


## APPOINTMENT


Approving the reappointment of Barbara Wolvovitz to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

**SPONSORED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD**

In Council February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

  
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John P. DeFazio  
President of Council

Attest:   
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Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 28, 2016

Honorable President and Members  
Allegheny County Council  
119 Courthouse  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Dear Members of Council:

Please find the attached resume of Barbara Wolvovitz, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board.

The MH/ID Board aids the County Executive and County Council in the planning, development and implementation of mental health and Intellectual Disability services and supports to the residents of Allegheny County. I am recommending that Ms. Wolvovitz serve another three year term which will expire on December 31, 2018.

Ms. Wolvovitz was a Senior Attorney with FGSM as well as an Adjunct Professor at Carlow College and the University of Pittsburgh. She received her bachelor's from City College of New York, Master's in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Ms. Wolvovitz will make herself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with her.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald  
Allegheny County Executive

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**EDUCATION**

City College of New York- BA 1973

Rutgers University School of Law – JD 1978  
Editor – Women’s Law Reporter

University of Pittsburgh – MA Sociology 1994  
AWARD – Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship  
ABD – Conducted approximately 50 in-depth interviews for my dissertation on white identity.

**EXPERIENCE**

**Adjunct Professor –**

MINORITIES AND THE LAW – Carlow University – Fall 2007  
Designed and taught undergraduate course providing a historical and social context for significant civil rights cases.

WOMEN, CULTURE AND SOCIETY - Carlow University – Fall 1991  
Designed and taught cross-cultural and interdisciplinary course about women from a social science perspective. Student projects included preparing oral and written reports on relevant policy issues, such as the Family and Medical Leave Act.

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER - University of Pittsburgh – Fall 1995, Spring 1994, Fall 1992  
Designed and taught courses emphasizing multi-disciplinary perspectives on gender, including men’s studies, race, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. Student projects highlighted critical analysis of issues.

**Senior Associate Attorney – FGSM – February 1998 – May 2011**

Civil practice specializing in plaintiffs’ litigation involving personal injury, civil rights, employment discrimination, products liability, medical malpractice and related areas. Appeared in Pennsylvania and Federal Court, including the Third Circuit.  
Supervised associate attorneys with emphasis on legal theory and case strategy as well as constructing arguments and editing briefs.

**Executive Director – Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the ACLU**

Responsible for administering the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the ACLU, litigation of significant civil liberties issues, coordination of litigation, public speaking and writing on civil liberties and involvement in public policy debates.  
Supervised law student and college interns, staff and volunteers.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Wolvovitz, Barbara M., "Obtaining and Retaining Affirmative Action Relief," 1987 *Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook*, Clark Boardman Company Ltd., New York, New York.

### **Editor**

Wolvovitz, Barbara, Ed., *Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook*, Clark Boardman Company, Ltd., New York, New York, 1988 and 1989 editions.

An annual collection of essays addressing current issues in Section 1983 litigation, state civil rights litigation, developing innovative strategies in litigation against federal, state and municipal entities. Planned, solicited and edited essays for the Handbook.

Lobel, Jules and Wolvovitz, Barbara, Eds., *Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook*, Clark Boardman Company, Ltd., New York, New York, 1987.

Saltzman, Steve and Wolvovitz, Barbara, Eds., *Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook*, West – Thompson Reuters, New York, New York, 2010, 2009, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991 and 1990 editions.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AWARDS**

Allegheny County MH/MR Advisory Council Member

Metropolitan Pittsburgh Crusade of Voters – Champion of Justice Award

Women's Bar Association – Susan B. Anthony Award 2010



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February 17, 2016

Ms. Barbara M. Wolvovitz  
1660 Murray Avenue #23  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Dear Ms. Wolvovitz:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 16, 2016 Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Congratulations on your reappointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Kress, Appointment Review Committee Chair  
Allegheny County Council

cc: Marc Cherna, Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services

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