

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BECOMING A JUDGE



Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission



Latino Judges Association

Monday, April 24, 2023

University at Buffalo School of Law

• O'Brian Hall – 211 Mary Talbert Way, Buffalo, NY • 9:00am - 5:00pm •

6 CLE Credits (4 credits Professional Practice, 1 credit Ethics, 1 credit Diversity)

Agenda:

8:30 - 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome/Introduction**

Thomas J. Garry, Esq., *Partner, Harris Beach PLLC; Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commissioner*

Dean Aviva Abramovsky, *Dean and Professor, University at Buffalo School of Law*

Hon. Walter Rivera, *Judge, New York State Court of Claims, President, Latino Judges Association*

9:15 - 10:15 **Ensuring a Pipeline for Diversity on the Judiciary Outside of New York City**

Moderator:

Professor Paula Johnson, *Professor, Syracuse University School of Law, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commissioner*

Panelists:

Hon. Kevin M. Carter, *Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District*

Hon. Karen Bailey Turner, *Judge, Monroe County Court*

Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres, *Judge, Court of Claims and Supervising Judge of the Town and Village Justice Courts for Wyoming and Genesee Counties*

Hon. Acea Mosey, *Judge, Erie County Surrogate's Court*

Hon. Meredith A. Vacca, *Judge, Monroe County Court*

10:15 - 10:25 **BREAK**

10:25 - 11:25 **Securing the Nomination in Supreme Court**

Moderator:

Hon. Llinét Rosado, *Supreme Court, Bronx County; Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commissioner*

Panelists:

Hon. Jeannette Ogden, *Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Department*

Hon. Craig Hannah, *Justice, Supreme Court, Erie County*

Jeremy Zellner, *Chair, Erie County Democratic Committee*

Mike Kracker, *Chair, Erie County Republican Committee*

11:25 - 11:30 **BREAK**

11:30 - 12:30	Election Law Overview & Related Ethical Requirements <u>Moderator:</u> Thomas J. Garry, Esq., <i>Partner, Harris Beach PLLC; Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commissioner</i> <u>Panelists:</u> Arthur W. Greig, Esq., <i>Law Offices of Arthur W. Greig, P.C.</i> Jessica Kulpit, Esq., <i>Election Law Practitioner, Erie County</i>
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 - 2:30	Making the Ballot in Village, Town, City, County and Family Courts <u>Moderator:</u> Paul Kenny, Esq., <i>Chief Clerk, Supreme Court, Appellate Term, Second Department; Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commissioner</i> <u>Panelists:</u> Hon. JaHarr Pridgen, <i>Chief Judge, Buffalo City Court</i> Hon. Gary A. Wilson, Jr., <i>Judge, Buffalo City Court</i> Brian Quail, Esq., <i>Counsel to State Board of Elections</i> Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney, Esq., <i>VP of Erie County Democratic Committee</i>
2:30 - 2:40	BREAK
2:40 - 3:40	Appointment Process for New York State Court of Claims <u>Moderator:</u> Hon. Walter Rivera, <i>Judge, New York State Court of Claims, President, Latino Judges Association</i> <u>Panelists:</u> Hon. Richard E. Sise, <i>Presiding Judge, New York State Court of Claims</i> Hon. Debra L. Givens, <i>Judge, New York State Court of Claims</i> Hon. Stephen T. Miller, <i>Judge, New York State Court of Claims</i> Hon. Stephanie Saunders, <i>Judge, New York State Court of Claims</i> Sandra Rivera, Esq., <i>Counsel, Judicial Appointments, Office of Governor Kathy Hochul</i>
3:40 - 3:50	BREAK
3:50 - 4:50	The Role of a Family Court: Changing the Narrative and Why the Family Court Needs You <u>Moderator:</u> Hon. Richard Rivera, <i>Judge, New York State Court of Claims, President, Latino Judges Association</i> <u>Panelists:</u> Hon. Fatimat O. Reid, <i>Judge, Monroe County Family Court</i> Tiffany Perry, Esq., <i>Court Attorney Referee, Erie County Family Court</i> Anaiss Rijo-Lelonek, Esq., <i>Counsel for the Erie County Department of Social Services</i>
4:50 - 5:00	CLOSING REMARKS
5:00 - 6:00	RECEPTION