

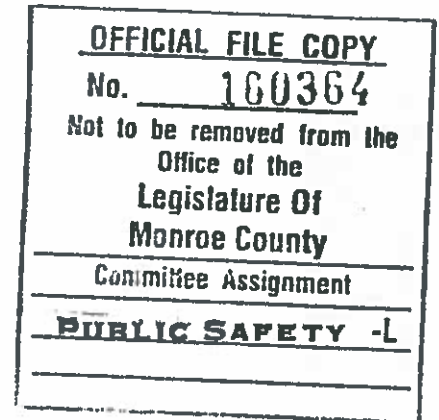
Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

November 15, 2016

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



Subject: Confirmation of the Appointment of the Conflict Defender

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body confirm the appointment of Mr. Mark Funk as Conflict Defender, pursuant to Article V, Section A, Subdivision 2 of the Monroe County Bar Association Sponsored Plan for Conflict Assignments ("Plan").

Pursuant to the Plan, the Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) formed a search committee for the purpose of recommending to me a list of three names from which to appoint the Conflict Defender. After an interview process, the search committee recommended three highly qualified individuals for consideration. Mr. Funk's extensive experience in the field of family, criminal and appellate courts commends him as the best choice to serve as Conflict Defender.

Mr. Funk is an attorney with over 20 years of experience in criminal, family and appellate courts. As a member of the MCBA's Assigned Counsel Committee he already has an understanding of the responsibilities of the Conflict Defender's Office.

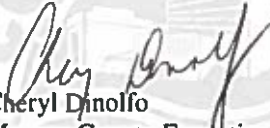
Mr. Funk's appointment is effective immediately.

The specific legislative action required is to confirm the appointment of Mr. Mark Funk as Conflict Defender, pursuant to Article V, Section A, Subdivision 2 of the Monroe County Bar Association Sponsored Plan for Conflict Assignments, effective immediately.

No additional net County support is required 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,


Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive

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Mark D. Funk

BAR ADMISSIONS:

New York State
U.S. District Court - Western District of New York
U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Western District of New York
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
United States Supreme Court

EMPLOYMENT

LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. FUNK

- *Solo practitioner; February 1996 - April 1999; January 2001 - current.
- *State and Federal Criminal Defense (Felony, Misdemeanor and Appellate cases).
- *Family Court (Child Abuse/Neglect, Custody/Visitation, JD/PINS) Practice.

LAW OFFICES OF ANTHONY F. LEONARDO, JR.

- *Associate; April 1999 - December 2000.
- *Research and writing of criminal defense motions, memorandum and briefs.

HON. WALTER A. PORTER, OHIO COMMON PLEAS COURT; Dayton, Ohio.

- *Law Clerk; June 1994 - June 1995.
- *Research and writing of decisions and opinions.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW

- *Class of 1995 Rank: Top 18% (24 of 133).
- *Grade of "Exceptional" received: Civil Trial Practice, Fall 1994.
- *Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Spring 1995.
- *Two Academic Excellence Awards.
- *Scholarship recipient.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT OSWEGO

- *Magna Cum Laude graduate, 1992.
- *Major: Secondary Education/Social Studies; Minor: History.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

BASIC TRIAL SKILLS SCHOOL; New York State Defenders Association, 1998.

VOLUNTEER / COMMUNITY SERVICE: Coach; NYSBA Mock Trial Competition.

REFERENCES AND WRITING SAMPLES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST