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Hon. Frank A. Tinari, J.S.C

Surrogate's Court

Hon. Vincent J. Messina, Jr.

Family Court

Hon. Rosamaria Abbate

District Court

Hon. Evan M. Zuckerman
Hon. Bronwyn M. Black-Kelly
Hon. Mary Kate Mullen

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Hon. Frank A. Tinari -Supreme Court, Suffolk County

Education:

State University of New York College at Oneonta (1972-1975) Liberal Arts Degree

Western New England School of Law, JD (1977-1980)

Justice Tinari was a partner in Tinari, O'Connell & Osborn LLP, a firm that handles litigation, criminal defense and criminal law and personal injury located in Central Islip.

Fraternal, Civic:

Justice Tinari became vice chair of the state Conservative Party in 2020 after stepping down as Suffolk County Conservative Party chairman, a post he was elected to in 2016 and 2018. Tinari became Huntington Town Conservative Party chairman in 2007.

Justice Tinari resigned as vice chair of the state Conservative Party and chairman of Huntington Town when he was nominated for State Supreme Court in August.



**Hon. Vincent J. Messina Jr. – Surrogate’s Court
President, Suffolk County Bar Association**

Education:

Hofstra University School of Law

Recipient, William F. Levine Scholarship Award for Trial Practice

Research Assistant, Vice-Dean Richard Gregory for treatise on equitable distribution

Adelphi University

A.B.A. Approved Lawyer’s Assistant Program

St. John’s University

B.A. Government and Politics

Dean’s List

Appointments:

Judge Messina has rendered service in numerous capacities by virtue of appointment by Judges and Justices of the courts of this state. He was appointed Special Master by the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department in the Mandatory Mediation Program in that court. He received appointments by and rendered service to the Surrogate’s Court and Supreme Court in the capacities of Guardian ad Litem, Temporary Guardian, Guardian, Conservator, Referee to Hear and Report, Counsel for alleged incapacitated persons, Court Evaluator, Receiver, Temporary Receiver, and Referee in Foreclosure. Additionally, he has served by virtue of an appointment of a Judge of the United States District Court, and on the Suffolk County Attorney for the Child Panel.

Bar Admissions:

State of New York

State of Connecticut

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

United States District Court, Southern District of New York

United States Supreme Court



Hon. Rosamaria Abbate - Family Court Judge

Education:

State University of New York at Stony Brook (1988-1992)
Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center (1992-1995)
Degree of Juris Doctor May 1995

Bar Association, Fraternal, Civic

Suffolk County Bar Association
Suffolk County Democratic Committee (Committee Person
2009-2017)
Brookhaven Town Democratic Committee
Three Village Democratic Club



Hon. Evan M. Zuckerman - District Court Judge

Education:

Lehigh University B.A.; Bethlehem, PA

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY, J.D.

Public Office other than a Judicial Office:

Suffolk County Attorney's Office, Assistant County Attorney, Family Court and Municipal Bureaus

Suffolk County Small Claims Arbitrator

Nassau County Small Claims Arbitrator

Town of Islip, Assistant Town Attorney

New York State Office of Court Administration, Principal Law Secretary to New York State Supreme Court Justice Andrew Crecca

Bar Associations, Fraternal, Civic:

New York State Appellate Div. 2nd Dept.

District of Columbia

Eastern District of New York

United States Supreme Court

Brookhaven and Suffolk County Republican Committee person



Hon. Bronwyn M. Black-Kelly - District Court Judge

Education:

Fairfield University (1977-1981) BA: English, Cum Laude, Deans List
Hofstra University School of Law (1982-1985) J.D

Articles or Other Writings:

Editor & Contributing author of New York State Bar Association “Guardianship Practice” in New York.

Author “Physician/Patient Privilege as it Applies to Guardianship”

Bar Associations, Fraternal, Civic:

Candidate for Town Council, Town of Huntington in 2001.

Suffolk County Bar Association – Director 2008-2012, Academy of Law Officer 1995-1999, Chaired the Surrogate Court Committee 1999-2000, Law Day 1995-1997, Diversity 2009-2010



Hon. Mary Kate Mullen - District Court Judge

Education:

Fairfield University – 1988-1992 (BA English – 1992)

St. John's University of Law (1992-1995) (Juris Doctorate 1995)

Article or other Writings – Calderone v. Molloy College, 177 AD3d 692 (2nd Dept 2019)

Vailes v. Molloy College, 175 AD3d 1348 (2nd Dept 2019)

People v. Gregory Love, 282 AD2d 550 (2nd Dept 2011)

Public Office other than a judicial office – Town of Islip, Council woman

Elected in November 2015 to four-year term. Re-elected in November 2019 to four-year term.

Bar Associations – New York State Bar Association, Suffolk County Bar Association, Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association, Brehan Society of Suffolk County

Fraternal, Civic – Bayport Bluepoint PTA 2007-2015, Bayport Bluepoint Booster Club 2015-present, Greater Long Island Running Club – 2015-present, Bayport Civic Association – 2016-present, Suffolk County Conservative Party – 2008-present. Executive Committee member 2014-2018, Committee person 2008-present