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DIVORCE: ACHIEVING ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR THE DEPENDENT SPOUSE:

1. Erie County as a model
2. Permanent Master system
3. 89 cases referred to the Master in Erie County in 1997 with 9 of those resulting in the filing of a Master's Report
4. Funding of the Master's system

CUSTODY:

1. Erie County as a model
2. Through the Custody Conciliation process, 97 cases out of 1,030 cases filed in 1997 (9.4%) required the Court to hold an adversarial hearing because an agreement between the parties could not be reached.
3. Court required mandatory conciliation.
4. Two step conciliation process
 - a. Intake officer
 - b. Custody conciliator
5. Custody Conciliation efforts/90.6% resolution of all custody cases filed in Erie County during 1997 without the necessity of adversarial proceedings.
6. Initial Erie County response to mandatory conciliation
7. Mandatory "Children Cope with Divorce" seminar


8. Informational booklet provided by custody office (similar to booklet provided by Erie Support Office)
9. Clarifying the mandatory nature of "Children Cope with Divorce" or similar educational program through legislation
10. Funding of conciliation process

FAMILY COURT REFORM:

1. Importance of a unified family court system
 - a. Creates and promotes uniformity
 - b. Enhances judicial economy

*All statistics obtained from the 1997 Annual Report of the Erie County Court of Common Pleas

Respectfully submitted,



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CONCENTRATION

Matrimonial law and litigation

EDUCATION

Georgetown University - Bachelor of Arts, 1980, Cum Laude

University of Akron School of Law - Juris Doctor, 1983
Editorial Board/Akron Law Review
Chairman Student Honor Code
Vice President/Student Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Partner - Elderkin, Martin, Kelly & Messina, P.C., Jones School Square, 150 East 8th Street, Erie, PA 16501, 1986 - Present

Associate Attorney - Daniel T. Lehigh, Esquire, New Philadelphia, OH, 1984-1985

Akron City Prosecutor's Office, 1983-1984

Pennsylvania State University, Instructor, 1990-Present (Family Law)

ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

All Courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and State of Ohio.
United States District Courts for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
Pennsylvania Bar Association (Family Law Committee)
Erie County Bar Association (Past Chairperson Family Law Committee)
Northwestern Pennsylvania American Inns of Court.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Northwestern Pennsylvania Humane Society Board of Directors, 1989-1995
Mercyhurst Preparatory School Board of Directors, 1991-Present
City of Erie Planning Commission, 1991-1996
Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Program, 1994-Present
St. Vincent Health System Board of Corporators, 1994-Present
Office of Children and Youth Advisory Board - 1997-Present