

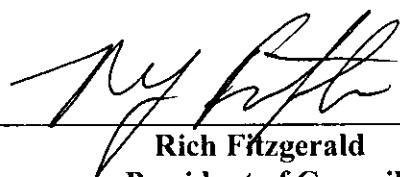
Bill No. 3669-08

APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Barbara Wolovitz to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health\Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2011.

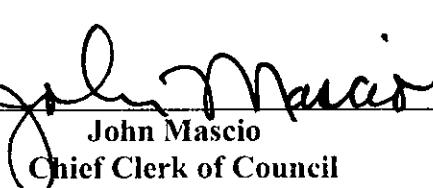
In Council February 19, 2008.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



DAN ONORATO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

3669-08

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January 10, 2008

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Barbara Wolfovitz, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board.

The MH/MR Board aids the County Executive and County Council in the planning, development and implementation of mental health and mental retardation services and supports to the residents of Allegheny County. I am recommending that Ms. Wolfovitz serve a three-year term to expire on January 1, 2011.

Ms. Wolfovitz is an associate with the law firm of Feldstein Grinberg Stein and McKee, where she specializes in plaintiff's litigation in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, civil rights as well as employment discrimination.

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

Sincerely,



Dan Onorato

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

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December 4, 2007

Pat Valentine
500 Wood Street Commons
304 Wood Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Ms. Valentine,

I write this letter to be considered for appointment to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities Board for Allegheny County. My son Michael has Fragile X Syndrome, a genetic condition which causes mental retardation, autism spectrum disorder as well as other physical and cognitive deficits.

I am interested in participating in the Board because I feel that representation by family members is critical in order for the Board to understand the needs of families and thereby to be able to make appropriate policy recommendations that include family and individual concerns.

I currently serve on the Family Advisory Council of Family Links and have served on the same Council of my previous supports coordination agency. In addition, I am active in the Jewish Community in Squirrel Hill in trying to address the needs of the Special Needs community there. I have served on the Special Needs Committee of the Jewish Community Center and am participating in discussions regarding transition needs that Jewish Residential Services is coordinating.

It is my understanding that the Board needs additional representation of the issues facing individuals with mental retardation and mental illness and their families. This is an area of great concern to me and I am interested in providing that perspective to the discussions that take place on this Board.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wolfovitz

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BAR ADMISSIONS

STATE - Pennsylvania
New York

U.S. DISTRICT COURT - Western District of Pennsylvania
Southern District of New York

COURT OF APPEALS Third Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

GRADUATE SCHOOL - Rutgers University, J.D. - 1978
School of Law - Newark
EDITOR - Women's Rights Law Reporter
AWARD - Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship

University of Pittsburgh - College of Arts and Sciences
Sociology Department, M.A. - 1994
G.P.A. - 3.89
AWARD - Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

COLLEGE - City College of New York, B.A. - 1973

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Associate - 1998 - present
FELDSTEIN GRINBERG STEIN & MCKEE

Civil practice specializing in plaintiffs' litigation in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, civil rights as well as employment discrimination, products liability

and other areas of civil practice. Regular appearances in both state and federal court. Counsel for plaintiffs in the following significant litigation:

- ◆ *Beers Capitol, et. al. v. Liggett et. al.* - represented plaintiffs, two female juvenile detainees, who were sexually molested during their incarceration at the Youth Development Center in New Castle by a male employee. Plaintiffs sued for violations of their civil rights violations under the Fourth, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments. Plaintiffs successfully appealed the granting of summary judgment on the issue of whether the Defendant correctional employees were deliberately indifferent to the Plaintiffs' constitutional rights. *Beers Capitol, et. al. v. Liggett et. al.*, 256 F.3d 120 (3d Cir. 2001) The matter has been remanded for trial to the District Court.
- ◆ *Guyaux v. Liggett, et. al.* - represented plaintiff, a female juvenile detainee, who was sexually molested during her incarceration at the Youth Development Center in New Castle by a male employee. The issue on appeal was when the plaintiff knew of the injury, thus entitling her to avail herself of the "discovery rule" or whether the statute of limitations had expired.
- ◆ *Piazza v. DOT* - represented Plaintiffs in an appeal of the trial court's judgment granting Defendant's motion to exclude evidence of DOT's failure to install a guardrail because the real estate exception to sovereign immunity did not apply to the failure to install a guard rail. *Piazza v. DOT*, 786 A.2d 328 (Pa. Commw. 2001).

Executive Director – 1988 - 1990
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION - Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

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 civil rights issues as well as involvement in public policy debates in these areas.

Development of fund-raising campaigns involving among other things major donor solicitations, telephone solicitations and planning and organizing fund-raising events. Organized press conferences and participated in interviews in local media. Updated accounting procedures and introduced computers for word processing and data base purposes.

Responsible for representing ACLU in coalitions in the Western Pennsylvania area and the expansion of legislative efforts. Supervised staff, law students, college interns and volunteers.

PRIVATE PRACTICE – 1985 - 1987

Associated with Thomas J. Henderson, Esq.

Civil practice specializing in civil rights, employment discrimination and employee benefits litigation in addition to personal injury, bankruptcy and other areas of civil practice. Counsel for plaintiffs in the following major litigation:

- ◆ *Metropolitan Pittsburgh Crusade for Voters, et al. v. City of Pittsburgh, et al.*, represented MPCV and individual plaintiffs against the City of Pittsburgh, City Council members, the Democratic and Republican parties and the County Board of Elections challenging the City's at-large method of electing City council members for violating Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the 15th Amendment to the Constitution. Worked closely with both sociological and demographic experts on the history of residential segregation in Pittsburgh as well as the social history of the African-American community in Pittsburgh. Metropolitan Pittsburgh Crusade for Voter v. City of Pittsburgh, 686 F.Supp. 97 (W.D.Pa. 1988).
- ◆ *Hoots, et al., v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, et al.*, represented black parents in school desegregation suit. Participated in negotiating the Consent Decree for the second phase of litigation focusing on affirmative action in employment.
- ◆ *Ganaway, et al. v. Charleston County School District, et al.*, represented black parents and children in suit to desegregate the school system on a county-wide basis. Extensive pre-trial preparation, witness interviews and trial. Focused on reconstructing the history of the African American schools in Charleston County.

Major Case Unit - Staff Attorney - - 1984

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT – CITY OF NEW YORK

Development and supervision of investigations of landlords with major housing code violations. Litigation of comprehensive cases against landlords, development of housing legislation and coordination of litigation and prosecutorial strategies with City and State agencies and community groups.

Staff Attorney – 1982 - 1984
WESTSIDE SRO LAW PROJECT

Representation of tenant associations and individual tenants in Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Lobbying on pending legislation and regulations as well as community education. Worked with City and State agencies to enforce tenants' rights and coordinated legislation with same.

Staff Attorney – 1980 - 1982
MANHATTAN LEGAL SERVICES

Varied civil practice in both state and federal court as well as representing clients before administrative agencies. Areas of practice included Title VII, duty of fair representation, landlord-tenant, disability, welfare and unemployment insurance hearings. Supervised law students and college interns.

Administrator – 1979 - 1980
NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

Administered National Office of National Lawyers Guild. Responsible for development of new areas of organizational involvement, expansion of membership, chapters and fund-raising efforts as well as organizing national meetings.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellowships - Fall 1995, Spring 1994, Fall 1992
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER - Designed and taught course three times, emphasizing multi-disciplinary perspectives on gender, including men's studies as well as race, class and sexual preference concerns. Students guided in developing critical gender analysis of selected subjects such as the media, the intersection of gender, race and the family. In addition to reading materials, students were required to collect data both individually and in small groups and analyze the data. Some examples of the projects are: students were required to interview a member of another race regarding their family and write a paper incorporating their original data into a broader research paper; students read an approved novel of their choice as the basis of an oral and written gender critique; and students watched either a television show or a movie in small groups and discussed the gender issues and wrote individual papers presenting their analysis.

Adjunct Professor - Fall 1991
CARLOW COLLEGE

WOMEN, CULTURE AND SOCIETY - Designed and taught cross-cultural and interdisciplinary course about women from a social science perspective. original and creative projects for students such as conducting interviews with individuals of another race or ethnic group and preparing oral and written reports on a policy issue related to gender such as the Family and Medical Leave Act that was debated during this period.

PUBLICATIONS

Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook. Clark Boardman Callaghan.

An annual collection of essays addressing current issues in Section 1983 litigation, state civil rights litigation; developing innovative strategies in litigation against state, municipal and federal violations of individual rights; and collecting attorney fees in this type of litigation. Planned, solicited and edited essays as well as authored chapters summarizing "Recent Developments" in these areas.

Editor - 1989, 1988; Co-editor - 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1987.

"The Right to Equality," *The National Lawyers Guild: From Roosevelt through Reagan*, ed. Ann Fagan Ginger and Eugene Tobin, Temple University Press, 1988. Co-author Jules Lobel.

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

"The Enforcement of Civil Rights Statutes: The Reagan Administration's Record," *Black Law Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 3, 1986. Co-author, Jules Lobel.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION, Founding Member

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

WOMEN IN THE LAW COMMITTEE, Allegheny County Bar Association (Past)

SCRIBES - The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects (Past)

GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, Development Committee (Past)

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, National Lawyers Guild (Past)

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU - Mediator (Past)

SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY (Past)

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (Past)

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY before the House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights concerning Enforcement of Civil Rights by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. April 3, 1985.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER - FAMILY SERVICES CENTER, SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

FAMILY LINKS - PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL