

ERIC SCHUMACHER FOR CIVIL COURT

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST DEPARTMENT Deputy Clerk of the Court

August 2009 to present

Formulate Court policy and manage parts of the Court's day-to-day operations. Prepare and maintain daily agenda for the Court. Edit all proposed memoranda and all the Justices' written opinions. Participate in opinion and case conferences with the Justices, and respond to all legal, jurisdictional, and policy questions from the Bench. Oversee publication of all the Court's opinions, memorandum decisions, per curiam disciplinary decisions, and motion orders.

Chief Appellate Court Attorney

September 2002 to August 2009

As Head of the Law Department, supervised staff of more than 30 Court Attorneys. Developed policy for the Department. Supervised and administered operations of the Department to assure that Court Attorneys met all Court deadlines. Reviewed bench memoranda prepared by the Court Attorneys for all civil appeals. Attended conferences with Justices after oral argument to coordinate Law Department policy with Court decisions.

Deputy Chief Appellate Court Attorney

November 1996 to September 2002

Reviewed all Court Attorneys' bench memoranda on criminal appeals, criminal motions, Family Court matters, and Article 78 proceedings. Assigned all appeals to Court Attorneys in the Law Department. Assisted Chief Appellate Court Attorney in administration of the Law Department and supervision of Court Attorneys.

Assistant Deputy Chief Appellate Court Attorney

January 1994 to November 1996

Directly supervised and trained Principal and Senior Court Attorneys in their preparation of bench memoranda for appeals and motions. Continued all responsibilities of Principal Appellate Court Attorney, i.e., reviewed records on appeal and wrote bench memoranda and proposed slip opinions to assist Court in deciding outcomes of appeals and motions.

Principal Appellate Court Attorney, First Department

February 1985 to January 1994

Analyzed legal and procedural issues, evaluated evidence, and assessed whether the trial court's decision should be upheld under the unique circumstances of each case. Wrote bench memoranda and proposed slip opinions to assist Court in deciding outcomes of appeals and motions; cases involved a wide variety of legal topics, including criminal, First Amendment, corporations, tort, family, commercial, construction, securities, labor, and real estate law. Heard emergency applications by counsel asking Court for emergency relief, and assisted Chambers in resolving those matters.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Volunteer:

Small Claims Arbitrator, Manhattan

Brooklyn Delivers, mobile food pantry serving Lower East Side public housing project

The LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (LeGaL), walk-in pro bono legal clinic

Bar Associations:

New York State Bar Association

The LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (LeGaL)

LAMBDA Legal

Jewish Lawyers Guild

National LGBT Bar Association (Lavender Law Conference)

Political:

Hell's Kitchen Democratic Club

Chelsea Reform Democratic Club

Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club

Stonewall Democrats NYC

EDUCATION

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York

Juris Doctor

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Economics

ADMISSIONS

New York State