

CHRISTI J. ACKER

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SUMMARY

An attorney and Judge admitted to practice in New York and Connecticut State Courts, as well as Federal Court, with twenty-four years of experience in civil, criminal and surrogate court matters, including nine years of judicial experience. Judge Acker has been rated "Highly Qualified" by the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2008 - present

TOWN JUSTICE FOR TOWN OF PINE PLAINS

Presides over misdemeanors, violations, traffic offenses, summary proceedings, small claims, zoning code and animal enforcement matters, including jury and non-trial trials and hearings; conducts arraignments for all levels of criminal charges; reviews search warrant applications; officiates wedding ceremonies; oversees operations of court including staffing, budgeting and collection of fines and surcharges; consistently secures grants for court improvements including security and court renovations; elected in November, 2015 to third term.

2001 - present

PRINCIPAL COURT ATTORNEY TO COUNTY COURT JUDGE/ ACTING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Acts as confidential legal advisor to Hon. James T. Rooney on all matters pending before him including Criminal, Family, Surrogate's and Supreme Courts; drafts judicial decisions, orders, part rules and various correspondence; conducts preliminary, discovery, pre-trial and settlement conferences with attorneys; legal research; reviews applications for search warrants; prepares legal instructions for civil and criminal trials; assisted Judge with creation of Family Treatment and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts including writing procedural manuals and leading grant writing team in a successful bid for \$275,000.00 federal grant.

1992 - 2001

LAW OFFICES OF CHARLES J. ACKER & CHRISTI J. ACKER

Practiced law in all levels of courts with experience in many areas including civil, criminal, trusts & estates, employment discrimination, landlord/tenant and real estate transactions; tried jury and non-jury cases; wrote appellate briefs and orally argued cases before Appellate Division, Second Department.

1997 - 2001

**PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PART-TIME ASSOCIATE COUNSEL**

Prosecuted Abuse and Neglect cases; represented Commissioner of DSS in permanency hearings and Medicaid/Medicare fair hearings; lead case management conferences with staff; negotiated DSS contracts.

EDUCATION

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D. 1992

Graduated top 25% of Class; Winner of Best Brief and Oral Argument Finalist at Tulane University School of Law National Moot Court Competition; Member of Honor Board, International Law Society and Court Jesters; Participated in Intermural Sports

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS, B.A. HISTORY 1989

Graduated top 20% of Class; Dean's List; Honor's Program; Recipient of Holy Cross Academic Scholarship; Interviewed prospective students for admission; Participated in Intermural Sports, Work Study and Dormitory Council

UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND 1987 - 1988

Managed Full Course Load in French; Acted as Language Tutor

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

2008-2017 Annual Town and Village Justice Advanced Training
2001-2016 Office of Court Administration Legal Updates for Court Attorneys
2002-2014 Office of Court Administration Matrimonial Training
2002-2016 Integrated Domestic Violence Court/Family Task Force Training
2011 Bankruptcy Law for State Judges
2003-2008 Sharing Success Permanency Planning Training
2003-2008 Family Treatment Court Training in Billings, Montana, Atlanta, Georgia, Seattle, Washington and Rochester, New York
2001-2008 Surrogate Law Association Program
2008 Human Trafficking Seminar
2004 Article 81 Guardianship Training
2004 Analysis of Children's Testimony Training
2003 Bankruptcy Law for State Judges
2002 Guardian Ad Litem Program
2001 Guardianship Program for Judges and Law Secretaries
1995 Employment Discrimination Litigation Training

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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| 2008-Present | Dutchess County Magistrates Association (served as president, vice president and secretary) |
| 2008-Present | New York State Magistrates Association |
| 1992-Present | Putnam County Bar Association (board member and current president) |
| 2009-Present | Dutchess County Bar Association |
| 2010-Present | Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association/Chapter of NYS Women's Bar Association |
| 2005-Present | NYS Unified Court System Surrogate Exam Writing Committee |
| 2010-Present | Volunteer Judge for New York State Bar Association Mock Trials |
| 2002-2007 | Co-Chair of Pine Plains Conservation Advisory Committee |

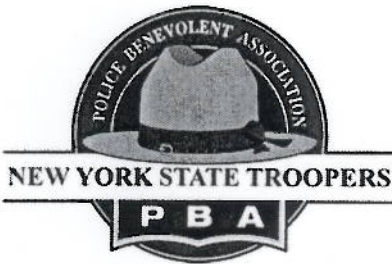
Participated as member of Pine Plains High School "Crime Panel" lecture and "Community Leader" for selection of School District Superintendent.

PERSONAL

Married for 19 years to Steven K. Patterson, a practicing attorney for 30 years; lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley including attending grammar school in Putnam County and high school in Northern Westchester County; interests include cooking, gardening and travel.

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STATE TROOPERS PBA ENDORSES CHRISTI J. ACKER FOR NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, 9th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers Inc. is proud to announce the endorsement of Christi J. Acker for New York State Supreme Court Justice.

It is with careful consideration that the PBA is endorsing Christi J. Acker in the election for New York State Supreme Court Justice. The challenges facing members of the law enforcement community are greater than ever before, and we need individuals like Christi J. Acker in leadership positions to help law enforcement officers better serve the residents of New York State.

More than 6,000 active and retired uniformed members of the New York State Police from the rank of Trooper to the rank of Major are represented by the PBA.