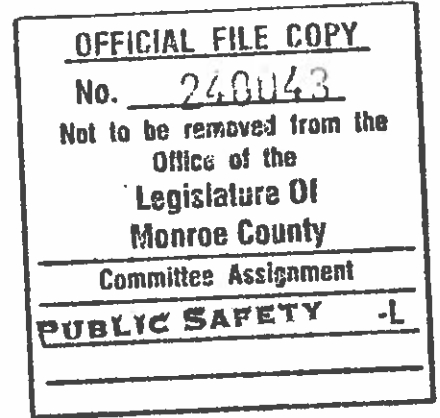




Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive



January 18, 2024

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Confirmation of the Reappointment of the Assigned Counsel Administrator

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body confirm the reappointment of Mark Funk as Assigned Counsel Administrator, pursuant to the Monroe County/Monroe County Bar Association Plan Regarding the Conflict Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program.

A copy of Mr. Funk's resume is enclosed.

The specific legislative action required is to confirm the reappointment of Mark Funk as Assigned Counsel Administrator, pursuant to the Monroe County/Monroe County Bar Association Plan Regarding the Conflict Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2 (b), and is not subject to review under the State Environment Quality Review Act.

This confirmation will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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Mark D. Funk

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EMPLOYMENT

MONROE COUNTY ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

- *Monroe County Assigned Counsel Administrator; October 31, 2016 – Present*
- *Manage the Monroe County Assigned Counsel Program-supervised the assignment of thousands of cases (approximately 3,400 assignments in 2022) annually to approximately 150 panel attorneys*

MONROE COUNTY CONFLICT DEFENDER'S OFFICE

- *Monroe County Conflict Defender; October 31, 2016 – July 2023*
- *Supervisor of a staff of 36 including 21 Attorneys who handle misdemeanor criminal cases, parental representation cases in Family Court appeals for indigent clients (office handled approximately 3,500 cases in 2022).*

LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. FUNK

- *Private Practice of Law; January 2001 – October 2016.*
- *Criminal Defense, Family Court and Appellate Practice.*

Awards and Accolades

2023 President's Award for Professionalism, Monroe County Bar

Association: Awarded by Monroe County Bar Association President Langston D. McFadden; awarded to an attorney who exemplifies and demonstrates a commitment to the concepts of professionalism, civility and collegiality.

Rochester Business Journal/Daily Record, Power Law List for 2021, 2022 and

2023: A list of local legal professionals who are: making sure the legal needs of Rochester's residents are being met and helped limit the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (2021), working to push the Rochester legal community forward during a time of uncertainty and change (2022) and making sure the legal needs of Rochester's residents are met (2023).

2021 Daily Record/RBJ, Legal Excellence-Leaders in Law Award: Recognizing legal professionals who demonstrate professional accomplishment, exceptional character, integrity and ethics, and commitment to clients and community who make our community stronger through both their professional accomplishments and their civic contributions.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW

*Class of 1995 Rank: Top 18% (24 of 133).

*Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Spring 1995.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT OSWEGO

**Magna Cum Laude* graduate, 1992.

*B.S. in Secondary Education-Social Studies

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

*Speaker at numerous Continuing Legal Education Programs on criminal law and Family Court related topics.

*Attendee at numerous Continuing Legal Education Programs on criminal law and Family Court related topics.

BAR ASSOCIATION/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEES

****Chief Defender's Association of New York***

- President, 2022-2023
- President-Elect, Treasurer, Board of Trustees
- Chair, Family Court Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Membership Committee
- Assigned Counsel Committee

****Monroe County Bar Association***

- Past Secretary/Board of Trustees Member
- Past Chair, Criminal Justice Section
- Council Member (current), Family/Matrimonial Section
- Current Chair, Awards Committee
- Member (current), President's Commission on Access to Justice
- Member (current), Solo/Small Committee
- Member (current), Diversity Committee
- Past Secretary, Lawyers for Learning Committee
- Past Lawyers for Learning Mentor, School #29

**Monroe County*

- Department of Public Safety, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Department of Public Safety, Employee Recognition Committee

**New York State Bar Association*

- Mandated Representation Committee
 - Assigned Counsel Sub-committee
 - Family Court Sub-Committee
- Committee on Families and Law

**Other Committees (alphabetically):*

- Communities Not Cages Coalition
- Community Justice Council
- Court Improvement Project (CIP) Committee
 - CIP Race Equity Sub-committee
- Criminal Case Diversion Implementation Project Committee
- Criminal Justice Council
- Domestic Violence/Intensive Domestic Violence Committee
- Family Court Custody Part Operations Committee
- Family Court Planning Committee
- Family Defense Multi-Coalition
- Family Treatment Court Committee
- Greater Rochester Legal Services for Veterans Committee
- Monroe County Criminal Justice Council
- National Adoption Day Committee
- New York Family Advocacy Multi-Coalition
- NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Criminal Defense Advisory Committee
- NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Family Court Standards Committee
- NYS SAVES Council
- Policy Equity Academy Grant Committee
- Pre-textual Stop Coalition
- RASE Commission Criminal Justice-Policing CART
- Rochester Extended Family (REF) Initiative Committee
 - Logistics Sub-Committee
 - Research Sub-Committee
- SAFE (Human Trafficking) Court Committee
- Seventh Judicial District Assigned Counsel Administrators Committee
- Seventh Judicial District Chief Defenders Committee
- Seventh Judicial District Community Justice Council
- Veterans Court Committee

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

COACH/JUDGE; NYSBA Mock Trial Competition, 1996-present