
Development Committee Minutes March 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge James H. Cecile (Chair), Robert T. Tackman,
Erich W. Shafer (via telephone), David A. Scharoun

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph E. O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER:

At 4:50 pm, the March 8, 2016 Development Committee meeting was called to order by Judge James Cecile.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Robert T. Tackman made a motion to approve the February 2016 minutes, Erich Shafer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

INTERVIEW OF A PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER – NICHOLAS J. DeMARTINO

Chair Cecile introduced Nick DeMartino to Committee Members. The Chair and President Scharoun reviewed, for Mr. DeMartino, the Role and Responsibilities of Board Membership. They also described the various Board Committee Roles and the importance of Board Attendance.

Executive Director Joseph O'Hara described, for Mr. DeMartino, PEACE, Inc.'s programs and fiscal operations.

Mr. DeMartino and the Committee discussed PEACE, Inc.'s role in the community.

Subsequent to Mr. DeMartino being excused, the committee, on a motion by Bob Tackman, seconded by Erich Shafer, unanimously recommended Mr. DeMartino for Board membership.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the full Board of Directors at their next meeting.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

There was discussion regarding the Election of Officers scheduled for the June 27th Annual Board of Directors meeting.

The slate of officers nominated for election, along with a write in ballot option will be sent from Development Committee Chair Jim Cecile to all Board Members for their review and vote.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:30 PM, the March 8, 2016 Development Committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Erich Shafer, seconded by Bob Tackman. The motion carried.

NICHOLAS J. DeMARTINO

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EDUCATION

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE, SCHOOL OF LAW, Springfield, MA
Juris Doctor Degree - May 1983

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT,
Brockport, NY

Bachelor of Science Degree, Political Science - May 1979
Summa Cum Laude

LAW RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

GREEN & BRENNECK, Syracuse, N.Y.

Private Practice of Law: May 2015 – present
Criminal Defense Practice includes the handling of homicides, felonies and misdemeanors in State and Federal Court

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Syracuse, N.Y.

Assistant Attorney General - Criminal Enforcement and Financial Crimes Bureau:
July 2007 – April 2015
Responsible for the investigation and prosecution of financial and “white collar” criminal matters within Onondaga, Oswego, Cayuga, St. Lawrence, Madison, Cortland and Broome Counties pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 63(3).

COSTELLO, COONEY & FEARON, PLLC, Syracuse, N.Y.

Special Counsel: April 2004 - July 2007
Practice included civil litigation, legal malpractice defense, criminal defense and family court custody and law guardian matters. Also served as attorney for the Onondaga County Assigned Counsel Program, Inc.

ONONDAGA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Syracuse, N.Y.

Chief Assistant District Attorney: March 1999 - December 2000; January 2002 – April 2004
Senior Assistant District Attorney: January 1995 - March 1999
Assistant District Attorney: June 1988 - January 1995

- Homicide Bureau, including capital cases: 1992 - 2000; 2002 - 2004
- Homicide Bureau/Violent Felony/Career Criminal Bureau: 1995 - 2000
- Bureau Chief – Economic Fraud Bureau: 1995
- Violent Felony/Career Felony Bureau: 1993 – 1994
- Felony Narcotics Bureau: 1989 – 1993
- City Court Bureau: 1988 - 1989
- District Attorney Liaison - Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse: 1996 - 2000
- Coordinator – Project Safe Schools: 1999 – 2000
- Diversion Supervisor / Supervisor of Project P.R.O.U.D. : 1994 - 2000
- Syracuse Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
- 10 Point Plan to Reduce Juvenile Gun Violence
- Mayor's Intervention Task Force
- The HOPE Project (Partnership To Reduce Juvenile Gun Violence)

SYRACUSE CITY COURT, Syracuse, N.Y.

Syracuse City Court Judge: January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

- Initiated Syracuse Community Court
- Syracuse Community Court Planning Committee - Chairperson
- Criminal and Civil Part Judge
- Syracuse Housing Court Judge
- Partnership to Reduce Juvenile Gun Violence - Steering Committee
- Syracuse Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
- 10 Point Plan to Reduce Juvenile Violence

ONONDAGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAW, Syracuse, N.Y.

Deputy County Attorney: January 1986 - May 1988

Family Court Unit

Responsibilities included the prosecution of Child Abuse and Neglect cases, Juvenile Delinquents and Persons in Need of Supervision.

TEACHING / LECTURING

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, CAZENOVIA COLLEGE, Cazenovia, NY.

Winter Semester 1994 - Fall Semester 2008

Fall Semester 1984 - Fall Semester 1987

Courses include Business Law, Sports Law, Business and Legal Ethics and Criminal Procedure.

FACULTY MEMBER - DNA - CAPITAL TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM, Albany, New York - October 1998

LECTURER - SYRACUSE POLICE HOMICIDE SEMINAR, Syracuse, New York - July 1999

LECTURER - SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT - CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY, Syracuse, New York - February 2000

LECTURER - FIFTH ANNUAL HEALTH CARE MARKETPLACE 2001 - S.U.N.Y HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER - "Youthful Violence: Unteaching What Children Learn" - June 2001

LECTURER - FOUNTAIN OF LIFE MINISTRIES RETREAT, CAZENOVIA, NY - YOUTH VIOLENCE - June 2001

LECTURER - ONONDAGA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CLE - "Preparing and Conducting a Direct Examination" - April 10, 2002

LECTURER - ONONDAGA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CLE - "Jury Selection: Preparation and Process" - March 5, 2003

LECTURER - NEW YORK STATE PROSECUTOR'S TRAINING INSTITUTE SUMMER COLLEGE - "Ethical Considerations in Preparing a Witness In a Capital Murder Prosecution" - August 4, 2003

LECTURER - ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - "Conducting a Direct Examination" - 2006

LECTURER - NEW YORK STATE PROSECUTOR'S TRAINING INSTITUTE - "Medicaid Fraud, Related Crimes and Available Resources - Being Proactive in Your Investigation and Prosecution" - October 19, 2007

LECTURER - NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS BUREAU - "Jury Selection: Preparation and Process" - July 30, 2008

LECTURER - NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE - "Your Child's D.I.G.I.T.A.L Life - Safety Tips for Parents" - 2008 - 2010

LECTURER - NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE - "Safeguarding Your Future - One Student Loan at a Time" - October 2008 - 2010

LECTURER - NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE - "Identity Theft" - 2009 - 2010

LECTURER – NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION - YOUNG LAWYER'S ASSOCIATION TRIAL ACADEMY , Ithaca NY – "Evidence, Foundations and Objections" – March 2010, March 2011, March 2012, March 2013, March 2014

LECTURER – NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE – "2011 Jury Selection Update: Preparation and Process" – September 1, 2011

LECTURER – ILLEGAL GUNS, GANGS and DRUGS: "Efforts to Reduce Violent Crime in New York," Albany, New York – March 24, 2012

LECTURER – NEW YORK PROSECUTOR'S TRAINING INSTITUTE – MORTGAGE FRAUD FORUM V: "Boom to Bust," Brooklyn, New York – May 16, 2012

LECTURER – NEW YORK PROSECUTOR'S TRAINING INSTITUTE – MORTGAGE FRAUD FORUM VII: "Breaking Bad – Lawyer's Edition," Brooklyn, New York – April 30, 2014

LECTURER – ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL LAW SERIES – "Preparing a Case for Trial" – May 14, 2014

LECTURER – 14th ANNUAL CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE – UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY: "Preventing Gun Violence," Syracuse, New York – June 4, 2014

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Friends of Schiller Park, Syracuse, New York – President - 2009 - present

Central New York Animal Abuse Task Force – Board of Directors – 2014 - present

Volunteer – Our Lady of Pompei Church Election Day Spaghetti Dinner - 2002 – 2011; 2013 - present

New York State Bar Association Executive Committee - Criminal Law Section
5th District Delegate - 2009 - present

New York State Bar Association Executive Committee - Criminal Law Section
Representative to the House of Delegates – 2012 - present

Onondaga County Bar Association Board of Directors - 2009 – present

Onondaga County Bar Association – Secretary – 2011, Vice President – 2012,
President Elect – 2013

Onondaga County Bar Association – President - 2014

Onondaga County Bar Association - Criminal Law Section Chairperson – 2009 – present

Onondaga County Bar Association – Membership Chairperson – 2010 – present

Onondaga County Bar Association – Executive Committee – At Large Member – 2010

Onondaga County Bar Association – Talk to a Lawyer Clinic – 2009 – 2011; 2015 – present

Onondaga County Bar Association – Volunteer Advocate Lawyer in Animal Abuse Court (VALAC) Program – November 2015 – present

Onondaga County Assigned Counsel Program Board of Directors - 2005 - 2006

Northside Walk of Honor Committee - 2004 – 2008

Eastwood Soccer - Coach - 2004 - 2011

Cathedral Academy at Pompei School – Girl’s Basketball Coach - 2008 - 2009

Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse - Board of Directors - 2002 - 2012

Member - Our Lady of Pompei Church

 President - Our Lady of Pompei School Parent’s Association - 2005 – 2006

Mentor - Guardian Angel Society - Cathedral School 2001 - 2005

Music D’Italia Radio Show - WVOA Radio 95.3 FM / 103.9 FM

 Host - March 2005 - March 2006