



SAMANTHA MILLER-HERRERA
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CAREER SUMMARY

LEAD SCHENECTADY COUNTY
ATTORNEY FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE
PROSECUTOR, CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT

FORMER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM'S
ADVOCATE AND ATTORNEY

FORMER ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILDREN
COURT-APPOINTED REFEREE

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR
WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2003 - 2006

BACHELOR OF ARTS
McGill University
2000 - 2003

MEMBERSHIPS AND BOARD

COUNCILPERSON, ROTTERDAM TOWN
BOARD

ROTTERDAM DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
PERSON, DISTRICT 5

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, YWCA OF
NORTHEASTERN NY

MEMBER & VOLUNTEER, ABA PRO
BONO MILITARY PROJECT. ATTORNEY-
TO-ATTORNEY ADVISOR, FAMILY LAW

VICE PRESIDENT, CAPITAL DISTRICT
YOUTH CENTER INC. BOARD

MEMBER & VOLUNTEER NATIONAL
MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

MEMBER, BLUE STAR FAMILIES

CAPITAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S BAR
ASSOCIATION
SCHENECTADY COUNTY BAR
ASSOCIATION

PERSONAL

- MOTHER OF FOUR DAUGHTERS AND TWO ADULT STEPCHILDREN
- MARRIED TO FORMER MARINE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD MASTER SERGEANT JOEL HERRERA
- ROTTERDAM RESIDENT

PROFILE

Samantha Miller-Herrera has the legal expertise, compassion, and a commitment to the well-being of our community's families and children to best serve us as Family Court Judge. As an attorney, a community volunteer and a mother she has developed the necessary skills to successfully serve our community. For nearly twenty years she has worked on every type of case in Family Court, including as a prosecutor, an attorney for children, and representing low-income families. She began her career as a domestic violence victim's advocate and attorney where she advocated for the rights and welfare of our community's most vulnerable members. Additionally, from defending the rights of children to hearing evidence as a court referee, judges have entrusted her with many important roles.

EXPERIENCE

**FIRST DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY, SCHENECTADY
COUNTY ATTORNEYS' OFFICE, 2017-CURRENT**
**DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY, SCHENECTADY COUNTY
ATTORNEYS' OFFICE, DECEMBER 2013-2016**

Currently in charge of overseeing the legal administration of juvenile justice for Schenectady County, including prosecuting juvenile delinquency, person in need of supervision, neglect and abuse proceedings in the Schenectady County Family Court as well as advising on alternative programs to assist youth and families in crisis.

Formerly prosecuted abuse and neglect proceedings on behalf of Schenectady County to protect the most vulnerable residents of our community.

- Provided advice to Caseworkers and Supervisors for the Department of Social Services Children's Services Unit on compliance with OCFS requirements, minimizing potential liability, ensuring standards and are met, confidentiality, and accessing Family Court. Providing Court assistance to the Child Support Collection Unit and Juvenile Justice Unit as needed. Advocating for the Local DSS in administrative Fair Hearings.
- Responded to requests for discovery and subpoenas served upon the agency. Preparing agency staff to testify in civil and criminal proceedings.
- Worked with outside agency providers in preparation for litigation of cases in Family Court.
- Assisted in Guardianship, Adult Protective Services, Public Assistance and Medicaid/Medicare Matters.
- Worked with outside agency staff to ensure permanency planning requirements for children in foster care are met.
- Assisted Director of Children's Services and Commissioner of the Department of Social Services as needed. Work with law enforcement and District Attorneys' Office as part of the Multi-Disciplinary Team.
- Provided memoranda for FOIL requests to County FOIL Officers.
- Researched and wrote appellate briefs to the Supreme Court, Appellate Division Third Department.
- Researched and advised county departments and County Manager on legal topics.





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LAW OFFICE OF SAMANTHA H. MILLER, ESQ., SCHENECTADY NEW YORK

A small business owner, Samantha Miller-Herrera oversaw a multi-faceted solo law practice. Her respected reputation in the legal community has led to judicial appointments as a court evaluator, an attorney for the children, and a referee.

- Provided representation as assigned counsel, retained counsel and attorney for the child in Schenectady, Saratoga and Schoharie counties including but not limited to Family Court, the Integrated Domestic Violence Court and Supreme Court.
- Assisted in matters such as neglect, abuse, termination of parental rights, permanency, custody, family offense, visitation, paternity and child support matters. Appearances in criminal courts with indigent clients on the Schenectady County 18-b panel.
- Provided legal representation in residential real estate closings.
- Drafted of wills, powers of attorney and health care proxies.
- Wrote appellate briefs as assigned counsel for appellant, respondent, and children in Family Court matters before the Supreme Court Appellate Division Third Department.
- Trained and appointed as a Court Evaluator, attorney for alleged incapacitated person, and guardian ad litem for Mental Hygiene Article 81 proceedings in Schenectady County Supreme and Surrogate Courts.
- Appointed as a referee in Real Property Actions

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, LATIMER/STROUD LLC, LATHAM NEW YORK MAY 2010-MARCH 2011.

Provide Representation to Law Firm clients in Family Court and Matrimonial matters. Assisting Partners with research, drafting appeals, monitoring social security disability cases, mediation cases, and medical malpractice matters.

SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT REVIEW HEARING OFFICER 2009-2017

Appointed as a Small Claims Assessment Review Hearing Officer in the Fourth Judicial District by Hon. Vito Caruso, hearing cases in Schenectady, Saratoga, Washington, Fulton and Montgomery counties. Writing decisions, including calculations for tax assessment changes, STAR relief, and researching case law in support of decisions.

ASSISTANT CONFLICT DEFENDER, SCHENECTADY COUNTY CONFLICT DEFENDER'S OFFICE JANUARY 2008-AUGUST 2009

Representing indigent clients in Schenectady County Family, County and City Courts. Duties include representation in court appearances, trials and filing motions. Assisting with Felony trials. Secondary duties include representation in the Schenectady County Integrated Domestic Violence Court. Court cases included but are not limited to Custody, Child Support, Neglect, Family Offense Proceedings, Misdemeanor Criminal Proceedings and Felony Court Appearances.

STAFF ATTORNEY, UNITY HOUSE LAW PROJECT, TROY, NY AUGUST 2007- JANUARY 2008

Not-for-profit Staff Attorney working with domestic violence victims in a range of legal needs. Duties primarily focus on representing clients in Rensselaer County Family and Supreme Court. Secondary duties include drafting wills, submitting wills to probate, drafting separation agreements. Charged with oversight of legal staff and ensuring compliance with mandates.