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APPOINTMENT

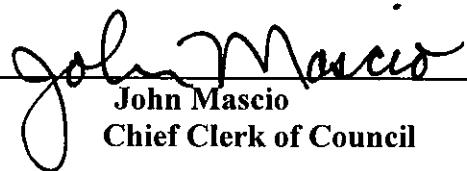
Approving the reappointment of Lisa M. Colautti to serve as a member of Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

In Council April 7, 2009.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



DAN ONORATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

February 26, 2009

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Lisa M. Coluatti, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

The Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations pertaining to the county children and youth social service program and the operation of the county agency. I am recommending that Ms. Coluatti serve another three year term to expire on December 31, 2011.

Ms. Coluatti currently serves as the Director of the Adoption Legal Services Project, a public interest law project designed to expedite adoptions for foster children in Allegheny County. Prior to this, Ms. Coluatti served as an Assistant County Solicitor for Allegheny County, and also has experience with the New Jersey Department of Human Services and the Juvenile Law Center.

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

Sincerely,

Dan Onorato
Allegheny County Executive

Lisa M. Colautti

email: lmcoulatti@gmail.com

Employment

Adoption Legal Services Project, Pittsburgh, PA

Director, April 1996 – present

Created public interest law project designed to expedite adoptions for foster children in Allegheny County, PA. Wide-ranging duties include:

- Collaborate with *pro bono* volunteer attorneys from Reed Smith LLP, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) and the Department of Public Welfare, StateWide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) to finalize termination of parental rights and adoption cases in court. The Adoption Legal Services Project (ALSP) was the first project of its kind in Pennsylvania.
- Provide legal and policy advice to child welfare and adoption professionals in Allegheny County and throughout the state.
- Present legal seminars at local, state and national conferences.
- Secure ongoing funding from SWAN, manage staff of five, handle all administrative and financial matters for ALSP.
- Assist SWAN in expanding adoption legal projects to more than a dozen counties in Pennsylvania.
- To date ALSP has worked with 250 volunteer lawyers from Reed Smith to finalize adoptions for over 1000 children in the Pittsburgh area.

Allegheny County Law Department, Pittsburgh, PA

Assistant County Solicitor, 1993 – 1996

Represented and advised County human services agencies on various legal and policy matters including child abuse and neglect, guardianships for incapacitated persons, mental health commitments and confidentiality of case records. Practiced before the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, U.S. District Court, state appellate courts and administrative agencies.

Hon. David W. Craig, President Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA

Judicial Law Clerk, 1991 - 1993

Conducted legal research and writing on a variety of cases before the Court, including workers' compensation, unemployment benefits, zoning, taxation, and state and local government appeals.

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth & Family Services, Trenton, NJ

Legal and Policy Intern, 1990

Assisted the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs on a part-time basis. Drafted regulations, conducted research, and made recommendations on policies affecting children in New Jersey, including the purpose and scope of the agency, confidentiality and child abuse in institutions.

Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA

Director of Development, 1986 – 1987

Devised strategies to strengthen the Juvenile Law Center's presence and influence across Pennsylvania and nationally. Improved JLC's relationship with the media, government agencies and the philanthropic community.

Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA

Case Manager, 1985 – 1986

Coordinated and delivered legal and social services to abused and neglected children in Philadelphia. Contributed to ethical and strategy discussions with attorneys in individual cases and long-term reform projects. Prepared and distributed publications. Supervised student and community volunteers.

Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Pittsburgh, PA

Research Assistant, Summers 1982 and 1983

Monitored and evaluated Conference education projects, aimed at encouraging private and corporate support of public education. Prepared and distributed publications. Served as administrative assistant to the Education Director.

Additional employment during school years included:

Webster and Sheffield, New York, NY, Summer Associate, 1989

Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, New York, NY, Legal Intern, 1988 – 1989

Legal Action Center for the Homeless, New York, NY, Legal Intern, 1988

Pittsburgh Zoo, Pittsburgh, PA, Zoo Aide, 1982

Education

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., May 1991

Honors: Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar

Member, Journal of International Law and Politics

Activities: Fundraising and Selection of Prospective Students, Root-Tilden Program

Law Students Civil Rights Research Council, Summer Grants Program

Staff Intern, American Civil Liberties Union

Performer and Producer, NYU Law Revue musical productions,

Summery Judgment, Phantom of the Law School and Framer vs. Framer

Semi-finalist, Orison S. Marden Moot Court Competition

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Masters of Public Administration, M.P.A., June 1991

Honors: Woodrow Wilson Graduate Fellowship to pursue joint-degree program

Field: Domestic Policy

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

B.A. Philosophy and B.A. Liberal Arts Honors Program,

Summa cum laude, May 1985

Honors: Presidential Scholar, 1981-1985. Full academic scholarship awarded to eight incoming students.

Dean's List, 1981-1985.

Harry S. Truman Scholar from Pennsylvania, 1983. Four-year national scholarship awarded to college sophomores who have outstanding records, commitment to public service and potential for leadership in public life.

Phi Kappa Phi, National Honors Society

Recipient of the Saint Thomas More Medallion for Academic Excellence in the Honors Program, 1985. Chosen as the graduating student with the highest achievements in the Honors Program.

Activities: Honors Program Curriculum Committee

Coordinator, Honors Program Symposium on "Popular Culture"

Villanova Delegate to the 1984 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, Annapolis, MD. Presented paper entitled "Opportunities for Political Participation in the Soviet Union."

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA

Advanced Study in Russian Language, Special Student, 1983 – 1985

Initiated special academic exchange while attending Villanova University as a full-time student.

Bar Admission

Admitted, Pennsylvania 1991

Professional and Community Activities

Member, Allegheny County Bar Association
Member, ACBA Juvenile Law Committee
Member, ACBA Public Service Committee
Member, CYF Advisory Board
Member, Allegheny County Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities Review Team
Member, Governing Board, CYF Family Mediation Project, 1997 - 2000
Circuit Secretary (board member), NYU Root-Tilden-Kern Scholarship Program, 1996 – 2000
Member, Saint Bede School Parent Teacher Guild, Pittsburgh, PA
Secretary and Member, Friends of Children's Festival Chorus, Pittsburgh, PA
Democratic Committeewoman, Allegheny County, 14th Ward-14th District

Performing Experience

Choir Member and Soloist, St. Bede Church Choir, 1995 – present
Actor, singer and dancer in Villanova Theatre productions of Godspell, 1983. Original musical
Whisper Rings, 1984, The Threepenny Opera, 1985. The Fantasticks, 1986. Sweeney Todd and
Lysistrata, 1987.
Vocalist, liturgical ensemble "He Shall Be Peace," 1983
Liturgical musician, Villanova Campus Ministry, 1982 – 1984
Villanova University Women's Glee Club, 1981 – 1984

References

Available upon request.



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March 11, 2009

Lisa M. Colautti
7114 Card Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Dear Ms. Colautti:

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meetings have been scheduled for **4:00 PM, Thursday, March 26, 2009** and **4:00 PM Wednesday, April 1, 2009** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

Committee Chair John DeFazio requests your presence at either of the meetings to discuss before the committee your nomination by the Chief Executive for appointment/reappointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

Please contact Fomeeka Bey Darwin at 412-350-4303 to inform her of which meeting you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mascio".

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

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April 30, 2009

Lisa M. Colautti
7114 Card Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Dear Ms. Colautti:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on April 7, 2009, Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

Congratulations on your appointment 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mascio".

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

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