

For Immediate Release

Mariano Elected Bar Association VP

Marianne Mariano was elected vice president of the Bar Association of Erie County at its 130th annual meeting on Friday, June 9. She will assume the presidency in June of 2018. In accordance with the Association's bylaws, **Melinda G. Disare** became president in late April due to the sudden and tragic passing of President **Gregory T. Miller**.

Paulette E. Ross has succeeded to the office of treasurer and **Michelle Parker** was elected deputy treasurer. Elected to three-year terms on the board of directors were **Jennifer L. Fay, Mario A. Giacobbe, Jonathan S. Hickey** and **Peter Matthew Kooshoian**. **Anne E. Joynt** and **Hon. Frederick J. Marshall** were elected to the Nominating Committee.

President Melinda G. Disare became a member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC on January 1, 2016 when it combined with Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP, where she had been a partner since October, 2010. Previously, she was the first woman partner at Damon & Morey, LLP. She represents a broad range of employers in a full range of labor and employment matters.

Disare graduated magna cum laude from West Virginia University, and earned her J.D. cum laude from Cornell Law School. Active in the Bar Association, Disare served for three years as a director and three years as chair of the Labor Law Committee. She also served for six years as a director of the Volunteer Lawyers Project, including two years as vice president.

Disare currently serves on the board of trustees for D'Youville College and recently co-chaired its Presidential Search Committee. She recently completed a term on the board of directors and executive committee of Fox Run, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in Orchard Park.

Marianne Mariano is the federal public defender for the Western District of New York, a position she has held since 2008. She previously served as an assistant federal public defender since 1995. Mariano started her career as a Confidential Law Clerk to Hon. Carol E. Heckman, then-U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of New York.

A graduate of SUNY at Binghamton, Mariano received her J.D. cum laude from SUNY at Buffalo Law School. She served on the Bar Association's board of directors from 2012 until 2015 and previously served on the board of directors for the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the UB Law Alumni GOLD Group. Mariano is active in the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and the National Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers, among other groups.

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