LOCAL LAW NO. 5-02 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

AMENDING THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS

BE IT ENACTED, by the Chautauqua County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York as follows:

- 1. <u>Legislative History.</u> The Chautauqua County Code of Ethics, as enacted by Local Law 3-90, and as amended by Local Law 5-91, Local Law 18-91, Local Law 3-93, Local Law 10-93, Local Law 7-94, Local Law 15-95, and Local Law 7-98, is hereby further amended.
- 2. <u>Purpose.</u> The purposed of this amendment to the Code of Ethics is to clarify the ethical rules governing the conduct of attorneys who are officers or employees of the County.

3. Amendments.

- (a) Section 4 (1)(a) of the Code of Ethics is amended as follows:
 - 1. No County officer or employee shall directory or indirectly do or take any act prescribed below, or agree to do such acts, or attempt or induce another person to do such acts, including:
 - a. act or appear as agent, broker, employee, consultant, or representative for any third party in connection with any transaction that involves discretionary acts of any County officer or employee or act or appear in any matter in which the County is party or a complainant except on behalf of the County or himself or herself.
- (b) Section 4(1) of the Code of Ethics is amended to add a new subparagraph (h) as follows:

h. act or appear as an attorney in: (1) any litigation in which which the County is a party or complainant that involves torts, civil rights, contracts, or eminent domain, except on behalf of the County or himself or herself; or (2) any other matter in which the County is a part or complainant that would constitute a violation of the New York State Code of Professional Responsibility.

4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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