

Bios of Program Participants

Judge Tricia M. Ferrell was appointed as a District Court Judge in March of 2008 and in November 2008 was elected to serve a six year term in that same position. She has recently presided over two specialized courts, The Driving While Intoxicated Court and the Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Court, in addition to handling a variety of other cases from arraignment to trial.

Prior to her judgeship, she worked for Nassau County as its Director of Compliance, managing the countywide internal controls program. Additionally, she served on the County's Peace Officer Indemnification Board, MWBE Task Force and the Affirmative Action Committee.

Judge Ferrell is also a former Deputy Village Attorney where she prosecuted cases for the Incorporated Village of Hempstead. More notably, she spent most of her career working as an Assistant District Attorney for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases.

Judge Ferrell graduated from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and graduated *cum laude* from the City College of New York.

She is also a member of the Nassau County Bar Association, the Nassau County Women's Bar Association, the New York State District Court Judges Association and the Nassau County District Court Judges Association, where she has served as secretary.

Kevin T. Kearon, Esq. is a founding partner of the criminal defense and civil rights firm, Barket, Marion, Epstein & Kearon, located in Garden City and Manhattan. Mr. Kearon received his law degree from St. John's University School of Law in 1985. He began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in Nassau County. Since joining private practice, he has successfully defended a wide variety of clients against criminal charges in both the federal and state courts in New York. Mr. Kearon is a past president of the Nassau County Criminal Courts Bar Association, a former chair of the Nassau County Bar Association's Technology and Practice Management Committee and currently serves as the Association's chair of the Ethics Committee.

Harry Kutner, Esq., a veteran of the United States Marine Corp, graduated from Fordham University School of Law in 1973 and obtained a degree in political science from Iona College in 1969. He has been providing a broad spectrum of legal services for over forty-two years, including criminal defense in state and federal court, personal injury, wrongful death, zoning and land use, class action frauds, estates, real estate, commercial sales and financing, civil rights, extradition, intentional torts, medical malpractice, Article 78 proceedings and commercial litigation. In addition to his membership in the Theodore Roosevelt Inns of Court, Mr. Kutner is

a past president of the Criminal Courts Bar Association of Nassau County, the Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Joseph Lopicolo, Esq. is a career criminal defense attorney. After 6 years with the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York, Queens County, where he represented thousands of clients in all stages of criminal cases, he came to Nassau County to start in private practice. During that time, Joseph has tried over 75 criminal cases to verdict. As an associate and now managing partner of Hession Bekoff & Lo Piccolo, he has handled dozens of murder cases, along with hundreds of other major felony and misdemeanor cases in State court throughout Long Island and NYC. During that time, Joseph has learned the intricacies of police and scientific investigations and evidence, allowing him to successfully represent his clients in all areas of criminal defense.

Joseph also co-coaches the Mineola High School Mock Trial team, as well as advises the Hofstra Criminal Justice Clinic and NITA programs in trial advocacy. His favorite extra-curricular activity is the We Care Fund, the charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association, through which all funds raised are donated to the local communities in Nassau County in need of support.

Brittaney Overbeck is a second year law student at St John's Law School. She currently is the Director of Communications for the Intellectual Property Law Society. She is a staff member for the Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development. She participates in a program through the law school called Street Law, where she and others teach 9th grade students about criminal and constitutional law issues. During her first summer after law school, she had the opportunity to work at the office of SUNY's General Counsel.

Before law school, she studied at Stony Brook University. She received a bachelor of science degree in math and political science. She then completed her masters degree in Public Policy.