

THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN  
APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT  
&  
THE ERIE COUNTY ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

*present:*

REPRESENTING YOUTH:  
YOUTH PART AND JD PRACTICE  
SEMINAR

Friday, March 22, 2024  
SUNY at Buffalo  
Center for Tomorrow  
Buffalo, New York

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. ***Introduction***  
**Hon. Kevin M. Carter**  
Administrative Judge of the Eighth Judicial District  
Buffalo, NY  
**Hon. Brenda Freedman**  
Erie County Family Court Judge  
Buffalo, NY
- 9:10 a.m. ***Promoting Fairness and Justice in the Juvenile Justice System***  
**Hon. Kevin M. Carter**  
Administrative Judge of the Eighth Judicial District  
Buffalo, NY
- 9:40 a.m. ***Youth Part Process***  
**Danielle N. D'Abate, Esq.**  
Chief, Raise the Age  
Erie County District Attorney  
Buffalo, NY  
**Officer Jessica Tiffany**  
Probation Officer, Erie County  
Buffalo, NY  
**Michael C. Cimasi, Esq.**  
AFC Panel and Advanced JD Panel Member, Erie County  
Cimasi Law Office  
Buffalo, NY
- 11:05 a.m. Break

- 11:20 a.m.            ***Adolescent Brain Development***  
                         **Peter S. Martin, MD, MPH**  
                         Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry  
                         University at Buffalo  
                         Buffalo, NY  
                         **Mary Anne Connell, Esq.**  
                         AFC Panel Member, Erie County  
                         Buffalo, NY
- 12:35 p.m.            Pick up Boxed Lunch
- 1:05 p.m.            ***Juvenile Delinquency Process***  
                         **Amy McCabe, Esq.**  
                         Supervising Attorney, Family Court Division  
                         Assistant Erie County Attorney  
                         Buffalo, NY  
                         **Jeffrey Priore, Esq.**  
                         Juvenile Justice Attorney  
                         Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo  
                         Buffalo, NY  
                         **Officer Leanne Tybor**  
                         Principal Probation Officer, Erie County  
                         Buffalo, NY  
                         **Officer Rebecca Nieves Wilkinson**  
                         Probation Supervisor, Erie County  
                         Buffalo, NY
- 2:30 p.m.            ***Representing Youth: Panel Presentation***  
                         **Daniel P. Schaus, Esq.**  
                         Advanced JD Panel Member, Erie County  
                         Schaus & Schaus, LLP  
                         Buffalo, NY  
                         **Giovanni Genovese, Esq.**  
                         AFC Panel and Advanced JD Panel Member, Erie County  
                         Buffalo, NY  
                         **Michael C. Cimasi, Esq.**  
                         AFC Panel and Advanced JD Panel Member, Erie County  
                         Cimasi Law Office  
                         Buffalo, NY  
                         **Jeffrey Priore, Esq.**  
                         Juvenile Justice Attorney  
                         Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo  
                         Buffalo, NY
- 3:45 p.m.            Break
- 3:55 p.m.            ***A View From the Bench***  
                         **Hon. Brenda Freedman**  
                         Erie County Family Court Judge

Buffalo, NY

4:45 p.m. Conclusion

*The Appellate Division, Fourth Department has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an Accredited Provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York from March 2, 2023 to March 1, 2026. Attending this seminar may be used to satisfy the Appellate Division's rules for continuing legal education (CLE) of attorneys for children.*

*Additionally, this course has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the Continuing Legal Education Board for a maximum of seven-and-a-half (7.5) credit hours, of which three (3.0) hours can be applied toward the professional practice (family law) requirement, three-and-a-half (3.5) hours can be applied toward the skills requirement, and one (1.0) hour can be applied toward the ethics and professionalism requirement. This is a transitional program suitable for both experienced and newly-admitted attorneys.*

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Subject: Buffalo

Text: [your name] will attend the seminar on March 22, 2024, in Buffalo.

**\*Your email must be received on or before March 1, 2024**, but we urge you to register soon, because space is limited. You are not considered registered for a seminar unless you receive a confirming email to that effect. You will receive a confirming email within 3 business days. If you have not received a confirming email after that time, please contact Sierra Boerman at [slboerma@nycourts.gov](mailto:slboerma@nycourts.gov). Please retain your confirming email as proof of registration.

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**before the seminar, you will be expected to provide a formal letter of explanation – not an email - before you may register for another live seminar.**

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**DIRECTIONS**

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**From the New York State Thruway (I-90):**

Take Exit 50 onto Route 290 West (Youngmann Memorial) to the exit for the Millersport Highway North (Route 263). Once on Route 263, get immediately in the left lane. Make a left onto Flint Road (Marriott is on the left). Cross the first set of lights and the Center for Tomorrow is on the left. Make a left onto Service Center Road: parking for the Center is on the right.

**From Niagara Falls:**

Take Route 290 (heading East) to Millersport Highway North (Route 263), then follow the directions above.

**From Downtown Buffalo:**

Take Route 193 to Route 33 West (Kensington Expressway). Get off at the New York State Thruway Exit (Route 90) heading East (toward Albany). The next exit will be Route 290 West (Exit 50). Take Route 290 to the Millersport Highway North (Route 263) and follow the directions above.