

2017 OCA-WHV Community Service Award Recipient

Mark C. Fang (方兆明), J.D.

Director, Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection



Mark Fang was appointed by County Executive Robert P. Astorino as Director of the Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection in August 2016. Previously he served since May 2012 as the Executive Director of Westchester County's Human Rights Commission. Previously he was an Assistant Attorney General with the Criminal Division of the New York State Attorney General's Office and an Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County, and Counsel to the Consumer Affairs Committee of the New York City Council. Mark is presently a Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Army Reserves and a veteran, mobilized to active duty from 2004-2005 with the Army's 10th Mountain Division in Ft. Drum, New York. He earned his B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Tufts University and his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center where he was selected as a member of the American Criminal Law Review.

At the Human Rights Commission, Mark organized several programs in the community designed to bring people together to talk and think about race relations and examine interesting historical events relating to America's civil rights past and the immigrant story. This included an "Open Community Discussion" at the Mt. Calvary CME Church in Mt. Vernon following the Trayvon Martin verdict, and a special evening reading of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." In 2014, Mark brought OCA-WHV, the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board and the Human Rights Commission together for an evening with author-historian Julia Schiavone Camacho – "Converging Conversations in Culture: Chinese in Mexico, A Little Known History" – at Sarah Lawrence College. In 2016, OCA-WHV and the Human Rights Commission co-sponsored an evening dialogue on the Akai Gurley-Officer Peter Liang case. The event was covered in an article by Linda Sledge in the Winter 2016 edition of OCA Spotlight. Mark was recently honored by the Town of Greenburgh for his assistance in the founding of the Town of Greenburgh Human Rights Committee and earlier in the year by the City of Yonkers Human Rights Commission for his collaborations between the Yonkers and Westchester Human Rights Commissions. During Mark's term at the Human Rights Commission, Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino appointed the first Chinese American, Korean American, and Muslim American members to the Human Rights Commission.