

**The Erie County Domestic Violence High Risk Team:
A Multidisciplinary Collaboration for Dangerous Cases**

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Judith Olin joined the faculty in 2016 to direct the Family Violence and Women's Rights Law Clinic. Her legal career has been dedicated to advocacy on behalf of victims of family violence. In her years as a legal services attorney, she focused on the representation of victims of domestic violence in divorce and child custody cases and initiated impact litigation leading to reform in the Buffalo Police Department's policies in domestic violence cases. Olin went on to become an Erie County prosecutor specializing in domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault cases. As Director of the Lee Gross Anthonie Child Advocacy Center, Olin led a multidisciplinary team that coordinated child abuse investigations for Erie County. Olin chairs the Domestic Violence Committee of the Women's Bar Association of Western New York and serves on The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence and the local Rape Crisis Advisory Board. Olin received her B.A. from New York University, and her juris doctor from The University at Buffalo School of Law. Her academic experience includes teaching in the University of Michigan's Child Advocacy Law Clinic and teaching child abuse Law as an adjunct instructor at the University at Buffalo School of Law.

Lynette Reda, Esq.

Lynette Reda is currently the Domestic Violence Bureau Chief in the Erie County District Attorney's Office. She has held this position since January. In addition to supervising the assistant District Attorneys in her Bureau, she reviews Felony Domestic Violence cases in Erie County directly after the Defendant is arraigned and advises her Assistants on how to handle the cases. This position coincided with the newly created Erie County Domestic Violence High Risk Team, a collaborative effort to prevent Domestic Violence Homicides. The team just accepted its first case which Reda will be prosecuting. Reda is also member of the Erie County Coalition against Family Violence and the Erie County Council on Elder Abuse. Prior to the position she currently holds she spent five years as a Senior Prosecutor in the Special Victims Unit where she prosecuted high level sex crimes and child abuse cases. She enjoyed being a Public Defender as much as a Prosecutor and believes that having been a Public Defender makes her a better Prosecutor. She is married to an Executive Chef who is originally from Morocco and has a 20 year old daughter attending Baruch College in New York City and studying Journalism and Multimedia Communications.