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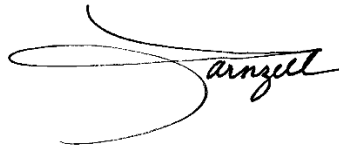
December 20, 2016 Update

Season's Greetings to Everyone

I hope that each of you experience the holidays with such love, fun, joy, excitement and drama as will cause the time to be memorable in the most positive of ways. Please let the memories be sweet of those who cannot be with you.

This update is offered to end the year.

All the best,



RICHTER RE-ELECTED

Congratulations to Justice Rosalyn Richter of the New York's Appellate Division, First Department. She shared with me "I'm delighted to report that I was re-elected to a 14-year term. I ran unopposed on the Democratic Party line, and am happy to have been successful in the general election."



IS IT TIME TO COLLECT OUR STORIES

In response to the announcement of the transition of former Commissioner Barry Kohn and the sharing of remarks delivered by Judge D. Zeke Zeidler (CA) at Barry's service, Judge Ann Butchart (PA) wrote:

Larnzell, thank you for sharing these words – I feel as if I'm opening a very intimate history book of our association. So much is in Zeke's words – I hope they can be archived and shared with incoming members, as the years go by and our numbers increase.

The idea is one that was also raised a few years ago by Justice Michael R. Sonberg (NY). As best I recall, Justice Sonberg suggested that the undertaking of a project might be best achieved by assigning someone in each state primary responsibility for ensuring that information is received. I will be glad to share your ideas regarding a possible project with the Board of Directors.



STIGLICH JOINS NEVADA SUPREME COURT



Congratulations to Justice Lidia S. Stiglich. On December 2nd, she took the oath of office to become an Associate Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court.

The [announcement](#) of Justice Stiglich's appointment speaks well of attributes that must have made the appointment an easy one for Governor Brian Sandoval:

Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the appointment of Lidia Stiglich to the Nevada Supreme Court District G, effective January 2, 2017. Judge Stiglich will replace Justice Nancy Saitta who resigned from the court in August, 2016. The selection was made following interviews with the three finalists who were recommended by the Nevada Commission on Judicial Selection.

“Judge Lidia Stiglich has performed admirably in the Second Judicial District Court. She is highly regarded by her colleagues on the bench and the advocates in the courtroom as demonstrated by her 96.6 percent retention rating from the Washoe County Bar Association Judicial Survey, where she earned the highest retention rating and performance score of her peers in the Second Judicial District. Since taking office, she has excelled in her performance as an officer of the court and has committed herself to improving the quality of judicial services and its fair and efficient delivery for her constituents,” **said Governor Brian Sandoval**. “Driven by her commitment to our youth and building stronger communities, she identified an underserved population of youth offenders who were struggling in a justice system that failed to address underlying problems of drug abuse and recidivism. Judge Stiglich immediately responded to this problem and co-founded the Youth Offender Drug Court which has helped move young adults out of desperate circumstances. In addition to her professional and community commitments, Judge Stiglich serves as a faculty member at the National Judicial College and an instructor at the University of Nevada, Reno. Lidia Stiglich is an upstanding member of our community and a role model to our children, I am proud to announce her appointment to the Nevada Supreme Court.”

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"I'm grateful to the Governor for his confidence, but even more importantly, his trust. I know, as a former Federal Judge, Governor Sandoval is very diligent and thoughtful in making these judicial appointments. I am truly honored, that he's asked me to join the Nevada Supreme Court," **said Judge Lidia Stiglich**. “To him, and all Nevadans I can promise, that all of my deliberations and judgments will be guided by the knowledge that my decisions will impact the lives of Nevadans, in real and meaningful ways. That is why I have chosen public service and will always cherish the public's trust."

The Honorable Lidia S. Stiglich was appointed to the Second Judicial District Court in November 2012 and was retained by voters in 2014. As the presiding judge in Department Eight, Judge Stiglich hears civil and criminal trials. In addition to the duties in Department Eight, Judge Stiglich serves as the Probate Judge for the district. She is also the presiding judge of the Youth Offender Drug Court. This specialty court was designed for the young adult population who are opiate/heroin users, as an alternate sentencing/rehabilitation program.

Judge Stiglich graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, emphasis in Finance. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Hastings College of Law. Judge Stiglich's experience includes significant federal and state criminal and civil matters, as well as administrative

law. She is admitted to practice law in Nevada and California and resides in Reno, Nevada where she participates in several community organizations.

The photo above is from a National Judicial College [feature](#) on Justice Stiglich this past May.



GARRY AND KAHN TO HEAD NEW YORK COURT'S LGBT COMMISSION

Former Juvenile Court Referee Thomas Burrows (NY) sent to me for sharing a copy of the December 14th New York Unified Court System's Press Release announcing the creation of the LGBT Commission "to highlight and address issues of concern to LGBT members within the justice system and legal profession." The announcement includes that the Commission "will be led by Hon. Marcy Kahn, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, and Hon. Elizabeth Garry, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division Third Department." Attached is a copy of the Press Release which details the work ahead for Judges Garry and Kahn as they lead the work of the Commission.



HELP US KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED

Please remember to pass on to me things that you wish to share that would be of interest to members of the Association. In advance, I apologize for the delay in sharing what is received; beyond my procrastination skills, in the absence of emergent information, I try to have at least three items before sending an update in order to avoid populating your inbox too frequently.

Thanks for being who you are!