

# NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Judicial Section Annual Reception and Luncheon

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

Mercury Ballroom and Rotunda, 3rd Floor  
New York Hilton Midtown

**\$70 per person, NYSBA Judicial Section Member**

**\$110 per person, Judiciary Members not in the NYSBA Judicial Section**  
*(NYSBA \$90 general registration fee NOT required)*

### Reception (Cash Bar)

12:30-1:00 p.m.

### Luncheon

1:00-2:30 p.m.



**Welcome Remarks**  
**Hon. Marsha L. Steinhardt**  
Presiding Chair  
Judicial Section



**Remarks**  
**Claire P. Gutekunst, Esq.**  
President  
New York State Bar  
Association



**Honoree**  
**Hon. Lawrence K. Marks**  
Recipient of 2017  
Distinguished Jurist Award



**Honoree**  
**Hon. William C. Thompson**  
Recipient of 2017  
Award for Advancement of  
Judicial Diversity



**Honoree**  
**Hon. Milton Mollen**  
Lifetime Achievement  
Recognition



**Honorable Lawrence K. Marks** was appointed New York's Chief Administrative Judge in July 2015. In that role, he oversees the day-to-day administration and operation of the statewide court system, with a budget of over \$2.5 billion, 3,600 state and local judges, and 15,000 nonjudicial employees in over 300 locations. He previously served as First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge (2012-2015), Administrative Director of the Office of Court Administration (2004-2012), and Special Counsel to the Chief Administrative Judge (1998-2003). Prior to joining the state court system, he was senior supervising attorney with the Legal Aid Society in New York City, a litigation associate with Hughes Hubbard and Reed, and law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Thomas C. Platt. In 2009, he was appointed by Governor David Paterson as a Judge of the New York State Court of Claims; he was reappointed to that position in 2015 by Governor Andrew Cuomo. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he hears cases in the Commercial Division in the Supreme Court, New York County. He has served as an adjunct professor at the law school and graduate school levels, and is the editor and co-author of New York Pretrial Criminal Procedure (Thomas Reuters 2007). He graduated from the State University of New York at Albany (B.A., magna cum laude) and Cornell University Law School (J.D., cum laude, law review editor).

**Honorable William C. Thompson**, is a graduate of Brooklyn College and Brooklyn Law School. He was elected to the New York State Senate in 1965, and served until 1968. He was Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Child Care Needs, and over 25 bills sponsored by him were signed into law. Justice Thompson served on the New York City Council from 1969 to 1973. He was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court in 1974. In November 1976 he was appointed an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, 2nd and 11th Districts (Kings, Richmond and Queens Counties). On January 18, 1978, he was appointed Assistant Administrative Judge in charge of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn and Staten Island. On December 8, 1980, he was designated by Governor Carey an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department. As an Appellate Division Judge for over twenty years he has analyzed over 24,000 cases, encompassing all types of litigation. He retired January 1, 2001.

Justice Thompson is Co-Chairman of Blacks and Jews in Conversation; Co-Chairman of The Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence In the Legal System; Treasurer of Judges And Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA); as well as a Director of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation. Justice Thompson is one of the founders, with the late Robert F. Kennedy, of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation and one of the original Directors of the Bedford Stuyvesant Youth-In-Action. He is a former Regional Director of the N.A.A.C.P.; a former member of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct; Past President of the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Assn; and a member of the Torah Club, the American Bar Association, the Brooklyn Bar and Judicial Friends. At present he takes jurists to tour Israel under the auspices of American Israel Friendship League. He has been named as one of the top ten mediators in New York State by the New York Law Journal reader ranking survey in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**Honorable Milton Mollen**, in his seven decades as a lawyer, city official, judge, and political advisor, made a profound impact on New York City. His extensive public sector experience includes 24 years on the bench, 12 of which he served as Presiding Justice of the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department. After retiring from the judiciary, he served the City in various roles, including as a Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, where he led the City's effort to get the Safe Streets, Safe City crime prevention program enacted by the State Legislature. Justice Mollen later founded the New York office of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS), the largest private alternative dispute resolution provider in the world. He leveraged this extensive judicial and public sector experience to mediate a variety of civil disputes, including:

- Insurance coverage and other insurance disputes
- Construction cases
- Labor disputes, including management-labor disputes, prevailing wage disputes, and union election monitoring
- Personal injury and wrongful death claims
- Professional malpractice, including medical, dental, legal, accounting and architectural malpractice
- Bankruptcy cases
- Breach of contract cases
- Class actions against corporations and municipalities
- Environmental claims
- Employer-employee disputes, including wrongful discharge, harassment and discrimination cases
- Commercial and contract disputes

Justice Mollen served as Ethical Practices Counsel to the International Longshoreman's Association, a union that plays an important role with respect to the ports of New York and New Jersey. Until 2016, he also served as a Federal Court Appointed Monitor to the International Council of Teamsters, Local 282. In this role he helped eliminate organized crime's pervasive and historic influence in commercial endeavors in the City. He also served on the Board of Directors and Trustees of Brooklyn Hospital, an institution that provides vital healthcare to the northern part of Brooklyn.

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