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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 6, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Re-appointments to Erie County Arts & Cultural Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Article 22, Section 2205 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby (re)appoint the following individuals to the Erie County Arts & Cultural Advisory Board

Russell Davidson
43 School St
Orchard Park, NY 14127
Term Expires 12/31/28
Re-appointment

Patricia Johnson
111 Lorelee Dr
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Term Expires 12/31/28
Re-appointment

Jason Daniels
501 North Forest Road
Williamsville, NY 14221
Term Expires 12/31/27
Re-appointment

Kathryn Franco
269 Compstock Ave
Buffalo, NY 14215
Term Expires: 12/31/27
Re-appointment

Gina O'Neill
79 Oakgrove Dr
Williamsville, NY 14221
Term Expires: 12/31/28
New appointment

Patrick Long
720 O'Brien Hall
Buffalo, NY 14260
Term Expires: 12/31/28
New appointment

Should you have any questions regarding these re-appointments please feel free to contact my office at (716) 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/am

cc: Daniel Castle, Commissioner of Environment and Planning

PATRICK J. LONG

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EMPLOYMENT

University at Buffalo School of Law

2008 – Present

Professor of Legal Writing. Specific subjects taught: *Legal Analysis, History of Law, Shakespeare and the Law, Legal Drafting, Appellate Advocacy, and Oral Argument*. Professor of the Year, 2013.

Hodgson Russ LLP

2000 – Present

Writing Specialist. Former Senior Associate, Torts, Insurance Defense, and Products Liability Practice Group. Trial experience in state and federal courts in areas of admiralty, products liability, insurance coverage, civil rights, environmental litigation, employment discrimination, toxic torts, insurance coverage, and personal injury. Specific teaching activities included:

- New York State Bar Exam Grader
- Mentor of the Year

Nichols School

1993-1998

Director of Admissions and Member of Faculty. Directed all aspects of admissions, enrollment, and financial aid. Taught History and English. Specific courses and duties included:

- Advanced Placement: Expository Writing; Rhetoric of Belief; Literature of the Sea
- British and American Literature
- Head Coach, Varsity Wrestling, Varsity Football

United States Navy

1989-1993

Lieutenant, Damage Control Assistant, U.S.S. America (CV-66). Responsible for all aspects of fire fighting, damage control, and chemical and biological warfare defense. Specific achievements included:

- Qualified as Surface Warfare Officer, Officer of the Deck, and Fire Marshal.
- Awarded two Navy Achievement Medals and Southwest Asian Campaign Medal with three bronze stars for service in the Persian Gulf War.

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, University at Buffalo School of Law, 2000.
A.B., *cum laude* in History and Literature, Harvard College, 1989.

PUBLICATIONS

The Good Samaritan and Admiralty: A Parable of a Statute Lost at Sea, *Buffalo Law Review*, 48 Buff. L. Rev. 591.
By the Inch, It's a Cinch, *The Second Draft* (forthcoming).

PRESENTATIONS

- *Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as a Model of Legal Persuasion*, Empire State Legal Writing Conference (May 2012)
- *Email Ethics and Best Practices for Attorneys*, New York State Bankruptcy Association Annual Meeting 2014.
- *Social Media for the Luddite Lawyer: A Survival Guide*, New York State Bankruptcy Conference Annual Meeting 2019.
- *Teaching Grammar and Punctuation Using IRAC*, Empire State Legal Writing Conference (May 2015).
- *Lincoln and the Ethics of Persuasion*, New York State Bankruptcy Association Annual Meeting 2021
- *From the Gridiron to the Lectern: What Football Can Teach Moot Court*, Legal Writing Institute (November 2018)
- *The Queen's Gambit: Chess and Legal Writing*, Legal Writing Institute (July 2022)
- *Shakespeare and the Rule of Law*, New York Bankruptcy Association (November 2022)

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Legal Skills

- *The Fundamentals of Contract Drafting*, Two-hour Skills Credit
- *Editing for Concise Legal Writing*, One-hour Skills Credit
- *Email: Best Practices for Legal Professionals*, One-hour Skills Credit
- *Grammar and Punctuation for Legal Professionals*, One-hour Skills Credit
- *Appellate Writing: Suggestions from the Best Appellate Briefs*, One-hour Skills Credit
- *Appellate Argument: How to Draft a Brief*, One-hour Skills Credit

Legal Ethics

- *The Devil in the Grove: Race and the Ethics of Representation*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- **Breaker Morant**: The Attorney, Torture, and War Crimes, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *Bleak House: The Limits of Zealous Representation*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *The Divide: Economics and the Perversion of Justice*, Two-hour Ethics Credit

- *Circle of Greed: The Business of Law*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *Becoming Justice Blackmun: The Development of an Ethical Jurist*, (Two-hour Ethics Credit,
- *To Kill a Mockingbird: Atticus Finch's Ethical Compromise*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *Justice: The Foundation of Legal Ethics*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *The Merchant of Venice: Prejudice and the Attorney*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *Billy Budd and the Ethics of Advocacy*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *Just Mercy and the Ethics of Representation*, Two-hour Ethics Credit
- *Measure for Measure: Listening to the Victim*, Two-hour Ethics Credit

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- President, Board of Directors, *Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.*
- Past Chair, Board of Trustees, *Buffalo Seminary*
- Past President, Board of Directors, *Just Buffalo Literary Center, Inc.*
- Past Board Member, *Food Bank of Western New York*
- Father, two wonderful children and one unruly dog.

Gina A. O'Neill

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Cultural Experience

Burchfield Penny Arts Center, Buffalo, NY

Board of Trustees	2013 to Present
<i>Chairman of the Board</i>	2017 to 2020
<i>Chairman – Advancement and Development Committee</i>	Present
<i>Governance Committee</i>	Present
<i>Collections Committee</i>	Present
<i>Co-Chairman – Collector's Club</i>	2020 to Present
Chairman – Advisory Council	2010 to 2012
Chairman – Gala Committee (3 times)	

Junior League, Buffalo, NY

Chairman – Artist Walls, St. Lukes Friary	2023
Chairman – Artist Walls, Knox Mansion	2021

Buffalo Club, Buffalo, NY

Art and Archives Committee	2021 to 2023
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Assembly House, Buffalo, NY

Board Member	2019 to 2020
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Education

Villa Maria College, Buffalo, NY

Degree in Fine Arts – Photography

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Courses in Fine Arts and Art History

Internships

JC Kratt Photography
David Moog Photography
