# "Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection: What Family Law Practitioners Need to Know?"

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# March 1, 2023, 6:00pm-7:00pm

#### **Speaker:**

Lawrence Montle, Esq., CISA, CFE, CIPP/US

#### ORDER OF THE PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction of Speaker: Yvonne Agbontaen, Esq.

Presentation: Lawrence Montle, Esq., CISA, CFE, CIPP/US

Questions/Answers and closing remarks: Patricia Cameron, Esq.

#### \*\* CREDIT: 1.0 N.Y. CLE credit: Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection

\*\*This program is transitional and is suitable for experienced and newly admitted attorneys. The Cybersecurity credit is effective July 1, 2023. If your biennial registration is before July 1, 2023, you cannot include it as part of your 24 credits.

#### **BIOGRAPHIES**

# <u>Speaker:</u> Lawrence Montle, Esq., CISA, CFE, CIPP/US



Lawrence Montle is currently the chief information security officer and privacy officer at a midsize insurance company. He is responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive information security plan to improve and insure agency security levels. In this role, Mr. Montle oversees the recommendation and design of targeted strategies and initiatives to effectively assess risks, maintain the security of the company's proprietary data, and ensure its protection from unauthorized use. He also functions as a liaison to the Office

of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination, administering security training for agency staff and ensuring the company's compliance with statewide security policies, privacy standards and controls.

Prior to joining the insurance company Mr. Montle served as internal audit director for the Department of Financial Services, where he oversaw audits conducted by the New York State Comptroller's office and other external entities and monitored compliance and adherence to policy review and internal controls. Among other achievements, he implemented a comprehensive internal audit internship program to train and mentor students.

Mr. Montle's previous positions include serving as information technology director at the New York Liquidation Bureau and working at Verizon as an IT auditor, systems engineer, and network engineer for over a decade. He holds certifications in information privacy (CIPP/US, CIPT, PLS) and information systems auditing (CISA) and is licensed to practice law in N.Y. and D.C. Mr. Montle received his MBA in finance and management from Fordham University and his JD from New York Law School. He obtained his undergraduate degree from New York University.

#### Section Leadership:

## Charessa L. Glover-Thomas, Esq., Co- Chair



Charessa L. Glover-Thomas, Esq. is a Deputy Borough Chief for the Family Court Division of the New York City Law Department/ Office of the Corporation Counsel. She is currently assigned to the Queens County Office where she oversees the Queens Interstate Child Support Unit's daily operations, all cases, attorneys, and support professionals. Charessa obtained her Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law where she graduated with the Pro Bono Service Award. She graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in Sociology and a Concentration in Business and Organizational Studies. Prior to practicing in the Interstate Child Support Unit, Charessa was assigned to the Family Court

Division's Juvenile Delinquency Unit where she handled cases in Kings County Family Court and Red Hook Community Justice Center. Charessa is also an Arbitrator for the New York City Small Claims Court and is a member of the Small Claims Arbitrators Association. Charessa currently serves as Co-Chair of the Family Law Section of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

## Asia Scarlett-Jones, Esq., Co- Chair



Mrs. Asia Scarlett-Jones, Esq. is the Founder and Managing Attorney at ASJ Law Office. She earned her J.D. from Maurice A. Deane School of Law and her B.A. from University at Albany. Prior to venturing into private practice, Mrs. Scarlett-Jones worked as a public defender at Nassau County Legal Aid Society representing and defending parents in child support and child custody matters. Thereafter, Mrs. Scarlett-Jones served as a Principal Court Attorney in Nassau County Family Court. As a Court Attorney, she worked directly with a Family Court Judge in conferencing court cases and

assisting in writing Court decisions. After practicing years in the public sector, Mrs. Scarlett-Jones founded ASJ Law Office. ASJ Law Office provides affordable legal assistance for the "underrepresented families" who are unfortunately, subjected to the plights of the legal system. The ASJ Law Office focuses on practice areas of Family and Matrimonial Law, Family Law Mediation, as well as Estate Planning. Mrs. Scarlett-Jones currently serves as Co-Chair of the Family Law Section of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

#### Yvonne Agbontaen, Esq., Co- Vice Chair



Ms. Yvonne Agbontaen is an attorney in private practice licensed to practice law in the State of New York and admitted to the United States Eastern Court in the State of New York. Ms. Agbontaen graduated from University of Benin, Nigeria, where she obtained an LL. B prior to taking and passing the New York State Bar Exam and being admitted to the New York State Bar. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Metropolitan Black Bar Association, The Nigerian Lawyer Association. She represents Matrimonial clients in both uncontested and contested cases. She also works on a variety of immigration matters including

removal proceedings, political asylum, cancellation of removal, family and employer-based

petitions and artist visas. She is a FINRA Arbitrator, Certified Part 146 Mediator and Certified Part 36 Court Evaluator and Court Attorney. Ms. Agbontaen currently serves as Co-Vice Chair of the Family Law Section of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

## Patricia Cameron, Esq., Co- Vice Chair



Patricia Cameron, Esq. was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2015. She started her career as an associate in a boutique firm handling a variety of matrimonial, personal injury and workers compensation matters. After leaving the firm, she worked as an Agency Attorney with the Administration for Children's Services ("ACS"). There, she prosecuted child abuse and neglect cases in Kings County. After working for ACS for several years, she left and joined the Department

of Education as an Agency Attorney in the Teacher's Performance Unit. While working at the DOE, Patricia realized her true passion had been and always will be protecting families from the uncertainties of the foster care system. As a result, Patricia left the DOE and joined the 18-B/ Assigned Counsel Panel and subsequently formed Damas Cameron PLLC. At Damas Cameron PLLC, her mission is to protect families and fight against the injustices she witnessed at ACS and in her own community. As a defense attorney, Ms. Cameron has kept many families together and kept even more children out of the system. Patricia Cameron is a proud member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and is honored to serve as the Co-Vice Chair of the Family Law Section.

# Tina Smith, Esq., Secretary



Tina P. Smith is a seasoned litigation attorney specializing in family law, criminal law, and special education law. She is a strong advocate for her mostly indigent clients, supporting them through all stages of litigation, from the initial filing through trial and appeal. Prior to joining the 18B Family and Criminal Panels in New York City, Tina was on the 18B Criminal Panel in Westchester County, handling primarily felony cases. She also did a year-long stint as an Agency Attorney for the Department of Education, Special Education Unit. For five years, she was an attorney in Florida, working first as a defense attorney in the Orange and Osceola

County Public Defenders' Office and then as a prosecutor in the Miami-Dade State Attorneys' Office. Tina is also a retired Detective from the New York City Police Department. Tina volunteers at the National Action Network and has been active in her church's legal ministry in her off time.