

## **Honorable Eleanor L. Bush**

Judge Bush serves in the Family Division of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Previously she practiced child welfare law for approximately 20 years. During that time, she represented individual children in juvenile court, supervised attorneys who represented abused and neglected children, consulted to Pennsylvania counties, trained hundreds of social workers and worked collaboratively on the state and local levels with government agencies, child advocates and providers of services. Judge Bush's previous positions have included work with Pennsylvania's Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, KidsVoice, Juvenile Law Center, the ABA Center on Children and the Law, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Judge Bush holds her law degree from Yale Law School and a Master's Degree in Public and Private Management from the Yale School of Management.

## **Honorable Christylee L. Peck**

Judge Peck was elected to the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas in 2011; her term expires in 2022. She presides over dependency, family, criminal, civil and orphan's court matters. Prior to serving on the bench, she served as a Senior Assistant District Attorney for Cumberland County, prosecuting violent criminal offenders who committed homicides, rapes, robberies, and crimes against children. She previously worked in the child abuse unit for the Lancaster County District Attorney's office and as an associate at the law firm of Rhoads and Sinon, LLP in Harrisburg. Judge Peck previously served on the Board for the Dickinson School of Law. She has served on the Advisory Board of Pinnacle Health Children's Resource Center in Harrisburg. She currently serves as co-chair of the Legal Representation Workgroup of the Pennsylvania Statewide Children's Roundtable and is a current member of the Board for Pennsylvania Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. She also is a recent addition to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Commission on Judicial Independence. She graduated from Carlisle Area High School and earned her undergraduate degree from Penn State University and her J.D. from the Penn State University Dickinson School of Law.

## **Frank P. Cervone, Esquire**

Mr. Cervone is Executive Director of the *Support Center for Child Advocates*, the lawyer pro bono program for abused and neglected children in Philadelphia, Pa and serves as a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee. He is a founder and co-director of the National Children's Law Network, chair of the Board of the Children's Trust Fund of Pennsylvania, former chair of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Task Force on Children, and member of the Section of Litigation's Children's Rights Committee Working Group. Mr. Cervone lectures and trains both lay and professional audiences in child abuse and child advocacy, and he enjoys work with

students and teachers of all ages. His publications include works on children's rights and the legal representation of children, collaboration of lawyers and professionals from other disciplines, and spirituality and social justice. Mr. Cervone is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University School of Law, and he has a Master's Degree in Theology and Ministry from LaSalle University.

### **Katherine J. Gomez, Esquire**

Katherine J. Gomez is Managing Attorney of the Family Advocacy Unit (FAU) of Community Legal Services Inc. (CLS). The Family Advocacy Unit represents hundreds of individual parents involved with the child welfare system, engages in larger systems advocacy and conducts professional and community education programs. Ms. Gomez currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Family Law Section and Co-Chairs the Dependency Sub-Committee. She is a former NAPIL Equal Justice Fellow, a former Reuschlein Clinical Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Law at Villanova University. Ms. Gomez earned her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and her B.A. From Columbia University.

### **Anne Marie Lancour, J.D., M.A.T.**

Anne Marie is the Associate Director and Director of State Programs with the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law, in Washington, D.C. She has been with the Center for 22 years. Anne Marie directs one of the largest projects at the ABA Center on Children and the Law, the Permanency Barriers Project. She provides legal training to judges, attorneys, caseworkers, and service providers and provides technical assistance to various locations. Anne Marie's work for the Center is focused on Permanency Planning for children in foster care and on Trial Skills.

### **Shara Saveikis, MSW**

Ms. Saveikis has been the Executive Director of Westmoreland County Children's Bureau since December 31, 2007. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania and her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University. Her entire professional career has been devoted to Child Welfare serving in various capacities in both the public and private sectors. In the public sector, Ms. Saveikis was employed by the Commonwealth and at two county agencies. At the state, she served as a Regional Program Representative for the Western Region Office of Children, Youth and Families, and at the local level, worked at Monroe County Children and Youth, as a caseworker I, II, III, and Program Manager. In the private sector, she served as a counselor in a residential setting for treating adjudicated dependent/delinquent youth and was a summer camp counselor.

Ms. Saveikis participates in multiple committees at the federal, state and local level and serves on the board for the Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators Association.

She serves as an adjunct faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, as a field instructor for M.S.W. students. Ms Saveikis is co-chair of the Pennsylvania State Roundtable's Legal Representation Workgroup and a newly created Workgroup to examine the impact of caseworker retention to permanency. She is also a current member of the Supreme Court's Pennsylvania State Roundtable. Ms. Saveikis aspires to strive for excellence in providing quality care and services to protect children and strengthen and preserve their families.