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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 13, 2017

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the Erie County Charter Section 1705, I, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive do hereby submit for your confirmation the following individuals to be appointed for a three year term to the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women which will end on December 1, 2020.

Appointees

Ms. Betsy Drewniak
15 Nye Hill Rd
East Aurora, New York 14052

Ms. Tamara Z. Lewis
40 Bame Ave
Buffalo, New York 14215

Ms. Judith Olin
59 Saybrook Pl
Buffalo, New York 14209

Ms. Heidi Romer
130 Stillwell Ave, Lower Apt
Kenmore, New York 14217

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

cc: Karen King, Commissioner, Commission on the Status of Women
Appointees

Erie County Advisory Board Application

Contact Information

Name	Betsy Drewniak
Street Address	15 Nye Hill Rd
City ST ZIP Code	East Aurora, NY 14052
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Race/Ethnicity	

Name of board you are applying for

Commission on the Status of Women

Are you requesting to be reappointed or appointed for the first time?

Appointed for the first time

Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Resume previously submitted

Interests

Discuss the issues you hope to address if appointed.

The reason that I am passionate about this board is because coming from the business world I firmly believe in equal pay for equal work and I want to make that a reality for women in the workplace everywhere and Erie County has the opportunity to set an example especially with our economic development. As new companies enter and others grow in our county it is our responsibility as successful business women to demand equal treatment if they want to do business here. Quite honestly, I can't believe that in the year 2017 this is still an issue. Although this issue is clearly a passion of mine I also find the statistics on education and poverty alarming. If we want to continue to be a place to do business we must have an enticing workforce. This commission has an opportunity to really influence the future of our county – JFK once said "a rising tide raises all boats", I hear this said often in business but, this is our opportunity to make it happen!

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience including any other boards you currently serve on.

n/a

Current Employment

Company Name	Fisher-Price
Address	636 Girard Ave
City ST ZIP Code	East Aurora, NY 14052
Phone	
Job Title	
Name of Superior	

References

Gives below the names of three persons not related to you, whom you have known at least one year.
(For new appointees only.)

Name	Address	Phone Number

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

Name Betsy Drewniak

Date 9/14/17

Erie County Advisory Board Application

Contact Information

Name	Judith Olin
Street Address	59 Saybrook Place
City ST ZIP Code	Buffalo, NY 14209
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Race/Ethnicity	

Name of board you are applying for

Erie County Commission on The Status of Women

Are you requesting to be reappointed or appointed for the first time?

I am requesting to be appointed for the first time.

Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

I have been a licensed attorney since 1985. I currently serve as the Director of The Family Violence and Women's Rights Law Clinic at the University at Buffalo School of Law. I have specialized in the field of violence against women and children, both as a criminal prosecutor (Erie County District Attorney's Office for 9 years), and as a civil legal services attorney (Neighborhood Legal Services for 4 years). I also served as a Director of a non-profit program, The Lee Gross Anthone Child Advocacy Center, a one stop service center for children who have suffered sexual and physical abuse (12 years). I currently serve as the Chairperson of the Domestic Violence Committee of the Women's Bar Association of Western New York. I have been a feminist since my days as a college student.

Interests

Discuss the issues you hope to address if appointed.

I'm very interested in working on the issue of violence against women and children as well as human trafficking. We continue to have high rates of domestic violence and child abuse in Erie County. There are many community organizations working in these areas, and having the Commission collaborate and coordinate its efforts with others will help to build a stronger community wide response with enhanced programmatic and legislative reform. I look forward to participating in Domestic Violence Awareness month activities. I hope to involve my Clinic students from the Law School in the work of the Commission if appropriate.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience including any other boards you currently serve on.

I currently serve as the Chairperson of the Domestic Violence Committee of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter. I was a volunteer with the Lawyer's For Learning program of the Erie County Bar Association for 10 years. I am a member of the Erie County Bar Association. I sing in the choir of my synagogue, Congregation Shir Shalom, and served as a volunteer assisting with a production of Fiddler on The Roof with children from refugee backgrounds from Our Lady of Hope Church on Buffalo's Westside.

Current Employment

Company Name	University at Buffalo School of Law, The State University of New York
Address	Clinical Legal Education Program, 507 O'Brian Hall
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone	
Job Title	
Name of Superior	

References

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Name	Address	Phone Number

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

Name	Judith G. Olin
Date	August 12, 2017

Erie County Advisory Board Application

Contact Information

Name	Tamara Z. Lewis
Street Address	40 Bame Ave
City ST ZIP Code	Buffalo, NY 14215
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Race/Ethnicity	

Name of board you are applying for

ECSCW Advisory

Are you requesting to be reappointed or appointed for the first time?

First time.

Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

I bring 15 years of corporate leadership, management and community building. I am a consultant by trade. I sit on the board of the Foundry Buffalo and I am very passionate about opportunities to create social change and supporting our youth. I helped my now 17 year old daughter take her kitchen table hobby and turn it into a national brand. My position as her COO has increased my social marketing, branding, network marketing and PR skills.

Interests

Discuss the issues you hope to address if appointed.

I am looking to be a loud, forceful and persistent voice for those without one. I am interested in education and programing.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience including any other boards you currently serve on.

I sit on the Foundry Buffalo Board. Volunteer for The Zandra TLC Foundation, I am an organizer for the Day Of The Girl Buffalo Summit and and I work with the Girl Up / United Nations Campaign. In addition, I am an officer in the church- Miracle Mission Full Gospel which allows me to connect with several community initiatives.

Current Employment

Company Name	Zandra + The Zandra Grande Consulting
Address	255 Great Arrow, Suite 208
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone	
Job Title	
Name of Superior	

References

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Agreement and Signature

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Name	Tamar Z Lewis
Date	September 20, 2017

Erie County Advisory Board Application

Contact Information

Name	Heidi Romer
Street Address	130 Stillwell Avenue, Lower Apt.
City ST ZIP Code	Kenmore, NY 14217
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Race/Ethnicity	

Name of board you are applying for

Commission of the Status of Women

Are you requesting to be reappointed or appointed for the first time?

Appointed for the first time.

Qualifications

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Summary:
Passionate and results-driven with a proven track record for developing and implementing forward-thinking strategies and initiatives that improve the lives of employees and the communities they live in. Versatile and adaptable, with a keen ability to envision positive changes in employee engagement, community health and development, education, and social equity. Lead and inspire change, working with teams from diverse backgrounds and life experiences to achieve common goals.

Hobbies:
Hiking, reading, traveling, dining out at new restaurants (big foodie), NYG fan, Yankee fan (I'm from the Bronx)

Interests

Discuss the issues you hope to address if appointed.

-Gender wage gap
-Higher education opportunities for women
-Childcare affordability
-Lack of women in leadership positions
-Lack of minority women in leadership positions

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience including any other boards you currently serve on.

Board & Volunteer Service:
Board Member and Co-Chair of Development Committee, The Field and Fork Network
Mentor, Say Yes To Education
Member, The John R. Oishei Foundation Leaders Program
Committee Member, Mobile Safety Net Team, The Healthy Corner Store Initiative
Steering Team Member, Western New York Healthy Communities Coalition

Current Employment

Company Name	P2 Collaborative of WNY
Address	355 Harlem Road
City ST ZIP Code	West Seneca, NY 14224
Phone	
Job Title	
Name of Superior	

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Agreement and Signature

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Name	Heidi Romer
Date	09-08-2017