

# LISA ISAACS

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**LAW OFFICE OF LISA ISAACS, P.C.**, New York and Pennsylvania June 2011- Present  
*Principal Attorney*

Practice concentrating in the areas of Special Education, Disability Rights and Family Law.  
Consulting attorney - Special Education Law and Practice in New York City.

*Pre-hearing Conference Facilitator* June 2013 - Present  
Family Division, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**NEW YORK LAWYERS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST**, New York, New York October 2007 - May 2011  
*Director, Education Program; Senior Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Center*

### **Litigation**

- Advocacy, negotiation, mediation, impartial fair hearings and appeals.
- Supervised attorneys and legal assistants in court and administrative tribunals.
- Provided legal advice and assistance to staff, advocates, parents and guardians.

### **Pro Bono**

- Developed cases for placement with pro bono attorneys.
- Provided training and on-going support to *pro bono* attorneys on special education matters.

### **Investigation**

- Monitored agencies under Social Security Administration Organizational Representative Payee subcontract.

### **Community Outreach and Education**

- Taught Disability and Special Education Law session to law students in New York Law School's Urban Justice Clinic.
- Developed fact sheets, manuals and other educational material.
- Trained advocates, attorneys, educators and parents/guardians on special education law, negotiation skills and alternative dispute resolution.

**QUEENS LEGAL SERVICES CORP.**, Jamaica, New York August 2000-September 2007  
*Director, Family Law and General Practice Units* April 2006 - September 2007  
*Director, General Practice Unit* June 2002 - March 2006  
*Staff Attorney, General Practice Unit* August 2000 - May 2002

### **Litigation**

- Directly supervised attorneys, legal assistants, social workers, and clerical staff.
- Handled and supervised complex litigation and appeals.
- Represented clients in family, matrimonial, landlord/tenant, estates, disability, consumer, benefits, and other matters, achieving excellent results.
- Legal research and writing, extensive motion practice.
- Provided legal counsel and advice to staff and clients.

### **Administration**

- Managed one million dollar budget, oversaw fiscal reporting.
- Administered intake scheduling for multiple programs at on-site and off-site locations.

### **Fund Raising**

- Wrote grant proposals, obtained renewal and new funding for programs.

### **Community Outreach and Education**

- Developed curricula and provided community legal education.
- Represented organization on committees.

**CARRIERI & CARRIERI, P.C.**, Mineola, New York

January 2000 - July 2000

*Associate Attorney*

Represented foster care agencies in child protective proceedings. Daily court appearances, motion practice and legal research.

**CITY OF NEW YORK, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES****QUEENS FAMILY COURT LITIGATION UNIT**, Jamaica, New York

October 1996 - December 1999

*Agency Attorney*

Represented city agency in child protective matters: child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights and related issues. Daily court appearances, motion practice and legal research.

**EDUCATION**

J.D.	Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York	1996
M.A.	Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, English and American Literature	1989
B.A.	Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, English Literature	1984

Good Shepherd Mediation Services, Philadelphia, PA, Custody and Divorce Mediation Certification, 2011

Safe Horizon, Brooklyn, New York, Mediation Training for Professionals, 2009

Center for Mediation Services, Jamaica, New York, Certification, Custody and Visitation Mediation 2010

Investigator Training, abuse, neglect and serious reportable incidents New York State Commission on the Quality of Care for Persons with Disabilities; Organizational Representative Payee Monitoring Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security, Social Security Administration, 2009

**LICENSE/BAR/AWARDS/COMMITTEES**

Pennsylvania, 2010; New York State, 1997; E.D.N.Y. 2005; S.D.N.Y. 2007; E.D.P.A. 2013.

Bronx Borough President's Executive Committee on Disability, 2010

New York City Public Advocate's Task Force on Special Education Reform, 2010

Co-chair, Queens HIV Care Network, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute, 2002-2007

Distinguished Service Award for Exceptional Accomplishments in HIV/AIDS Service Delivery,  
New York State Department of Health, December 1, 2006

**RECENT PRO BONO WORK**

*Pro bono Counsel* in special education and child abuse matters, Philadelphia, PA.

*Guardian Ad Litem*, New York City Department of Education Impartial Hearing Office, New York.

*Custody Mediator*, Family Division, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, PA.

*Grant Writer*, Backstretch Employees Service Team, proposal for organization providing social services to backstretch workers at horse parks in New York (Belmont, Saratoga and Aqueduct).