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Hon. Nilda Morales Horowitz

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Supreme Court
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- * Ability to Handle Complex Litigation (1=Awful,10=Excellent)
- * Punctuality (1=Chronically Late,10=Always on Time)
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- General Inclination (1=Pro-defendant,10=Pro-plaintiff)

Comments

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What others have said about Hon. Nilda Morales Horowitz

Comments

 **Litigant**

Comment #: NY11391

Rating: Not Rated

Comments:

Judge Nilda Morales Horowitz should be taken off the bench!! She is: uncaring, disrespectful, insensitive to the parties involved, dangerous to the children needing protection, she has no regard for the facts but instead uses her OWN OPINION on the matter, she is prejudice toward father's especially, loves to berate and give her thoughts on the situation which is NOT her job, she does not allow evidence or evaluations or even CPS records to help her make an educated decision, she doesn't even want to see police reports or 911 transcripts of threats made!! Every time I've been in her courtroom I am more and more appalled at her lack of care for the child/children before her....we DO NOT NEED anymore TINY GRAVES and I am afraid that any child's life and welfare put before her will eventually become a statistic!! PLEASE GET RID OF HER!!

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 **Other**

Comment #: NY11390

Rating: 1.0  

Comments:

gross negligence, abuse of power, insensitive, lack of care, and complete disregard for the child or situation. i have repeatedly asked to go to trial, submit evidence, and subpoena records to support my case. i have been denied protection orders because "why do i need it" i have been told that police reports mean nothing in her court room and i have also been told those same reports are HEARSAY(i have proof of all my claims) she is complete S*** as a judge. remove her so children dont die!

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 **Other**

Comment #: NY11002

Rating: 1.0  

Comments:

Disgusting, abusive, insensitive, should be disbarred.

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 **Civil Litigation - Private**

Comment #: NY10874

Rating: 1.0  

Comments:

I have practiced in the New York State courts for more than three decades and in that time I have never seen another judge as bad as Family Court Judge Morales Horowitz. I think of her as the plague that an old testament God has inflicted on unmarried people with children. She is terrible in every respect. She is gratuitously and sometimes sadistically abusive and insulting to litigants, often does not show up on time (or sometimes at all), cares nothing about the merits of her cases, and handles cases entirely to reduce her work load and protect herself from appeals. She absolutely refuses to hold evidentiary hearings, no doubt because she knows she is incompetent to do so. The phrase "disgrace to the bench" may be overused but she, more than any other judge before whom I have ever appeared, truly merits that description.

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 Litigant

Comment #: NY9851

Rating: 3.0         

Comments:

Truly intelligent judge, however she doesn't follow through on what is the right thing to do. Her moral compass is off. I appealed a matter of hers and the appellate attorney found her to be in violation of my constitutional rights. However, the appellate division upheld her decision. She can be the type to bankrupt the courts if they paid out on all her violations. Clearly, the appellate court is well aware of her and covers her. So basically she has immunity from her wrongdoing. So that explains why she is still on the bench. Is there anyone out there that has been awarded financial compensation for her violations. I would love to know about it.

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 Criminal Defense Lawyer

Comment #: NY9581

Rating: 1.0          

Comments:

A poor man was standing outside of the Westchester court complaining about Horowitz with a sandwich sign on him and a bloody nose. For hours in the cold. Why is it that Westchester keeps these disgusting abusive female judges like Zambelli and Horowitz on the bench when our tax dollars pay them? Someone should review all of Zambelli's and Horowitz's decisions and reverse them giving the public a second chance.

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 Other

Comment #: NY9293

Rating: Not Rated

Comments:

Totally biased in favor of women

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 Other

Comment #: NY6927

Rating: Not Rated

Comments:

Found her to be completely closed minded, completely disregarding the child advocate, offering her own opinion, and advice not looking at the facts and the welfare of the child in this family case. A true disgrace. Maybe it will take for the child to be harmed before she will listen to the child's advocate and mother, this is the 3rd time they have been in front of her and the complaints against the father continue to grow and she keeps giving warnings. From my looking at other comments, why is she still allowed to be on the bench, tax dollars wasted and children in danger

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 Other

Comment #: NY6375

Rating: 1.0          

Comments:

This judge should have been disbarred instead of just censured. She continually denies participants their full rights. She breaks up families that are doing well. She needs to be gone from the bench ASAP.

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Other

Comment #: NY6373

Rating: Not Rated

Comments:

she very fair judge not bias toward sex or race

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Other

Comment #: NY6345

Rating: 1.0 

Comments:

Unfair, misguided, breaks up families, unethical

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Court Staff

Comment #: NY5589

Rating: Not Rated

Comments:

related to local White Plains lawyer Larry Horowitz working in favoring cases together. All the court officers know it there.

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Other

Comment #: NY5299

Rating: 1.0 

Comments:

First she pumped me for information on the case which was newly given to her. When I repeatedly said I was uncomfortable without an attorney she said, "What do you expect me to do, read this whole file?" The next court appearance she refused to let me speak. Again I just wanted an attorney. This judge is actually contemplating allowing a mother with clear mental issues to submit a psych report of her own choosing, rather than going to WJCS as per court order. It will be disaster if the children in this case are given back to a proven neglectful drug addict mother by Judge Morales Horowitz.

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Litigant

Comment #: NY5000

Rating: 1.0 

Comments:

Judge Morales-Horowitz (and I will stick to the facts here) granted the mother's demand for a forensic custody evaluation. Judge Morales-Horowitz signed the order, and I had no issue with the mother choosing the evaluator. The origin of the evaluation was, that the mother explained to me one night that her father (the grandfather) groped her while drunk as they were watching television. When I expressed concerns for our daughter, I was attacked in court as having psychological problems on my part by both the mother and her attorney. The mother's family delayed the evaluation, and a status report was sent to the court by the evaluator, indicating that the mother's family was non-responsive to requests to have the grandparents come in, who resided with the child. The mother stated to the evaluator that she had in fact considered that her father (the grandfather) molested her, and had discussed it with a counselor and "may have mentioned" it to me. The grandfather delayed the evaluation (and hence the status report) by not responding to repeated requests to come in for an interview. (The mother also has a history of drug addiction and "breakthrough repulse" as per the report, and had been admitted to a mental hospital in the past.) When the forensic report was finally submitted to the court, 40-plus pages clearly indicated these issues, including a familial bias against me, and "gatekeeping" by the mother's family. For the record, the evaluator interviewed the grandfather for one hour, and rightfully did not implicate the grandfather, but the mother's admissions confirmed my concerns, and what was relayed to me as to why the mother

had the issues that she had, and used drugs to self-medicate. Judge Morales-Horowitz, a censured judge, concocted a story that both parties agreed to "dismiss" the report, and when I raised valid concerns she ridiculed me and denied me due process. She also ordered that there would be no first right refusal, telling me that I could worry about my daughter on my time, and that if the mother had to work on her access day for a 12-hour shift, I was not allowed to worry about my daughter's welfare. She told me to stop, as I was not going to have the child, and that she would remain with the grandfather. This was stated on the record (I have every transcript and she will not allow an order to show cause on the record to challenge her own words). I'm fighting for my daughter's welfare, and Judge Morales-Horowitz tried to throw out a report that clearly places a 4-year-old child at risk. Disregarding such a clear and concise forensic report (that the mother herself demanded) should be a crime, and this little girl has been disregarded by the judge, despite the evaluator's accredited work in the field, with recognition for the evaluator's work. I have no idea if this is customary. I have read this judge's censures, though, and I have full transcripts that accompany my judicial complaint. It's unbelievable, and these proceedings should be recorded on video so that such outrageous behavior could be reviewed, and so that children are not left calling their fathers at the age of 4, begging that Daddy please come and pick her up.

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 Civil Litigation - Govt.

Comment #: NY1132

Rating: 1.5 

Comments:

Clearly inept regarding family court legal issues and a propensity to make dangerous decisions.

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