**GUIDELINES FOR MOTION PRACTICE BEFORE**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE TERESA J. JAMES**

**Hearings on Motions:** Judge James gives serious consideration to requests for oral argument or hearing, particularly when made in connection with contested motions of unusual complexity or with particular time sensitivity. In such instances, Judge James may also set oral argument or hearing on her own initiative. *See* Local Rule 7.2. Judge James will grant a request for oral argument or hearing on a contested substantive motion if the request states that an attorney of record who is no more than fiveyears post-law school will present argument or conduct the hearing. Judge James aims to provide opportunities for courtroom appearances to attorneys who might not otherwise have them.