia Ramirez**, Civil Court; **Hon. Eric Schumacher**, Civil Court; **Hon. Carole Sharpe**, Supreme Court; **Hon. Seth A. Steed**, Civil Court; and **Hon. John Zhuo Wang**, Civil Court.

The NYWBA is ending the year with a focus on coming together in fellowship as a community that supports one another. In November, the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee, led by co-chairs **Matthew Goodwin**, **Nina Gross**, and **Olivia Lee** held a Happy Hour for their members to share experiences, laughs, and friendly advice. The Litigation Committee, led by co-chairs **Sara Crasson** and **Nidhi Shetye**, hosted a Murder Mystery Game Night, giving members a fun way to stretch their minds and get to know one another better.

On December 3, 2020, the NYWBA will join together with our WBASNY sister chapters of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island for "Holiday Trivia with the NYC Chapters." In addition to games and prizes, there will be musical performances and a magic trick performed by the NYWBA's attorney/magician **Sara Crasson**. Please register on Eventbrite and celebrate with us.

With many trials and tribulations still ahead for us in 2021, we are always looking for reasons to celebrate the victories of our members. If you have gotten a promotion, opened your own firm, received an accolade or award, been recognized in the press, or found success outside of your legal career, we want to rejoice with you. Representation matters and seeing the achievements of our diverse community can inspire and uplift others. Please let us know about the milestones in your life so we can share them with your fellow members. You can email them to newsletternywba@gmail.com and president@nywba.org.

I wish all of you a happy holiday season. If the winter days cause you suffering from the dark and cold, may you all find brightness and warmth in the love of friends and family and the opportunity of tomorrow.

Opinion: Denial of Judicial Certifications

By S. Yan Sin

It was disappointing and disheartening to learn that the Office of Court Administration's Administrative Board had decided to deny the certification or recertification of 46 judges across the State of New York. These are experienced, well-established senior jurists whose work is more necessary than ever. At this moment, while we endure this ongoing health crisis, we need our judiciary to function at as high a level as possible and removing these judges is not the answer.

In a memo dated September 29, 2020, Chief Administrative Judge **Lawrence Marks** stated that almost all of the Supreme Court judges age 70 and over would be denied certification in an effort to comply with Governor Andrew Cuomo's request for all state agencies to trim their budgets by 10% due to the state budget deficits in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. The mandatory age for retirement for county-level and city judges in New York is 70. Supreme Court judges age 70 and over are permitted to apply for certification, which, if approved, allows them to continue to serve two-year terms. They must retire at the age of 76. This year, out of the 49 applications received, the court administration approved only three justices serving at the appellate level with complex caseloads or committee and commission assignments.

It would appear that the decision to deny the certification or recertification of the judges is premature given that New York State is still awaiting a federal stimulus plan to be approved by the federal government, which administration could be changed any day now. It would be wise to hold off on such a decision and wait and see what relief a new administration could possibly provide to offset the state budget deficits before making such a significant cut to the state judiciary. Receiving coronavirus relief could save our most senior and established judges from being taken off the bench. Let's not forget that it is not only 46 judges who are affected, but also their chamber staff, their law clerks and secretaries who would be without employment. These judges and their staffs have the utmost important job of ensuring the swift and fair administration of justice. It would be a mistake to cut their jobs now in the middle of a pandemic when their skills, experience, and wisdom are needed the most, when there is already a significant backlog and the courts are busier than ever. In Manhattan alone, the following justices would be affected: **Hon. Ellen F. Gesmer** and **Hon. David Friedman** in the Appellate Division, 1st Department, and **Hon. Lucy A. Billings**, **Hon. Kathryn E. Freed**, **Hon. Robert D. Kalish**, **Hon. Joan A. Madden**, **Hon. Alan C. Marin**, and **Hon. Michael J. Obus** in Supreme Court, Civil and Criminal Term.

This has been a most trying and traumatic year for all as New York struggles to recover from the pandemic and faces enormous economic pressures, but there must be some other way to restore the state budget than to deny the certification of 46 of some of our most experienced and knowledgeable judges. The denial of the certifications would have a direct impact on the litigants who await their day in court. There is already a significant backlog in the courts; forcing our most experienced

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"Yet it is far better to light the candle than to curse the darkness." W. L. Watkinson.

Amanda

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**NYWBA's Elder Law & Disabilities
 and the Civil Courts Committees
 present the following program:**

Navigating the Integrated Guardianship/Housing Part

Featuring:

Hon. Ta-Tanisha James, Court Attorney Ashley Lane-Nwokocha, Melissa Ephron-Mandel and Sabrina Morrissey

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
 via Zoom

Your Opinion Matters

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and senior judges to retire will only exacerbate the problem. Their workload has increased as courts have been slowly reopening and more litigants are utilizing the New York State Courts Electronic Filing system. Now is not the time to reduce the number of jurists on the bench when there is a significant backlog of cases.

New York State and the federal government are strongly urged to work together to raise revenue in other ways and restore the state budget so that we will all not suffer this great loss.

S. Yan Sin is Co-Chair of the NYWBA Judiciary Committee.

Cooking with NYWBA

Baby Octopus Salad

Recipe by Jennifer P. Brown

Although this is a delicious and easy recipe for any time of year, I thought it was an appropriate December recipe as it makes a great addition to a Feast of the Seven Fishes Christmas Eve dinner, for those who celebrate.

**Ingredients**

- 2 lb baby octopus thawed
- 1 stalk rosemary
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 medium-large carrot chopped
- 2 celery stalks chopped
- 1 red bell pepper chopped (or ½ red pepper & ½ yellow or orange pepper)
- 20 black olives quartered
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp dried oregano or 1 Tbsp fresh oregano
- Salt & pepper to taste

Directions

1. Cover octopus in a pot with 2 inches of water. Toss in rosemary and bay leaf.
2. Bring to a boil and reduce to simmer for 1 ½ hours.
3. Drain, remove bay leaf and rosemary and cool.
4. Chop the octopus into bite-sized pieces and place in a large bowl. Add carrot, celery, bell pepper and olives to the bowl.
5. Add olive oil, vinegars and sprinkle with oregano.
6. Toss well.
7. Salt & pepper to taste.
8. Cover bowl with plastic wrap or put in an airtight container. Place in the fridge for at least an hour up to overnight. The longer it sits, the better the flavors come together.
9. Serve cold or at room temperature.

Jennifer P. Brown is a Past President of the NYWBA, a Family and Matrimonial Law practitioner and the author of the soon to be published cookbook "When Life Gives You Lemons – An Attorney's Journey Through Quarantine as an At Home Chef."

Network of Bar Leaders Zoom Call with Judge Marks

By Sabrina E. Morrissey

The Network of Bar Leaders held a very informative Zoom Call on October 30, 2020, featuring Hon. Lawrence K. Marks, Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Court system. The moderator was Ron Katter, Esq., a member of the Executive Council of the Network of Bar Leaders. Mr. Katter asked Judge Marks to speak on two main topics, COVID-19 and the recent evaluation requisitioned by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, on the issue of racism in the New York Courts.



Hon. Lawrence K. Marks

Judge Marks talked at length about the past few months and how COVID-19 has impacted the Court system. He said the Courts were always open, since the onset of COVID-19, even though proceedings were limited to essential matters for the first few weeks. He noted that arraignments of criminal defendants have continued, even since March, and that courtrooms have progressively opened, as most recently, some civil and criminal trials have commenced in New York City.

Judge Marks next discussed the request by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore of Jeh Johnson, Esq., to conduct a rigorous review of racism and disparity in the New York justice system and to issue a report on his work. Mr. Johnson is currently a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP and previously served in the Obama administration as U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and General Counsel for the Department of Defense. Judge Marks said Judge DiFiore's request was in direct response to the killing of George Floyd and the aftermath.

Mr. Johnson issued his 100-page report on October 1. The press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Johnson and a copy of his report are in the links at the bottom of this article. Judge Marks said Mr. Johnson interviewed hundreds of people including Judges and non-judicial staff, union members, and attorneys. Judge Marks described the findings as sobering. Among the conclusions of the report are that the Court system is under-resourced and over-burdened, and most of the available resources are devoted to Courts that serve people of color and of limited income, which are the Criminal, Housing and Family Courts. Another conclusion is that measures in place to address racial bias are not aggressive enough, in particular, in the court officers' union and in the jury selection process. Attorneys of color reported discrimination. In one case, an attorney of color recounted being mistaken for a criminal defendant. The report highlights shortcomings in diversity on the bench (throughout the state) and in the Office of Court Administration, as well as in translation and interpreter services.



Ron Katter, Esq.

Of the 100-page report, 21 pages were recommendations. Judge Marks said Judge DiFiore has ordered compliance with every recommendation. Among the recommendations are to re-energize the existing institutions in the Court system, among them, the New York State Judicial Commission on Minorities (now known as the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission). There will be mandatory bias training for Judges and non-judicial staff, and references to implicit bias will be included in the video orientation for jurors. Jurors will also be voir dired on implicit bias, and PJI instructions will be developed on this topic. The ultimate recommendation is to appoint an Independent Monitor to oversee ongoing efforts to implement the recommendations. Judge DiFiore moved quickly to appoint Alphonso David, Esq., former counsel to Gov Cuomo – now President of the Human Rights Campaign, to that role. Mr. David is a nationally recognized LGBTQ civil rights lawyer and advocate.

Shortly before Mr. Johnson released his report, the Judicial Friends Association did its own 161-page report on racial disparities in judicial leadership and submitted the report to Mr. Johnson and the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission. A link to their report is included here.

<https://www.mbbanyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Judicial-Friends-Report-on-Systemic-Racism-in-the-NY-Courts.pdf>

Mr. Katter opened the floor to questions and comments. One participant expressed concern about the local impact of the termination of 46 judges, at the end of the year. Judge Marks said he is aware that some counties may be harder hit than others and that he will try and even out judicial resources, as best he can. He indicated that more staff cuts may be required.

Another question was asked about housing court cases that were filed before COVID-19 hit, that are still at the beginning stages, and whether these cases can be conferenced if only one party is represented. In response, Judge Marks said it is up to individual Judges as to how cases are disposed, but he did say he is aware of the larger issue affecting litigants without access to computers and internet, where virtual conferencing are happening. He noted there is a need for more pro bono lawyers in housing court, to help litigants in this regard.

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NYWBA Human Trafficking Committee Meeting

Please join us for the December meeting of the NYWBA Human Trafficking Committee. **Taina Bien Amie**, the Executive Director of Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, will present on the history of the Equality Model (a legal framework where the selling of sex is decriminalized, but buyers and promoters are still held accountable) and provide us with a global perspective. Joining Taina in the presentation will be a trafficking survivor who will explain why this model is so important to people with lived experience as survivors of the sex trade. The Equality Model is a major piece of this committee's legislative agenda for the year.

We are excited to be welcoming several new members of the committee. We will also discuss other pieces of the committee's legislative agenda, start planning our CLEs and educational and outreach panels related to human trafficking. In addition to committee members, we welcome any WBASNY members who would like to learn more about the Equality Model or who may be interested in joining our committee to attend this meeting.

Date Monday, December 14, 2020
Time 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Place via Zoom conference
Cost Free
RSVP Email jaynebigelsen@gmail.com

Judge Marks (Continued from Page 4)

Judge Marks was asked how such a gargantuan task, implementing all of the recommendations in Mr. Johnson's report and overseeing enforcement, would be accomplished. He said Chief Judge DiFiore is dedicated to the task and is requiring participation from all areas of the Court system, including the Head of HR, the Inspector General, and the Counsel's Office.



Joy Thompson, Esq.

The President of WBASNY, Joy Thompson, Esq., was on the call and raised the serious issue of domestic violence occurring during COVID-19, in particular, affecting those who have had to shelter in place with their abusers. She noted that the Family Court statute gives Judges the authority to require financial support that might alleviate a housing issue, for example, but practitioners report that support orders have not been forthcoming. Judge Marks said a meeting was already scheduled for the following week with domestic violence attorneys and Judges to try and address this concern.

Ms. Thompson was referring to Family Court Act Section 828 (4) and (5). Subsection 4 relates to temporary child support granted under a temporary order of protection to bridge the gap until a child support petition can be heard. Subsection 5 is a new provision, enacted in 2019, which provides for temporary spousal support under a temporary order of protection until a spousal support petition can be heard.

The Zoom call was definitely informative. Judge Marks stressed that Chief Judge DiFiore and her team throughout the state, are working diligently to deal with the tremendous tasks ahead of them, which are to keep the Court system as open as possible and assure justice for New York citizens, in the face of daunting budget cuts and the likelihood of a resurgence of COVID-19 over the next few months.

Here are the links to the press release and the Report of Jeh Johnson, Esq.
https://www.nycourts.gov/LegacyPDFS/press/pdfs/PR20_24.pdf
<http://www.nycourts.gov/whatsnew/pdf/SpecialAdviserEqualJusticeReport.pdf>

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To everyone who contributed to our **Period Poverty** fund drive, a big **THANK YOU** is in order. We collected \$3,000 to purchase feminine products and gift cards for those ladies less fortunate. It was through your generosity that we were able to distribute these items to Covenant House and Sanctuary for Families. For more information, please go to <https://www.nywba.org/donation/>.

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Mothers: Family Court Deny You Custody Of Your Child? Travel To Costa Rica. ***By Patricia Fersch***

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Travel Glossies promote travel to Costa Rica because of its National Parks, Volcanoes, Hummingbird Capital of the World, Adventures, Beaches, World Class Resorts, Coffee, Cacique Guaro, Proximity and the overall happiness and friendliness of its people.

I don't contribute to Forbes as an expert on travel. This article isn't about the reasons to travel to Costa Rica for tourism. I traveled to Costa Rica to assist a father for whom I had litigated custody of his then six year old son in the United States against claims of child sexual abuse made by the child's mother and won in court here only to find the mother and child (after an exhaustive search) had violated a court order to return the child to the father and traveled with the child to Costa Rica.

Hague Convention Circumvention

I write about Family Law. This article is about women and child custody and Costa Rica. Costa Rica has an enormously powerful and very active women's group, INAMU (Institut Nacional del a Mujeres), with standing to appear in any Court proceeding including a Hague Convention custody proceeding. The Hague Convention is a treaty signed by the United States and Costa Rica and 83 other countries and 1 regional economic organization regarding custody of children removed from their home state.

Tourist Visa/Asylum Claim

The mother entered Costa Rica on a 90-day tourist visa on July 4, 2018. She applied for asylum based upon her fear of returning to the United States. There was a Federal warrant for her arrest for both passport fraud (she fraudulently obtained a passport for the child) and "Parental Kidnapping"-PKPA. Both are federal crimes. She claimed that the family court (the case had been assigned to three different judges), two child protection agencies, two psychologists who examined the child and the parents, the attorney assigned to represent the child and the social worker assigned to assist the attorney for the child and the police department were all biased against her. She convinced a Costa Rican three-member male panel asylum administrative hearing of her "fear" to return to the United States and thereby met Costa Rica's parameters for asylum (fear of serious harm or injury if returned to home country) for herself and the child notwithstanding the fact that the mother did not have legal custody of the child and had no legal authority to seek asylum on his behalf.

HAGUE Petitions Granted

The family court in Costa Rica granted the father's Hague Convention petition to return the child to the United States and the appellate family court upheld the trial court's decision on appeal by the mother and INAMU. The mother and INAMU appealed to the constitutional court in Costa Rica (Costa Rica's highest level court) which found that the mother and child's asylum "trumped" the Hague petition, allowing the mother and the child to reside legally in Costa Rica. Costa Rica would not return the child to the United States.

Father Charged with Sexual Abuse of His Son In Costa Rica

The mother repeated her "unfounded" claims of sexual abuse in New York to the criminal prosecutor in San Jose and Costa Rica exerted jurisdiction over any sexual abuse allegation that occurred "anywhere in the world".

The father on a trip in July 2019 to "visit" with his son while in "protective custody" was arrested and currently awaits criminal trial in Costa Rica. He cannot leave the country as the criminal court authorities took possession of his passport. He faces up to thirty years in prison in Costa Rica for an alleged "crime" already investigated by the NYPD SVU (Special Victims Unit), child protective services and two psychologists, one a child sexual abuse forensic expert in New York, all finding the allegations against him to be "unfounded."

The Child

The child (after having been placed in protective custody upon being "found" in Costa Rica) was returned to his mother's custody by the Costa Rica child protective authorities, PANI (the same organization that assists parents whose children have been unlawfully removed to Costa Rica in locating them). The father's custody order of the New York family court remains the only custody order. The child is now 8 years old and lived in Costa Rica for over two years almost exclusively with his mother. The child was interviewed by Costa Rican social workers in Spanish, a language the child claimed to speak, "un poquito" (a little).

The mother cannot travel out of Costa Rica as there is an Interpol "Red Alert" on her U.S. passport and a "Yellow Alert" on the child's U.S. passport. The federal indictment of the mother for two felonies remains in place. The maximum sentence is up to ten years in prison for both felonies combined.

ALERT to Fathers

In my investigation of what led the mother to Costa Rica from New York, I found a U.S. website (since removed) that "advertised" women who had been "wronged" by family court custody decisions in the United States and found safety and refuge with their children in Costa Rica. The photos included on the website were all of white women who had "wrongly" lost custody of their child(ren) in a family court in the United States and were now living in Costa Rica.

Innocent travel to a country known for its warmth and friendliness, may, in a contested custody case, result in your child being taken from you to reside permanently in Costa Rica. The United States Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs publishes annual reports as to the results of Hague petitions made in countries who are signatories to the Hague Convention. In the Annual Reports on International Child Abduction on Travel.gov Costa Rica is cited in the report for "non-compliance."

The Cost Of "Custody" Travel

The financial cost is immeasurable: Lawyers in two countries, experts in two countries, legal proceedings in two counties, maintaining homes in two countries, not to mention job loss. The human cost is even greater-the cost of losing your child.

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December 9, 2020

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

By Zoom

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