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Bousquet Beams, Community Wins

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MISSION :

To maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of law, to cultivate social discourse among its members, and to increase its significance in promoting the due administration of Justice.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CLEs Business Valuations & Divorce	11/7
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that you have been able to take an extra boat ride, play another round of golf, hike a State or County Park, and/or take a drive to Clayton, Chimney Bluffs, Ithaca, the Adirondacks or any of dozens of beautiful venues to enjoy this exceptional Autumn Season. It seems likely that the other shoe is about to fall. If you were unable to attend our Annual Dinner last week, you missed an inspiring evening celebrating our 2017 Distinguished Lawyer, Larry Bousquet. Larry's portrait will be permanently placed in the Onondaga County Court House on our "Wall of Fame." Very well deserved!

The Holidays are fast approaching and I hope you will arrange your schedules to attend our Holiday Reception on November 30th, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Philanthropy Center. Please go to our website to register. It is always a nice event.

Finally, next Tuesday is Election Day and I believe it is especially important for us as lawyers, given our education, experiences and unique perspectives, to exercise that right. This year we vote to decide whether or not to hold a Constitutional Convention. The issue is very controversial, to say the least. Those supporting the proposition include the NYSBA and many good government groups. Those opposed include an intriguing and somewhat unusual conglomerate including the AFL-CIO; NYSUT; environmental groups such as The Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter and the Adirondack Council; New York Farm Bureau; Planned Parenthood; the NYCLU; the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York; State Rifle and Pistol Association; Republican Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan; Democratic Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie; and the Independent Democratic Conference; together with the Working Families Party and the Conservative Party of NY.

If you Google search "NY Constitutional Convention," you will find dozens of articles and opinions supporting both sides. I encourage you to educate yourself on this important ballot question. If you wish to cast a vote on this proposition, please note that you will have to turn your ballot over. For some reason, it is placed on the back side.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Murphy". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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John A. Cirando, a Syracuse attorney, has been included as one of the top 5 percent of outstanding attorneys in Upstate New York in the 2016 edition of New York Super Lawyers. Cirando concentrates his practice on appellate advocacy.



LUNCH

Join the Paralegals Committee for our monthly luncheon

Thursday, November 9th from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

at the

**CNY Philanthropy Center
3rd Floor Conference Room
431 E. Fayette St., Syracuse.**

Enjoy a refreshing lunch as you listen to guest speaker

Edward S. Leone, Esq.,

of Bottar Leone Attorneys, discuss the important role paralegal professionals play in the field of medical malpractice litigation.

Reserve your seat!

Please **RSVP** to Jean Swanger at jswanger@barclaydamon.com.

Bousquet Distinguished Among Peers

By: Carrie Chantler

They say a good party creates a temporary youthfulness. And even though there were no goofy hats or silly games, the 142nd Annual Dinner brought the fun Thursday, October 26th.

More than 200 OCBA members and special guests attended the event at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown where together they recognized Laurence G. Bousquet, Esq., the 2017 Distinguished Lawyer.

Bousquet was nominated by his colleagues for the bar association's highest honor due to his dedicated volunteer service to the business, educational, arts, and cultural landscape of the City of Syracuse.

Considered the biggest night of the bar association's calendar, the merriment is many months in the making and was accomplished this year by the Nominating and Annual Dinner committees, Bousquet Holstein's Director of Marketing and Public Relations Jan Quitzau, and the OCBA staff.

Toes couldn't help tapping to the sounds of the Skan Jam Kicks Band, OCBA's nearly in-house, jazz combo. On the keys was OCBA Executive Director Jeff Unaitis who traded eights with U.S. Federal Magistrate Judge David Peebles, on trumpet, and fellow band mates Andy Peebles on bass and Jim Laratta on drums.

The party vibe amped up during a cocktail reception as folks congratulated guest of honor Bousquet, who was accompanied by his wife Lauri and son Chris (see photo).

Surrounded by friends, family and colleagues, Bousquet also greeted last year's Distinguished Lawyer, and his good friend, Susan Horn, Esq. as well as Ruger Award recipient, Hon. Norman A. Mordue.

The event, partially dependent on corporate patronage, experienced a banner year with an influx of sponsorships by law firms and organizations happy to support this annual favorite (see sponsors, page 7).

Aaron Ryder welcomed attendees and introduced the evening's program. The Annual Dinner Chair was later joined by OCBA President Jim Murphy.

"I hope you enjoy tonight's event and the rare opportunity it provides to eat and drink with your friends, colleagues and adversaries," said Murphy, after recognizing the many OCBA volunteers who tirelessly contribute to the bar association.

Inspiration was delivered by Carrie Berse, president of the Crouse Health Foundation, who sang the National Anthem and LeMoyne College Student Success Coach and Resident Chaplain Elizabeth Scanlon who provided a stirring invocation.

Special guest New York State Bar Association President Sharon Stern Gerstman also spoke to the assemblage. Gerstman briefly enumerated state bar association offerings, said hello to her OCBA colleagues and

asked the lawyers to contemplate their commitment to the legal profession.

"My challenge to all is to be the instrument of social change that many of us went to law school to become," she said.

Social change is at the center of Bousquet's work on behalf of the eight community organizations in which he's currently active.

A longtime volunteer, the Syracuse native has served as past president, or board member, of six other Syracuse influencers, including: Hiscock Legal Aid Society, Onondaga Citizens League, and the Everson Museum of Art.

Phil Bousquet, a member of Bousquet Holstein, introduced his brother, with whom he's practiced law for 28 years. Phil pointed out his sibling's long list of leadership roles is not only indicative of his love for Syracuse, but of his passion for the rule of law: "What distinguishes Larry – is the WAY that he served these great causes, all of which serve the people of Central New York. Larry doesn't just show up. He shows



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up, he rolls up his sleeves, and he gets to work. He loves the thrill of the complex problem. He prods, questions, and grinds on a problem until he can break it into pieces that can be analyzed, worked through, and solved.

And all that prodding and grinding is framed and informed by the law. Larry studies it until he sees its shape and purposes. He opens the books, reads the Code and the regs and the rulings. He reads on. And he reads on some more. He makes sure he understands how it works, and more importantly, why the rules are what they are. And then he brings that understanding of the “how” and the “why” to the table, to grind and fit the parts and pieces back together into a solution. That is some kind of lawyering, my friends.”

Bousquet is a master at finding solutions by first seeking consensus among stakeholders to affirm their assent and back it up in public, said his brother.

“Consensus-based decision making is not based on a vote, or on fiat or mandate. It is based on principle – the idea that shared values and common interests lead to lasting outcomes,” Phil said. “He is always willing to do that hard work, no matter the context.”

And then it was time for the guest of honor, in his signature modest tone, to address his audience.

“Whatever I accomplished during the past 37 years, in the practice of law and in our community, has been largely due to the company that I’ve had the pleasure and honor of keeping,” Bousquet said.

He discussed significant early-career relationships and how his parents worked to assure him and his brother were exposed to the law and its honorable practitioners.

“My parents provided a great example of good citizenship and community involvement – they loved the great and talented people they came to know and the causes they championed, whether it was the Visiting Nurses Association, the Junior League, or Planned Parenthood,” he said.

Mentors proved important, such as Eddie Green, Esq., formerly of Green & Seifter, who hired Bousquet at age 28 and to whom he’d later hand over his firm.

“Eddie provided an interdisciplinary practice, gave

us the opportunity to imagine a new kind of law firm, had confidence in us, and was passionate in his belief that is ‘one generation’s obligation to plant the trees under whose shade future generations will rest’,” said Bousquet. “I’m proud that that commitment to community is one of the core beliefs of our firm today, as it has been from the inception.”

Bousquet thanked many colleagues, singling out Lowell Seifter, general counsel for St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Care, along with Robert Weiler “who joined us on faith and friendship over 30 years ago and who has been the intellectual core of our firm ever since.”

He mentioned, in gratitude, in addition to his wife Lauri and son Chris, colleagues Gary Grossman and Steve St. Amour, as well as his fellow firm partners and staff “...an extraordinary, energetic, diverse, brilliant,

“Whatever I may have been able to accomplish during the past 37 years, in the practice of law and in our community, has been largely due to the company that I have had the pleasure and honor of keeping.”

inquisitive, and dedicated group who make coming to work every day a joy.”

As for his prodigious community involvement, the relentless civic volunteer offered the following.

“Let me explain why the privilege and honor that I have had to be involved with so many extraordinary organizations is fully congruent with my perception of the role of the attorney in the Community.

“After all, the law is simply the Community’s most profound expression of how we seek to govern ourselves. It is the covenant that we make to each other about how we will conduct our affairs.

“And we, as lawyers, have a unique relationship to the Law. We ‘think like lawyers,’ which, in its best version, means that we dig deep to understand the nuance and complexity, and ultimately, the truth of the facts before us; we are dedicated to understanding the law – its history, its meaning, and how it has been applied – and

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we're adept at applying those principles to the facts to achieve a just outcome; no small objective."

He spoke of the role and responsibility lawyers have to serve "those who exist on the fringe of our Community as individuals for whom those things that we hold self-evident are not readily accessible."

As "guardians and gatekeepers of the law," Bousquet emboldened listeners to provide access to justice and the legal system for poor and indigent citizens.

"Over my career I have had the great privilege to work with a broad array of community organizations, but I can think of no better example of the role of the attorney in the Community than the work we do as a profession providing counsel and comfort to those who cannot afford legal advice in matters that impact the essentials of life," he said.

Bousquet is the Board of Directors Chair of the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County which began as an OCBA program in 1991, but went solo in 2012 with a staff of one and a \$45,000 budget. Today, the agency provides legal services to more than 3,500 clients, benefitting 8,300 community members, accomplished by a nine-member staff, a pro bono panel of 500 local attorneys, 201 law students and an annual budget of \$800,000.

He likened VLP's Executive Director Sally Curran's moral courage and determination of his hero, Robert Kennedy.

Within an arm's reach, on a daily basis, Bousquet can remind himself of Kennedy's impact. On his desk's pullout shelf, since he began to practice law, is taped a photo of the former U.S. Attorney General.

Bousquet remembered to dinner guests Kennedy's Affirmation Day's speech at the University of Capetown:

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current to sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Collaboration toward such goals requires trust, Bousquet concluded, not only among colleagues and clients, but also when working within organizations to raise the community's capacity to assess, improve and contribute.

"So in the end, I thank you for this recognition, and I dedicate it to those who work at the legal services

organizations of our community, whether shepherding the work of and providing training to volunteer lawyers, or directly providing services, and to all of you who volunteer your time so that those who live in poverty can share the basic freedoms that the covenant of our community should provide."

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Barclay Damon LLP combines with the energy-environmental firm Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C.

Joining Barclay Damon will be 11 attorneys of the Syracuse-based Gilberti firm and its paralegals and staff.

Over its 45-year history, the Gilberti firm developed exceptional boutique expertise in a number of practices, including energy law, large-project development and siting; environmental law; state regulation; real property tax and condemnation; corporate; litigation; and commercial real estate.

The continued expansion of the Firm’s Energy practice follows Barclay Damon’s recent addition to its renewable energy team of four attorneys from the Framingham, MA-based firm McCauley Lyman.

“The combination of this highly successful firm with Barclay Damon is great news for clients of both firms, adding experience and depth to the already-stellar clients on both sides,” said John P. Langan, Barclay Damon’s managing partner. “With Gilberti’s culture of providing outstanding service and results for clients – which mirrors our own – we know this expansion is going to add real value to the services we offer.”

Gilberti’s practice and industry focus align uniquely with areas of strength at Barclay Damon.

“We could not be more excited about this move,” said former CEO William J. Gilberti, Jr., now a partner at Barclay Damon. “To join a firm of Barclay Damon’s caliber, with excellent attorneys and well-established practices that not only parallel our practices at Gilberti, but also offer additional key services for clients, is the optimal next step for us.”

“To be part of a firm with this breadth and depth of practice expertise in areas beyond our core focus, such as in tax, intellectual property, public finance, health-care, labor and employment, will be invaluable to the clients we serve,” Gilberti said.

During the build out of additional offices in Barclay Damon Tower, the former Gilberti attorneys and staff will use their existing offices at 555 E. Genesee St. in Syracuse as swing space. After construction is complete, all lawyers and staff from the combination will operate from Barclay Damon Tower.

“One of our firm’s greatest strengths, serving as a significant competitive advantage, is that we know how to quickly evaluate, onboard, and integrate talent developed from a robust and continuing lateral partner program,” Langan said. “You don’t go from 50 lawyers to more than 275 lawyers without having figured out these issues.”

“We are proud of our history of success in crafting strategic mergers like this one, and through diligent planning and integration steps, making them work for the benefit of the firm and – most importantly – for our clients. We look forward to an exciting future with the Gilberti team.”



Torts & Insurance Attorney (Albany)

Barclay Damon LLP, a 275-attorney law firm, with 33 practice offerings and eleven offices throughout New York State and the Northeast, is seeking a full-time Associate for the Albany office to join its Torts & Products Liability Defense Practice Area. The Associate should have 3-5 years of torts defense experience.

Candidate must be licensed to practice in the state of New York; have superior verbal, written, and interpersonal skills; and have demonstrated abilities to work directly with clients and develop and execute service strategies.

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a resume, cover letter, transcript, and writing sample in confidence to:

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Bachar and Cohen Join Bousquet Holstein PLLC



Syracuse, NY - Bousquet Holstein PLLC is pleased to announce that Lisa K. Bachar has joined the law firm as Director of Human Resources. She is responsible for all human resource policy formulation, planning, organization, direction and evaluation of human resources activities.

She will guide and manage the provisions of Human Resources services, policies, and programs for the firm. Lisa has been involved in HR for a majority of her career, most recently at Barclay Damon where she was the Regional Office Director and HR Generalist. Lisa is an active member of the Society for Human Resources Management. She is a graduate of Columbia College and resides with her family in West Monroe, NY.



Syracuse, NY - Bousquet Holstein PLLC is pleased to announce that Rebecca R. Cohen has joined the firm's Immigration and Business Practice Groups. She practices business and family immigration law, with a focus on O-1 extraordinary ability artist and athlete visas, and

EB-1 green card petitions. She also concentrates her practice on dual citizenship matters.

Prior to joining Bousquet Holstein, Rebecca served as Associate Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She has also served as Deputy Director of Development for the Reach Out and Read National Center in Boston, and as an attorney at the Ottinger Firm PC in New York City. Rebecca developed additional experience in the areas of labor and employment law, and securities and antitrust class actions, while practicing at various New York City law firms.

Rebecca earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University, and her law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Rebecca was born and raised in Syracuse, and has returned after living in Providence, New York, and Boston. She cares deeply about her community, and was recently elected to serve a three year term on the Fayetteville-Manlius Board of Education, a school district where she attended school from grades K-12. She previously served on the board of the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse.

Natalie Hempson-Elliott Chosen to Receive 40 Under Forty Award

Syracuse, NY - Bousquet Holstein PLLC is proud to announce that Natalie P. Hempson-Elliott, an attorney at the firm, has been chosen to receive the CNY Business Journal 40 Under Forty Award.

Nominees were judged based on their business accomplishments, community involvement, and their leadership role in Central New York. Awards will be presented to the forty winners at a recognition event on November 16th at the SRC Arena.

Natalie serves as an Associate Attorney at Bousquet Holstein in the Business Transactions and Real Estate Practice Groups. She has a range of experience working with diverse clients in business and corporate matters, financing, not-for-profit organizations, commercial real estate, residential sales, and mergers and acquisitions. Natalie is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law and Hobart and William Smith Colleges. She serves on the Board of Directors for Vera House and Contact Community Services, and volunteers her time at the Say Yes Legal Clinics of the Onondaga County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Project.

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**Keith J. McCafferty
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Furthering the Firm’s expansion into the Ithaca area, Hancock Estabrook, LLP welcomes Keith J. McCafferty as its newest attorney. Mr. McCafferty is Counsel in the Firm’s Trusts & Estates, Corporate, Real Estate and Tax and Elder Law practices.

His practice concentrates in the areas of estate planning and corporate governance. Mr. McCafferty assists individuals on issues related to estate planning, trusts, planning for the elderly and disabled and estate and trust administration. He also advises tax-exempt organizations on diverse legal issues, including formations, taxation and tax-exempt issues, corporate governance, corporate restructuring, regulatory matters and a variety of commercial ventures, contracts and transactions.

Mr. McCafferty received his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and his J.D. from the University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law. Mr. McCafferty was also the Director of Operations for Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc., a not-for-profit law firm.

**Vanguard Research & Title Services
announces Gilbert M. Hoffman, Esq.
as Chief Title Counsel**

Hoffman joins Vanguard with over three decades of Real Estate Law experience both within and outside of New York State. Following his 27 years as title counsel to a multi-national title insurance underwriter, he served as counsel for a sizable law firm’s Real Estate Practice Group. Hoffman’s experience is vast, encompassing residential, commercial, and industrial real property and title matters, including wind and nuclear power facilities, cogeneration plants, pipelines and transmission lines.

Hoffman serves as Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association’s Real Property Law Section, Title and Transfer Committee and on its RPLS Executive Committee. He also serves as Chairperson to the Onondaga County Bar Association Real Property Section and has been instrumental in setting the Bar Association’s standards for real property title in his tenure. He is a Certified Instructor by the New York State Education Department and has served as an instructor for various continuing education courses throughout his career.

Onondaga County Clerk’s Office Goes Digital

After months of hard work to make information more readily available to Onondaga County residents, the Onondaga County Clerk’s office records are now easily accessible on-line thanks to a partnership with Cott Systems, Inc. With this time saving upgrade, individuals who are in need of quick access to information can now login and work directly from their home or office 24/7.

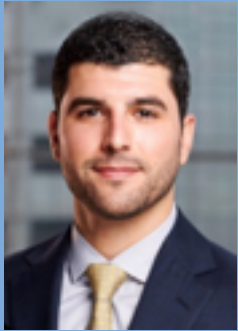
Cott Systems Inc., has worked with, and installed over 400 active land and court systems across 20 states and has been an innovator in public records management for over 128 years. During the conversion process, Cott Systems migrated over 3.8 million land and court recordings as well as the accompanying 10.7 million images.

With the Onondaga County Clerk’s office activating this on-line based search program, in-state and out of state customers will benefit from quick access and the latest information available. Individuals will now be able to search and locate records easily with just the click of their mouse.

“There has been an increasing demand for more instant access to our public records and we are excited to offer this option to our customers – near and far. I am very grateful to the Onondaga County Legislature and the Onondaga County Executive Joanne Mahoney for their support in bringing this important service to our community,” said County Clerk Lisa Dell.

A link to the website can be found on the Onondaga County Clerk’s webpage at <http://www.ongov.net/clerk/>. Guest users can view the indexes at no cost and access images for as little as \$5.00 for a 24 hour period. For more information, please contact Onondaga County Clerk Lisa Dell, at (315) 435-2227 or at LisaDell@ongov.net.

Whitton Cowan and Gozal Join Hinman, Howard and Kattell, LLP



Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP is pleased to announce that Nir E. Gozal has joined the firm as Special Counsel in the White Plains New York office effective August 28, 2017.

Mr. Gozal’s practice focuses on advising banks and other financial institutions on regulatory compliance and matters involving federal and state regulatory agencies. Mr. Gozal represents public and private companies from a broad industry cross-section in a variety of general corporate matters, including corporate formation and governance, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and securities issuance and compliance, and has experience representing investment advisors, investment vehicles, and individual investors in meeting their regulatory compliance obligations.

Mr. Gozal received his J.D., from Villanova University School of Law, LL.M (Taxation) and B.A. from the College of William and Mary.



Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP is pleased to announce that Michelle Whitton Cowan joined the firm as Special Counsel in the Syracuse New York office effective August 14, 2017.

Ms. Whitton Cowan is a member of Hinman, Howard & Kattell’s Workers’ Compensation and Disability Benefits Practice Group and handles both Workers’ Compensation and Social Security Disability Claims. Ms. Whitton Cowan is experienced in handling all matters involving Workers’ Compensation Law including representing injured workers, defending insurance companies and representing self-insured employers.

Ms. Whitton Cowan received her J.D. cum laude from Syracuse University College of Law where she was inducted to the Order of the Barristers for her work in oral advocacy. Prior to Law School, Ms. Whitton Cowan attended Buena Vista University where she graduated summa cum laude receiving a dual degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice.

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&

**ASSOCIATE JUDGE
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on their appointment to the
New York State Court of Appeals

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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The Lawyers' Assistance Project Of Onondaga County

What is the Lawyers' Assistance Project?

The Lawyers' Assistance Project of Onondaga County is a confidential service providing information, referrals, access to professional counseling and peer support.

What Kind of Assistance is Available?

You are entitled to a confidential telephone consultation, free counseling sessions with a professional counselor, and participation in peer support groups.

What Can I Expect When I Call for an Appointment?

You will talk to an intake coordinator who may refer you to an experienced counselor. Family Services Associates serves as the Project's counseling agency.

Is Contact with the Lawyers' Assistance Project Confidential?

YES. You can discuss the issue of confidentiality with the intake coordinator or counselor.

Why Was the Project Set Up?

The Project was established to assist lawyers who have problems with alcohol, drugs, stress, anxiety, depression, gambling and other personal problems.

Who May Call?

Attorneys, judges and law students in Onondaga County and these other neighboring counties: Oswego, Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer, Oneida, Cortland, Cayuga and Madison counties.



For more information contact:

The New York State Bar Association Lawyer Assistance Program-- (800) 255-0569

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Onondaga County Bar Association

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QUALIFICATIONS: Admission to the New York State Bar. While these are minimum qualifications for this title, consideration may be given to education and experience directly related to the assignment. Trial and Appellate experience preferred.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK: Under direct supervision, attorneys serve in a confidential capacity and research legal questions and issues, prepare cases for administrative proceedings and litigation in the courts, and perform other related duties. Attorneys provide legal research and advocacy services in the Mental Hygiene Legal Services, attorney disciplinary committees, 18B panel administrative, or other such units.

ASSIGNMENT: The position will provide representation of sex offenders alleged to be suffering from a mental abnormality in civil commitment proceedings, including trials. Duties also include but are not limited to: presenting cases before administrative tribunals and courts; researching and analyzing legal questions and issues and preparing confidential reports, memoranda, legal papers and briefs; interviewing litigants, witnesses and other parties to administrative and judicial proceedings, all dealing with mentally disabled clients; and drafting correspondence related to case inquiries. Extensive travel without reliance on public carriers is necessary for this position.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by persons assigned to this title. They do not include all job duties performed by employees in the title, and every position does not necessarily require these duties. Although a position is available and situated at a specific location, the appointee may be subject to reassignment to any position in the same title in this promotion unit dependent upon the needs of the Unified Court System. All applications received from this announcement may be used to fill any vacancies in this title that may occur in this court or agency within the next six (6) months. Special arrangements for the disabled may be made by contacting MHLS at 585-530-3050 prior to the interview. Position(s) available at the present time: 1.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: All interested persons meeting the minimum qualifications are encouraged to submit a UCS-5 Application for Employment form (obtainable from any administrative office in a court building or on the web at www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf) and a resume to:

Kevin D. Wilson, Deputy Director
Mental Hygiene Legal Service - Administration Offices
M. Dolores Denman Courthouse
50 East Avenue, Suite 402
Rochester, NY 14604

APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE EEO DATA COLLECTION FORM.

POSTING DATE: October 19, 2017 **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY:** November 13, 2017

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2.0 MCLE (1.0 Professional Practice + 0.5 Skills + 0.5 Ethics)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

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11:45 am – Noon Registration

Noon - 2:00 pm Program

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- * Authorization Form requirements
- * Legality of electronic signatures

Presenters: **Stewart L. Weisman, Esq.**
Law Offices of Stewart L. Weisman

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1.0 MCLE (Professional Practice)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 9 to 10 a.m.
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