

RESOLUTION NO. 2016041

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Legislators THOMES, BORCHERT, BOLNER, FLESLAND, SAGLIANO, INCORONATO, LANDISI, TRUITT, HORTON, and WASHBURN offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Dutchess County Board of Health due to the retirement of Legislator Gerald Hutchings and term expiration of Robert Irving Miller, Jr, and

WHEREAS, Legislator Joseph Incoronato and Melissa Ann D. Dizon have expressed an interest in being appointed to such board, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature does hereby appoint Legislator Joseph Incoronato as a member of the Dutchess County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Hutchings to expire on December 31, 2017, and Melissa Ann D. Dizon as a member of the Dutchess County Board of Health to replace Robert Irving Miller, Jr. to expire on December 31, 2021.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 14th day of March 2016, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 14th day of March 2016.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

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BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State, 2012
U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York, 2013
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2013

EDUCATION

Albany Law School, Albany, NY

Juris Doctor, May 2011

- *cum laude* (Top 25%)
 - *Honors*, Health Law Concentration (GPA: 3.7)
 - *Dean's List*: Spring 2010 & 2011
 - *Recipient*, Diversity Scholarship, 2008-2011
 - *Senior Editor*, ALBANY GOVERNMENT LAW REVIEW, 2009-2011
 - *Columnist*, New York State Bar Association Health Law Journal, "In the Journals," 2010-2012
- Summer Law Study Abroad: **Widener University/Université de Lausanne**, Lausanne, Switzerland, 2009

Thomas Jefferson University, College of Graduate Studies, Philadelphia, PA

Graduate Certificate in Public Health, August 2008

- GPA: 3.94
- **Research Analysis**: "An Examination Using the PRECEDE Framework of Teen Pregnancy in the City of Philadelphia," grade A+

Drexel University, College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

Certificate in Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Studies, May 2007

- GPA: 3.6

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

B.S. Health Science (Public Health Concentration); Minor: Social History, May 2005

- *cum laude* (GPA in major 3.8); *Dean's List*: 5 out of 6 eligible semesters
- *Selected*, Golden Key International Honor Society
- *Phi Alpha Theta*, National History Honor Society
- *Recipient*, Department of History Award of Undergraduate Excellence
- **Research Analysis**: "Healthy Choices, Responsible Actions," grade A

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Sholes & Miller, LLP, Fishkill, New York

Associate Attorney, January 2013-Present

- Provide comprehensive representation of clients in the healthcare industry, including issues concerning professional malpractice, disciplinary matters, healthcare transactions and regulatory compliance.
- Participate in all aspects of civil litigation, including drafting pleadings and motions, preparing discovery demands and responses, and assisting with trial preparation.
- Conduct factual investigation, and research and draft legal memoranda.
- Represent clients at depositions and depose adverse parties.

- Draft petitions and conduct hearings pursuant to New York Mental Hygiene Law, specifically pertaining to guardianship of incapacitated individuals, involuntary retention, and involuntary administration of psychotropic and medical treatment.
- Appear in courts throughout New York State for preliminary, compliance and pre-trial conferences.
- Review, analyze and draft reports regarding patients' medical records.

Davis and Davis, Attorneys at Law, New City, New York

Associate Attorney, June 2012-August 2012

- General family law practice involving work on a variety of issues with a particular emphasis on child custody disputes and marital dissolutions.
- Duties included all aspects of case management including legal research, preparation and drafting of legal documents, participation in settlement negotiations, and responsibility for filing initial and responsive papers.
- Attended numerous court proceedings and participated in all phases of litigation, including trial preparation.

Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Third Department, Albany, New York

Volunteer Legal Intern, February 2011-June 2011

- Conducted extensive legal research and prepared research memoranda on issues involving state and federal sex offender civil commitment statutes.
- Assisted in the drafting of an appellate brief concerning competency in sex offender civil commitment proceedings.
- Attended various appellate arguments and involuntary civil commitment trials and hearings.

Legal Extern (Albany Law School Field Placement Program), January 2010-May 2010

- Prepared research memoranda on various legal issues, including supplemental social security income, guardianship proceedings, involuntary civil commitment and retention orders, and juror misconduct.
- Assisted in client interviews and guardianship proceedings.
- Prepared a manual outlining the provisions of the Family Health Care Decisions Act.

New York State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Department, Albany, New York

Law Clerk, December 2009-May 2011

- Conducted extensive legal research of citations and textual information in NYSBA publications.
- Collaborated with the NYS Unified Court System, Department of Health, and NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the production of the first edition of New York's *Public Health Legal Manual*.

Health Law Clinic, Albany Law Clinic and Justice Center, Albany, New York

Legal Intern, August 2009-December 2009

- Worked with chronically ill and vulnerable populations on a wide variety of legal health issues, including social security disability benefit appeals, health care proxies, and Medicaid application assistance.

PRESENTATIONS

Abilities First, "Guardianships in New York State," Poughkeepsie, New York, September 24, 2014.

HealthAlliance Hospital Ethics Committee, "Informed Consent," Kingston, New York, April 7, 2014.

PROFESIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, New York State Bar Association, 2008-Present

Member, Dutchess County Bar Association, 2013-Present

Member, American Health Lawyers' Association, 2013-Present

Member, HealthAlliance Hospital Ethics Committee, 2013-Present

Member, Albany Law School Health Law Society, 2008-2011; *Treasurer*, 2009-2010