



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 27, 2020

To: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Mark S. Carney, Vice Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Treasurer

Cc: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary
Jacqueline Mattina, Associate Attorney

From: Margaret A. Murphy, General Counsel

Subject: Appointments to Independent Ethics Panel

The following individuals have confirmed he/she will accept the nomination as an ad hoc member to the Erie County Water Authority, Independent Ethics Panel:

Raymond C. Herman holds a B.A. in History and an MLS degree from the University of Buffalo. He earned his J.D. degree from Pace University. Mr. Herman has had a distinguish 34-year career in the Erie County District Attorney's Office. Most notably Mr. Herman served more than a decade in the District Attorney's Appeals Bureau. According to Westlaw, he has argued more than 149 appeals in the Appellate Division and the New York Court of Appeals, with countless other unreported appellate cases before the Erie County Court. After leaving the Appeals Bureau, he was named an Assistant Bureau Chief in the Buffalo City Court, where he mentored and taught young assistant district attorneys who were responsible for handling criminal trial cases. In 2018, he retired from the Erie County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Herman is a tenor and a member of the Buffalo Choral Arts Society. He also serves on the boards of directors for the Network of Religious Communities and Opera-Lytes.

Nominated by: Commissioner Peggy A. LaGree

Maureen Krause holds a B.A. in Sociology from Niagara University and a teaching degree from Buffalo State College. She is currently retired after a long career in public service. She is the former Administrator of Admission for the Buffalo Housing Authority, the Director of Neighborhood Revitalization for the City of Buffalo, and the Manager of Youth Services for the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development, and has been an active volunteer for many civil organizations throughout Erie County over the years. She is a widow with four children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild and has been a resident of the Town of Angola for ten years.

Ms. Krause has completed her first year of service as a member of the Independent Ethics Panel.

Re-nominated by: Commissioner Mark S. Carney

Paul W. Wolf is President of the Buffalo Niagara Coalition on Open Government, a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization comprised of journalists, activists, attorneys, educators and other concerned citizens who value open government and the freedom of information. Mr. Wolf also holds a J.D. degree from the University of Buffalo and is a partner in the law firm of Berzer & Wolf, in Williamsville, New York. Previously, he served as the Chief of Staff for the Buffalo Common Council. He is also an adjunct instructor at the University of Buffalo. He resides in Getzville.

Mr. Wolf has completed his first year of service as the Chair of the Independent Ethics Panel.

Re-nominated by: Commissioner Jerome D. Schad

Each nominee will be provided with copies of the following:

- (1) Policy No. 11.0: Code of Ethics & Conflicts of Interest Policy;
- (2) ECWA Financial Disclosure Statement for Calendar Year 2019;
- (3) 2019 Vendor List;
- (4) Policy No. 94.0: Defense & Indemnification Policy; and
- (5) Policy No. 16.0: Whistleblower Protection Policy.

A resolution is on the Board's agenda today to officially appoint these individuals to the Independent Ethics Panel.