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The Eighth Judicial District Diversity Steering Committee

The Eighth Judicial District Gender & Racial Fairness Committee

The Minority Bar Foundation, Inc.

The Women's Bar Association of the State of NY, WNY Chapter Diversity Committee

The Erie County Bar Association Minority Outreach Committee

Celebrates

Black History Month



Guest Speaker

Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins

NYS Board of Regents

Thursday, February 23, 2017

12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Ceremonial Courtroom - 2nd Floor

92 Franklin Street

Buffalo, NY

Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins
NYS Board of Regents

Catherine Fisher Collins earned a doctoral degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. From there she received her Master's Degree in Allied Health Education and graduated from the School of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner's Program. Her undergraduate degrees are from Trocaire College and Buffalo State College.

Dr. Collins is a respected author of many published books: Sources of Stress and Relief for African American Women (2003); The Imprisonment of African American Women: Causes, Conditions and Future Implications (winner of the 1997 Outstanding Academic and Scholarly Award); African American Women's Health and Social Issues 1st edition (1996); African American Women's Health and Social Issues 2nd edition (2006); The Imprisonment of African American Women: Causes, Experiences and Effects 2nd edition (2010); African American Women's Life Issues: Today's Vital Health and Social Matters (2013); and Black and Adolescent Girls Life Challenges (2014). She is currently working on her first children's book, Bullying Its Elementary: The Eve and Jessie Story. According to WorldCat, Dr. Collins' books are found in over 4,000 libraries worldwide.

Six years ago, she launched "Women's Health Radio", a show with a focus on women's health issues and wellness, the only radio program with a focus on women's health in Western New York. Dr. Collins has also held positions in health care and education administration, and she served as Director of a Registered Nursing Program.

Dr. Collins has received over 75 awards and honors, among them, Western New York Women's Hall of Fame; Business First 100 Most Influential Women 2015 & 2016; SUNY Outstanding Faculty Fellow; Honors from Governors of New Jersey (outstanding community service), New York (Attica Prison Health Initiative), Kentucky (international community services: this honor inducts her into the membership of the Kentucky Coronals); and the 2014 Jane Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Services.

Catherine Fisher Collins was elected by a joint session of the New York State Legislature on March 10, 2015 to the Board of Regents for a five-year term representing the 8th Judicial District. She is the first African American woman to hold this seat.

Dr. Catherine Collins is the proud mother of two children. She credits her love for education to her late parents, who instilled in her the value of education and love of reading. Her motto: "The future of this nation is in the hands of public education".

Invocation

Rev. Sandra K. Scruggs
Sr. Court Reporter

Welcome

Honorable E. Jeannette Ogden, J.S.C.
Chair, Gender & Racial Fairness Committee

Remarks

Lenora Foote, Esq.
Executive Assistant to Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen
Elizabeth Kraengel, Esq., President
The WBASNY, WNY Chapter
David Edmunds, Jr. Esq., President
The Minority Bar Foundation, Inc.
Stephanie Calhoun, Esq., Chairperson
The Erie Co. Bar Association Minority Outreach Committee

***Introduction of
Speaker***

Honorable Debra Givens
Buffalo City Court Judge

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins
NYS Board of Regents

***Acknowledgements
& Closing Remarks***

Andrea Wilson
Senior Court Analyst

Benediction

Rev. Ron Coleman
Assistant Court Analyst

Refreshments Served

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