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Ontario County Bar Association
Stephanie L. Barnes, President
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Re: Attorneys for Children Awards

Dear Ms. Barnes:

I am delighted to advise you that local attorneys Joseph S. Dressner, Esq. and Mary W. Lightsey, Esq., will receive the 2018 Honorable Michael F. Dillon Attorneys for Children Award from Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen at a ceremony to be held Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at the M. Dolores Denman Courthouse in Rochester, New York.

Each year the Departmental Advisory Committee to the Attorneys for Children Program selects two attorneys from each of the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Judicial Districts to receive this prestigious award. A list of prior recipients and photographs of the 2017 Honorable Michael F. Dillon Attorneys for Children Award ceremony are available on <http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad4/AFC/AFC-index.html> click on Attorneys for Children Program, then on Hon. M. Dillon Awards on the side bar.

Enclosed please find a brief press release concerning Mr. Dressner's and Ms. Lightsey's outstanding achievement. I would be most grateful if you could share this achievement with your members. If you need anything further, please call me at (585) 530-3176.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Tracy M. Hamilton
Attorneys for Children Program Director

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PRESS RELEASE

The Honorable Michael F. Dillon Attorneys for Children Award was presented to local attorney Joseph S. Dressner, Esq. by Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

Mr. Dressner was designated to receive the award by the Departmental Advisory Committee to the Attorneys for Children Program, which annually selects two attorneys for children from each of the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Districts to receive this honor.

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