



# Hon. Erin M. Peradotto

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Hon. Erin M. Peradotto, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in 1981 and her Juris Doctor degree in 1984. For nearly two decades before her election to the State Supreme Court in 2003, Justice Peradotto practiced as a trial attorney in the Supreme Courts throughout the Eighth Judicial District, and in other parts of the State, and handled appeals before the Appellate Division, Fourth Department and the New York State Court of Appeals. She was appointed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department by Governor Pataki on December 22, 2006. From 1997-1998, Justice Peradotto served as the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Buffalo Regional Office of the New York State Attorney General's office. She served as President of the Bar Association of Erie County from 1997-1998. She also served on the State of New York's Attorney Grievance Committee for the 8th Judicial District from 2001-2003. She has served as a delegate to the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates, a director of the Women Lawyers of Western New York, a director of the Volunteer Lawyers Project, and a director of the SUNY at Buffalo Law Alumni Association. In 1997, she was recognized among the "40 Under 40" in Business First of Buffalo. She received the M. Dolores Denman Lady Justice Award for lifetime achievement from the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter in 2011, the Distinguished Alumna award from the SUNY at Buffalo Law Alumni Association for her "conscientious and diligent performance in the Judiciary" in 2010, and the "Outstanding Jurist" award from the Bar Association of Erie County's Matrimonial and Family Law Committee in 2006.