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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 11, 2011

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin St. – 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to my authority under Article 6, Section 601 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby appoint Jeremy A. Colby to the position of County Attorney. I hereby certify that Mr. Colby meets the qualifications of said position.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

CC: jrs

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WEBSTER SZANYI LLP, 1400 Liberty Building, Buffalo, NY

Partner (as of 1/08) – 6/05 – Present

* Federal, appellate, and complex commercial litigation, defend school districts and municipalities (§ 1983, employment discrimination, etc.), defend two school districts against claims of improper management of 403(b) savings plans, UK enforcement of non-compete agreement, represent bio-tech start-ups, defend 29 counties against tax protestor, product liability defense, defend UK and Canadian companies in breach of contract actions; draft non-compete agreements; and assigned as trial counsel in FMLA suit.

* Charles S. Desmond Inn of Court, President; Business First 2008 40 Under 40 award winner; 2008 Empire State Counsel (pro bono service)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,

68 Court St. Buffalo, NY

Confidential Law Clerk to the Hon. John T. Elvin - 4/02 – 6/05

* Drafted opinions disposing of civil motions. Prepared bench memoranda summarizing pending motions and proceedings. Prepared jury charges and verdict sheets. Attended motion calendar, evidentiary hearings, and bench trials. Drafted proposed findings of law and fact for bench trials and evidentiary hearings. Reduced motion backlog from 9-12 months to 1-2 months within first year.

2005 Pegasus Scholar, American Inns of Court, 2/05-3/05

* One of two American attorneys selected to participate in six-week fellowship to observe the English legal system by, *inter alia*, "shadowing" barristers and "marshaling" for judges.

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP, One Beacon St., Boston, MA

Associate (formerly Summer Associate) - 5/98-3/02

* Prepared memoranda regarding, *inter alia*, securities litigation, insurance sales practices, state and federal civil procedure, non-competition issues, and domestication of foreign judgments. Drafted brief supporting a motion to dismiss securities class action and an opinion letter in a \$1 billion restructuring. Drafted briefs, pleadings, motions, and discovery requests. Managed representation of outside directors involved in securities class actions. Mediated small claims in state court; certified under G.L. c. 233 §23C.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boston, MA

* J.D. *cum laude* 1999 -- G.P.A. 3.58 (top 25% of class)

* AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW & MEDICINE, 1997-99, Executive Editor (1998-99)

* Dean's Award (highest grade), Advanced Civil Procedure, 1999

* Stanley D. Fisher Scholarship, 1996-99

* Fitzgerald Fellow, 1996-97

* Tauro Scholar (top 25% of first-year section)

* Hennessey Scholar (top 25% of third-year class)

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, Lewiston, NY

* B.A. *summa cum laude*, 1996; Political Science major, English minor

* G.P.A. 3.93 (Class Rank 2/117, College of Arts & Sciences)

* USA Today's 1996 Collegiate Academic All American Team.

* Niagara Medal (peers selected on basis of personality, character, and success in studies)

PUBLICATIONS:

* *Reaping the Rewards: Enforcing U.S. Judgments in England and Wales and Enforcing Foreign Money Judgments in New York*, 12 NYLitigator 16 (2007); *Recent e-SOP Developments*, INTERNET L. J. (2006 Aspen); *SWANCC: full of sound and fury, Signifying nothing . . . much?*, 37 J. MARSHALL L. REV. 1017 (2004); *You've Got Mail: The Modern Trend Towards Universal Electronic Service of Process*, 51 BUFF. L. REV. 337 (2003); *Getting to Pécàcè: Avoiding Roadblocks on the Path to Peace in Northern Ireland*, 14 TEMPLE INT'L & COMP. L.J. 1 (2000); *An Analysis of Genetic Discrimination Legislation Proposed by the 105th Congress*, 24 AM. J. L. & MED. 443 (1998); *The Complimentary Relationship Between the Duties of Zealous Advocacy and Candor Toward the Tribunal*, in RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND FEDERAL LAW 367 (MCLE 1998).