

AMY CATHERINE MARTOCHE

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

BUFFALO CITY COURT
Judge

Buffalo, NY
2012 - present

Adjudicate criminal and civil matters and preside over New York State's first Human Trafficking Intervention HUB Court since its inception. Designated as Acting County Court Judge since 2014. Presided over Buffalo City Court's Domestic Violence Part from July 2013 through December 2015. Member of the Statewide Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking. Frequent presenter and lecturer throughout the state regarding human trafficking, domestic violence and legal ethics.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CONNORS & VILARDO, LLP
Partner
Associate Attorney

Buffalo, NY
2007 - 2011
2001 - 2006

Litigated complex criminal and civil matters at the trial court and appellate levels in federal, state and local courts.

DEWEY BALLANTINE, LLP
Associate Attorney
Summer Associate

Washington, DC & New York, NY
October 2000 - October 2001
Summer 1998

Worked as a litigation associate for clients that included major universities and various trade associations.

HON. FREDERICK J. SCULLIN, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
Law Clerk

Syracuse, NY
August 1999 - August 2000

Served as a confidential law clerk to Judge Scullin. Drafted decisions, orders, and bench memoranda. Formulated jury instructions in civil and criminal cases. Worked extensively on prisoner litigation, including federal habeas corpus petitions and complaints alleging violations of civil rights.

OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO
THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK
Legal Intern

Albany, NY
Summer 1997

Analyzed New York State statutes and case law; reviewed legislative proposals.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACH FOR AMERICA
Program Director, Southwest Louisiana

Franklin, LA
June 1995 - August 1996

Worked with national teacher corps to assist teachers placed in under-resourced rural public schools throughout southwest Louisiana. Recruited, supported, and managed teachers. Lobbied district personnel, community leaders, and university faculty for support.

TEACH FOR AMERICA
Teacher

Franklin, LA
August 1993 - May 1995

Taught fourth grade, all subjects. Co-founded tutoring program; sponsored district-wide art show; co-wrote two Louisiana Endowment of the Arts/National Endowment of the Arts grants.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Intern, Executive Office of United States Attorneys

Washington, DC
Summers 1988 & 1989

Supported the Director in a series of special projects, including drafting and coordinating the publication of the Attorney General's Drug Strategy.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Congressional Page

Washington, DC
Summer 1986

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO SCHOOL OF LAW
Buffalo Law Review, Assistant Executive Editor
Dean's Public Service Fellowship
Jessup International Moot Court Board

Juris Doctor, 1999

TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM AT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Summer 1993

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations

Bachelor of Science, 1992

BUFFALO SEMINARY

Diploma, 1988

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State	2000
Northern District of New York (inactive)	2000
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit	2000
Western District of New York (inactive)	2002
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (inactive)	2009

COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Teach for America, Buffalo, Board of Directors	2019 - present
National Federation for Just Communities Board of Directors	2015 - present
Cornell University Highroad Fellowship Advisory Board Member	2014 - present
Buffalo Seminary Board of Trustees	2005 - 2012
Board Chair	2011 - 2012
Elected as Life Trustee	2015
City of Buffalo Board of Education Ethics Commission	2006 - 2011
AIDS Community Services of WNY, Dining Out for Life	
Ambassador	2004 - 2010
Co-Chair of Event	2007
New York State Bar Assn. Task Force on Government Ethics	2010 - 2011
University at Buffalo Law Alumni Board of Directors	2009 - 2011
Shakespeare in Delaware Park Board of Directors	2003 - 2006
Neighborhood Legal Services Board of Directors	2002 - 2008

HONORS

Medaille College Award for Judicial Law Lifetime Achievement	2019
Teach for America “Champion” Award	2019
University at Buffalo <i>Law Review</i> Distinguished Alumni Award	2018
Athena Young Professional Leadership Award	2009
Co-Recipient of two Louisiana Endowment of the Arts Grants	1995 & 1996
National Writing Project Fellow	1995
United States Attorney General’s Special Achievement Award	1989

SELECTED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Human Trafficking: Dynamics of Exploitation of Youth*, Raise the Age Summit 2020, Family Court and Youth Part Judicial Team Training, Amherst, NY (March 10, 2020)

Presenter, *Thinking Outside the Box: Working Together to Strengthen Treatment Court Responses to Justice-Involved Survivors of Human Trafficking and Other Forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation*, New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals Conference, Saratoga, NY (March 4, 2020)

Panelist, *Innovations in Prosecuting Human Trafficking in New York State*, District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, The New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition & Sanctuary for Families, New York City, NY (January 17, 2020)

Lecturer, *Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking in Our Courts*, New York State Judicial Institute 2020, Educational Broadcasts, Judicial Institute, White Plains, NY (taped January 16, 2020)

Presenter, *Utica Human Trafficking Intervention Court Training Program*, Utuca, NY (October 18, 2019)

Panelist, Trafficking Summit, Washington, DC (May 7, 2019)

Presenter, *Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking in Our Courts*, 9th JD Human Trafficking Judicial Training, Judicial Institute, White Plains, NY, April 15, 2019

Presenter, *It's Complicated: The Relationship Between Substance Abuse, Trafficking & Trauma*, Conference of New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals, Saratoga, NY, March 7, 2019

Lecturer, *Sex Trafficking in WNY*, University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, NY, Winter Bridge Course, January 2019

Panelist, *Spotlight on Ethics: Depictions of Attorney Ethics in Popular Culture and Current Events*, Erie Institute of Law, Buffalo, NY, November 16, 2018

Organizer, moderator and panelist, *Human Trafficking in Western New York*, sponsored by the Bar Association of Erie County, the Eighth Judicial District Gender & Racial Fairness Committee, Western New York Women's Bar Association, Minority Bar Association of Western New York, New York State Bar Association, University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, NY, June 26, 2018

Panelist, *Human Trafficking Parts: Are They Working?*, National Association of Women Judges: New York Chapter Upstate Conference, Aurora, NY, April 9, 2018

Presenter, *Human Trafficking: A Western New York Perspective*
Hilbert College, Hamburg, NY, January 25, 2018
Junior League of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, November 28, 2017

Panelist, *Human Trafficking: An Upstate Perspective*, sponsored by the Third Judicial District's Gender and Fairness Committee, Albany, NY, June 16, 2016

Presenter, *Ethical Obligations and Considerations for the Courtroom*, sponsored by the Seventh Judicial District's 2016 Summer Regional Program, Rochester, NY, June 14, 2016

Panelist, *Human Trafficking Intervention Courts: Framework and Practical Considerations*, St. Joseph's University Parish, Buffalo, NY, May 11, 2016

Speaker, *Cultural Conflicts: Navigating the Intersection of Law and Conflicting Cultural Norms*, sponsored by the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association and the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, Buffalo, NY, March 10, 2016

Presenter and Panelist, *Identifying Human Trafficking Cases: Representing Victims and Traffickers*, sponsored by the New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section at the Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 27, 2016

Moderator, *The HTIC's Today*, organized by the New York State Office of Court Administration for the Human Trafficking Intervention Court Judicial Training, New York, NY, January 11, 2016

Presenter, *Human Trafficking: Prisoners in Our Own Backyard*, sponsored by the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association and Niagara University, Buffalo, NY, April 16, 2015