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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 5, 2015

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Appointment and reappointment to the Erie County Board of Ethics

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that, in accordance to Local Law 10-1989 section 10, I am appointing the following individual to the Erie County Board of Ethics to complete the term of Anna Falicov who has resigned from the board. Her term is set to expire December 31, 2017.

Jonathan Miles Gresham, Esq.
66 Summer St.
Buffalo, NY 14209

Also be advised I am reappointing Chris Trapp to another term on the Board of Ethics since his term expired on December 31, 2015.

Should you have any questions regarding this appointment please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff Jennifer Hibit, at (716) 858-822919 or Jennifer.Hibit@erie.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
County Executive

MCP/jr

cc: Jennifer Hibit, Commissioner, Chief of Staff

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Jonathan Miles Gresham, Esq.

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Dedicated and persuasive attorney with excellent research, writing, technology and presentation skills. Meticulously organized and adapts quickly to new environments. Excellent conflict resolution skills. Proficient in Spanish.

EDUCATION

CERTIFICATIONS, Member of the New York State Bar (2013)

JURIS DOCTOR, SUNY at Buffalo Law School, Buffalo NY (2011)

BACHELOR'S DEGREE, Concentration in History, Howard University, Washington, DC (2008)

Activities: Board Member, Child Care Resource Network (1/2014-Present) ☐ Community Service Director, Black Law Students' Association (2009-10) ☐ Recipient, Marie Nesbitt Promise Prize (2009) ☐ Semifinalist, Desmond Moot Court Competition (2009) ☐ Semifinalist, Federal Bar Association Moot Court (2010) ☐ Co-Director, National Lawyers Guild UB Chapter (2011) ☐ Judges Chair, Buffalo Moot Court Board (2010-11) ☐ Member, Howard University Arts and Sciences Student Council (2005-2007).

EXPERIENCE

M&T Bank, Buffalo, NY (3/2014-Present)

Banking Officer-Compliance (11/2014-Present)

Advised business units on compliance risk, supervised and provided approval for changes to business unit operations. Provided final review and approval of all marketing content for all bank's consumer lending and mortgage products. Responsible for final review, editing and approval of all bank's complaint responses related to consumer lending products. Produced annual regulatory risk reviews of each of the bank's consumer lending products. Developed bank-wide training on unfair and deceptive acts and practices (UDAAP). Led effort to bring bank into compliance with E-Sign Act. Analyzed all changes to state and federal consumer lending regulations and implemented changes to business practices as necessary.

Legal Compliance Analyst (3/2014-11/2014)

Conducted independent risk analysis for thousands of banking regulations in several states, developed compliance controls and procedures for large bank operating in 38 states.

Solo Practitioner, Buffalo, NY and Rochester NY, (6/2013-Present)

Attorney

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Represented clients in custody, support, divorce, guardianship, personal injury defense, eviction, and traffic proceedings. Prepared all relevant briefs, motion papers, hearings, research, and conducted settlement negotiations. Drafted Wills and Power of Attorney documents, advised clients on intestate and real estate matters.

Nixon Peabody, LLP, Rochester, NY (10/2013-11/2013)

Document Review Analyst

Conducted independent review and analysis of thousands of documents in support of litigation.

Western New York Food Truck Association (5/2011-6/2013)

Liason

Appointed by Buffalo City Council President to lead negotiations with restaurant owners and food truck owners to legalize food trucks. Lobbied city officials on behalf of association. Drafted related legislation, which was successfully passed.

Creighton, Johnsen & Giroux, Buffalo, NY (5/2010-6/2012)

Law Clerk

Performed legal research and writing for Attorneys, assisting Staff Attorneys with a variety of legal functions, such as drafting motions, pleadings, and appellate briefs. Worked independently providing daily research and analysis. Drafted and edited affidavits, briefs, memorandum, and petitions. Organized documents for arbitrations and trials. Performed research for trials, collective actions, arbitrations, and grievances. Observed arbitrations, grievance hearings, and labor negotiations.

VIVE, Inc., Buffalo, NY (5/2009-5/2010)

Law Clerk

Provided various legal services for a nonprofit humanitarian organization that assists refugees seeking protection. Prepared motions, pleadings, and case briefs. Performed research for trial preparation. Performed independent client interviews in English and Spanish at office and in prison. Organized and filed pleadings, medical records, exhibits, and correspondence.

Upward Bound Program, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (2006, 2008-2009)

Instructor

Created and taught courses in English, social studies, and self-development for high school students. Assisted in creating overall program curriculum. Managed classes and evaluated students.

Howard University Center for Urban Progress, Buffalo, NY (2006-2008)

Instructor

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Performed research, organized data for homeless HIV initiative. In a separate initiative, collected, organized, and tracked educational data for 50 students. Tutored in English, biology, music production and social studies.