

*Join Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW as we welcome:*

**Judge Tracy MacKenzie,  
Dutchess County Family Court Judge**

"The Evolution of New York State's Family Courts and the Challenges of Achieving Justice Today"

October 11, 2018, 7:00 pm

- Coffee and Tea by the Children's Home
- Desserts by the Board

**The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie**

10 Children's Way  
Poughkeepsie, NY



**JUDGE TRACY MACKENZIE**

Judge Tracy MacKenzie was elected in 2015 to a 10-year term as a Dutchess County Family Court Judge. She took the bench in January 2016. As a Family Court Judge, she handles over 500 cases each year and is responsible for a varied caseload comprised of custody, visitation, guardianship, adoption, orders of protection, abuse and neglect of children, juvenile delinquency, and persons in need of supervision matters. She hears and determines those cases from commencement through trial. Her decisions have been published in the New York Law Journal.

In addition to her responsibilities in the courtroom, Judge MacKenzie serves on numerous committees tasked with improving the efficiency of the Family Court system and maintaining connections between service providers and at-risk youth. Judge MacKenzie is currently a member of the Court Improvement Project, the Family Court Involved Youth Committee, and the Dutchess County Juvenile Justice Committee.

From 2012 until 2016, Judge MacKenzie was a Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. Denise M. Watson, Judge of the Family Court. Prior to that, Judge MacKenzie was a partner in a private law firm with an active family court practice representing parents, children, and grandparents in both Family Court and Supreme Court. She is a past recipient of the Dutchess County Bar Association Law Guardian of the Year and was honored by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce as one of the 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in our community.

Judge MacKenzie is a lifelong resident of Dutchess County. She and her husband are raising their three daughters in LaGrange. She is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School and the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and received her Juris Doctorate from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

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**Professional / Community Involvement**

- Attorneys for Children Panel of the Appellate Division, Second Department, 2004 – 2011
- Member, Dutchess County Bar Association, 2004 – present
- Member, Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association, 2004 – present
- Board of Directors, Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, 2005 – 2011 (president 2010-2011)
- Awarded Dutchess County Law Guardian of the Year 2009.
- Awarded by the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce, 40 under 40 recognition 2011

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