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Hon. Brian D. Burns

Dear Judicial Section Members,

It is an honor to serve as the Presiding Member of the New York State Bar Association Judicial Section. I am grateful to Past Presiding Member, Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, for her guidance and kind words of encouragement, and to the members of the Judicial Section's Executive Committee – Assistant Presiding Member Hon. Karen Cortes, Secretary Hon. Danielle Fogel, and Treasurer Hon. Lourdes Ventura their support and effort. I also want to extend a warm greeting to the hundreds of judges across the state who are members of the Judicial Section and ask them to mark their calendars for our next Annual Meeting, which will be held on January 16, 2026, at the New York Hilton Midtown from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

Last year, Presiding Member Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy established a forward-looking theme focused on "New Visions, New Realities – A New Dawn of Justice." The theme I have chosen for my term asks that, as the justice system moves into the future, we not forget our past and the important role collegiality has played since the American Justice System was founded. As retired United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg once said of lawyers, "you can disagree without being disagreeable."

The need for collegiality in our justice system has never been greater. The tone and tenor of our national discourse is becoming ever more divisive and adversarial and we, as judges, see this reflected in our courts on an increasing level. Legal arguments based on relevant precedent and the facts of individual cases are too often replaced with ad hominem attacks on opposing parties and counsel. A reasonable willingness to compromise is too often seen as a weakness to be exploited. The ideal of a lawyer acting in a civil, dignified manner in court is being replaced with the belief that a "good" lawyer is one who acts boorishly, aggressively insults opponents, and shows no respect for the court.

In truth, lawyers who act in this manner rarely help their clients. Juries don't like lawyers who act like bullies and judges are rarely, if ever, persuaded by theatrics. These antics are harmful to the entire justice system because they diminish the public's respect for the system. Simply stated, when lawyers fail to respect each other, fail to respect the presiding judges, and fail to respect the rule of law, the general public loses its respect for the justice system. The loss of respect comes with a loss of confidence in the integrity of our justice system. If we want a justice system in which the public has confidence, we need to make a more conscious effort to be civil with each other, especially when we disagree.

As judges, we need to not only continue to set the example by being respectful to the lawyers and parties who appear before us; we must also require the lawyers to conduct themselves in a collegial and courteous manner. I have found that recognizing a lawyer who does so with a simple compliment is an incredibly effective method of promoting such conduct. We must also help teach the next generation of lawyers that an opposing party or opposing counsel is an adversary and

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not an enemy. To that end, the Judicial Section has invited members of the NYSBA Young Lawyers Section to attend our Annual Meeting and meet Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson, who personifies the ideals of judicial temperament, courtesy and dignity.

I look forward to a productive and collegial year and hope to see you all in January at our Annual Meeting.

Best Regards,

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ACHIEVING BROAD-BASED JUDICIAL DIVERSITY THROUGH CAJ APPOINTMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS

This past summer, my friend Sallie Manzanet-Daniels, the most senior Associate Justice on the Appellate Division, First Department, and a former President of the Latino Judges Association, published an updated version of a report regarding Latino representation in the New York State Judiciary¹ that she first authored five years earlier, in 2020. In her report, Justice Manzanet-Daniels acknowledged that gains in Latino representation had been made “in various courts, specific departments and regions of the state.” But she lamented that “other departments and regions continue[d] to operate within entrenched systemic impediments to diversification,” which means that, unfortunately, “there are communities [in New York] with sizable Latino populations that have little or no judicial representation.”

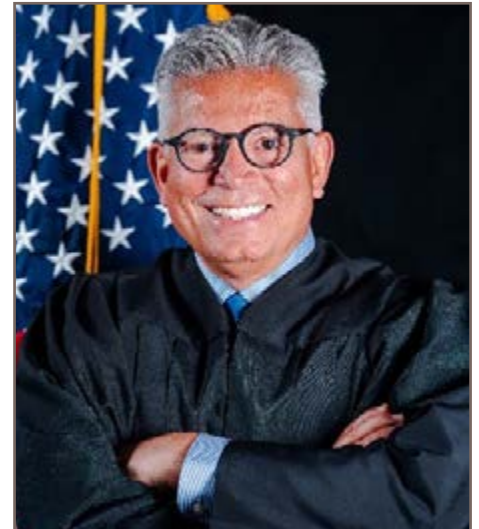
Diversity in the judicial ranks is something I have long cared deeply about, so I considered Justice Manzanet-Daniels’ thorough analysis (delivered in her characteristically direct style) a welcome contribution to the ongoing dialogue about this important topic. And I was pleased that the report received as much attention as it did. Still, as the Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Unified Court System, some of the report’s findings with respect to barriers Latinos continue to face in our profession were disheartening. I had to remind myself that whatever authority I may possess as the courts’ chief administrator, it generally does not extend to choosing who serves on the bench.² Most judges in New York are selected in elections and through various appointment processes in which the court system and the Office of Court Administration play no role.³

That said, there are lots of other ways in which I can help ensure that the judiciary reflects the tremendous diversity that is one of New York’s greatest strengths. But before I get into that, I should be clear about what I mean when I talk about the importance of promoting broad-based diversity in this context. When it comes to broad-based diversity on the bench, we are not just talking about race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, and so on—though, as I’ve argued repeatedly, diversity in those areas is critically important for the courts to be perceived as legitimate by all of the different communities they serve.⁴ Geographic diversity is important, too, since New York is a

very large state, with many vastly different regions. We also need our judges to represent a broad range of professional backgrounds. Our courts function best—and the overall quality of justice improves—when our judges, in their prior professional lives, advocated for different sides and interests in the sorts of disputes that are often the most challenging for courts to resolve. Indeed, when our judiciary consists of individuals who bring to the bench a broad range of perspectives, informed by deep professional experience, the resulting intellectual diversity helps ensure a robust exchange of ideas and, in turn, the development of the law in a way that “bends toward justice” (to borrow Martin Luther King, Jr.’s famous phrase). Or, as a recent report about the lack of diversity among judges on the federal circuit courts of appeals put it: “A bench made up of individuals with diverse perspectives results in a stronger jurisprudence that recognizes diverse sets of people and the realities of their lives.”⁵

All of this is to say that, when I exercise the authority I have to shape the leadership of the Unified Court System and the composition of individual courts, I am seeking to advance a broad-based diversity, in a way that will ensure that our courts dispense justice effectively, knowledgeably, fairly, and equitably. But I refuse to sacrifice excellence at the altar of diversity; thankfully, there is no need to, given how many talented, dedicated, and fair-minded judges from which I have to choose. One of the first important choices I had to make when I became Chief Administrative Judge was the appointment of my own immediate team. When I appointed Judge Norman St. George as my first deputy chief administrative judge, Judge James Murphy as the deputy chief administrative judge for courts outside of New York City, and Judge Adam Silvera as deputy chief administrative judge for the courts inside of New York City, and kept Judge Edwina Richardson in her role as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives, I did so because they were the best people for their respective jobs. They each also helped foster broad-based diversity in our leadership team.

And while diversity, as I have defined it, is always at the top of my mind when I make assignments and appointments, there is one quality that I consider nonnegotiable: a collaborative



Hon. Joseph A. Zayas
Chief Administrative Judge

leadership style, marked by strong communication skills, empathy, emotional intelligence, and humility.

So, what have I been able to do to advance diversity in the court system? In short, a lot, by elevating diverse individuals to higher courts; appointing them to supervisory roles within their courts as well as leadership positions with statewide mandates; and appointing judges with a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives to important UCS committees and commissions, which often help spur innovation and make recommendations for systemic reforms. For example, in consultation with the Presiding Justices of the First and Second Departments, we have made several historic appointments to the Appellate Term, including the selection of Justices Phillip Hom and Joanne Quiñones, respectively, the first Asian American and the first Puerto Rican woman to serve on the Appellate Term, Second Department for the Second, Eleventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts; and Justice Elena Goldberg-Velazquez, the first Latino Justice from the Ninth Judicial District to serve on the Appellate Term, Second Department for the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts. Notably, not long after their appointments to the Appellate Term, the Governor elevated Justices Hom and Goldberg-Velazquez to the Appellate Division, Second Department, which goes to show how

one opportunity often leads to another. Equally momentous was our appointment of Justice Bianka Perez to the Appellate Term, First Department, the first Dominican to sit on that court. Beyond these noteworthy “firsts,” other recent appointments to the Appellate Term have helped enhance professional diversity on the court, by adding judges with experience in housing court, domestic violence, family law, and criminal defense. Several of these judges are ethnically diverse as well.

We have also done a great deal to diversify the ranks of our judges who serve in supervisory roles. In September, we appointed Justice Ta-Tanisha James—who, among other experiences, led the Harlem Community Justice Center—as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term, First Department. And I am exceedingly proud to report that half of our Administrative Judges are now women, up from a third just five years ago. Women have recently been appointed to lead the Second, Third, Fifth, Eighth, and Eleventh Judicial Districts. Of these AJs, two are African American—Justice Genine Edwards and Justice Christine Ryba—and another, Justice Michelle Johnson, is African American and Latina. In Staten Island, we appointed Judge Raymond Rodriguez as the Administrative Judge of Richmond County Supreme Court, helping to diversify a judicial district that has never elected a Latino judge to the Supreme Court. At the same time that we appointed AJ Rodriguez, we selected Judge Shahabuddeen Ally to serve as the Administrative Judge of the New York City Civil Court, the first judge of South Asian descent to hold that position. And upstate, in the Fourth Judicial District, we appointed Judge Kris Singh as Administrative Judge. Judge Singh is the first person of South

Asian descent to serve as an Administrative Judge in New York. In addition, we have filled a number of other key supervisory positions—including in our family courts, criminal courts, and civil and housing courts—with dynamic judges who bring a broad range of personal and professional experiences to these critical roles.

We have, moreover, made sure, through thoughtful appointments, that the work of our UCS advisory groups is informed by an array of different perspectives. These groups use their expertise to propose statutory reforms—which sometimes become part of UCS’s legislative program—and to study and make recommendations to address important issues currently facing the courts, like the mental health crisis and new technologies such as artificial intelligence. They often make a real impact on court system policy. To take one notable example: the advocacy of the Betty Weinberg Ellerin Commission on Women in the Courts was instrumental in the UCS’s adoption, in 2024, of a robust (and long overdue) paid parental leave policy. And, since I’ve mentioned the Ellerin Commission, I should also note that last year, Chief Judge Wilson appointed Appellate Division Associate Justice Llinét M. Rosado as a co-chair.

Finally, although, as I mentioned, the leadership of the Unified Court System generally does not get to choose who becomes a judge in the first place, there is one exception. The New York City Housing Court—which adjudicates disputes that are so important to the livelihoods of everyday New Yorkers—is among the busiest courts in the country, and one of our priorities has been ensuring that it is adequately resourced. The individuals we have recently appointed to this court are truly a model of the sort of diversity

that we are trying to promote, as they have represented a wide range of racial and ethnic backgrounds and brought to the court an impressive breadth of prior housing court experience—as eviction defense advocates, lawyers representing landlords, and court attorneys.

Because of all of this, I am very proud of the progress that we have made in the past few years promoting diversity in New York’s judiciary. I realize in highlighting this that, right now, the unabashed support of diversity is deeply unpopular in some quarters. But I remain convinced that a diverse judiciary—made up of individuals who represent a broad range of backgrounds, professional experiences, and viewpoints—is essential to the court system’s overall efficacy and legitimacy. So I will continue to consider diversity in making judicial appointments and assignments, while insisting that the individuals we select are highly qualified and dedicated to our mission. Justice Manzanet-Daniels is correct that we still have work to do, as well as that there is much progress to celebrate. With this sentiment, I am in full agreement.

Endnotes

1. *Overview of Status of Latinos in the NYS Judiciary: The 2025 Report*, <https://latinojudgesassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/The-2025-Report-Status-of-Latinos-in-the-NYS-Judiciary-1.pdf>
2. One notable exception, which I discuss below, is the New York City Housing Court, whose judges are appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge.
3. For a thorough discussion of how New York’s judges are selected, see Joseph A. Zayas, *How New York Selects and Elects Its Judges*, NYLJ, May 1, 2024 | Law.com.
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5. Maggie Jo Buchanan, *Pipelines to Power: Encouraging Professional Diversity on the Federal Appellate Bench*, Center for American Progress, Aug. 13, 2020, <https://shorturl.at/KfJqY>



RURAL PATHWAYS: A PIPELINE TO PRACTICE

As many of you know, rural regions across the nation are suffering from a loss of attorneys to provide necessary legal services, and New York is no exception. Our State Bar issued a report back in 2020; there has since been some progress on some of the recommendations, specifically including the increase in 18-b fees paid for mandated representation in our criminal and family courts. The crisis has nonetheless deepened since.

One of the Bar proposals was to grow “the pipeline to rural communities.” I am proud to share that our State Courts are taking decisive action in this respect, collaborating with law schools across our State and beyond, to create pipeline programs. The first to fully launch is called “Rural Pathways.” This is a summer internship rotation program, born in Otsego County and piloted this past summer in three counties within the Third Department.

Court employee Sarah Cowen came to me with the idea of creating a program by which law students might experience the opportunities available in our rural places, building a broad-based background during their legal education, while gaining exposure to potential employers. A solid idea, but funding and other concerns kept it just that for a bit. Like many rural practitioners, I had already brought several young lawyers to my rural county, where I had moved after graduating from law school and built my own career, as a lawyer and a judge - but none of them had stayed.

What was missing? What is the “secret sauce” for success? It’s not just having jobs that pay decent wages. (Although it bears noting that not everyone yet knows that there are such strong opportunities for legal careers in rural regions). Reflecting on my own life lessons, it seemed that perhaps what I had not actively sought to help create for my young staff during their time spent in my chambers was their sense of social connection. And social connection is that “secret sauce,” in all our lives. It is the key to our sense of a good life, having meaningful social opportunities to meet peers, and feel that we are thriving within a welcoming environment. Beyond financial security, beyond engaging work, it is, of course, our relationships that sustain us.

With these thoughts in mind, I asked our court leadership to support building a pipeline, creating a program that combines opportunities for legal experience and social engagement within



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various rural counties. Happily, they provided the initial “seed” funding from our court budget, allowing us to launch the pilot because our Chief Judge and his leadership team recognize the problem and tend to support projects developing from the ground up. For six weeks this past summer, students from law schools across the country were immersed in rural communities; two in Otsego County, and four splitting their time between Clinton and St. Lawrence Counties. The students started with and were guided throughout by our state court judges and leaders, and had opportunities to work with public defenders, district attorneys, Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Attorneys for Children, and private practitioners.

Simultaneously, members of the bar stepped up to showcase what makes their hometowns special. Boating excursions, farmers’ markets, hikes, and local restaurants were all part of the students’ social calendar. A review from one of our students said it best: “This is an excellent opportunity for law students to experience the beautiful, relaxed, and friendly life of upstate.” Students were also able to live comfortably during the program because local colleges offered housing accommodations at highly affordable rates.

Building on this success, court leadership has tripled the size of Rural Pathways for Summer

2026 and expanded to an eight-week program. We anticipate that this will now reach more than a dozen counties within both our Third and Fourth Departments. I am working closely with Presiding Justice Whalen, Associate Justice DelConte, and the Administrative Judges across each of our upstate Districts to determine precisely where to expand. Notably, our SUNY Chancellor, John King, joined the collaboration and is helping us secure housing at SUNY campuses across the state.

Before closing, I want to extend my gratitude to the communities in our pilot counties that made this summer a success. The on-the-ground leaders in these counties were particularly crucial: Hon. Brian Burns and Sarah Cowen in Otsego County, Hon. Keith Bruno and DA Andrew Wylie in Clinton County, and Hon. Mary Farley and PD James McGahan in St. Lawrence County. Their efforts laid the foundation for Rural Pathways’ growth. Although the rural attorney shortage crisis requires multifaceted solutions, this is an initiative that may go a long way to recruiting the new rural lawyers we need to serve our public. Excelsior!

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH: A TIME FOR HOPE AND SECOND CHANCES

September is, among many other things, National Recovery Month which provides us a time to celebrate the strength and resilience of individuals recovering from substance use and mental health challenges. It is also a time to recognize the systems of care, treatment, and community support that make recovery possible. During National Recovery Month, we should reaffirm our commitment to breaking down stigma and ensuring that recovery is seen not as an exception, but as a real and attainable outcome for people who find themselves in courtrooms throughout New York State because of their substance use disorder.

This month provides a meaningful opportunity to highlight the work being done in New York's Unified Court System to support people who encounter the justice system because of substance use disorders or mental health conditions. For too long, incarceration was the only response to such cases. Today, however, treatment courts offer a different path, one rooted in accountability, structure, and, most importantly, hope.

Treatment courts represent a fundamental shift in how we think about justice. Rather than sending someone struggling with addiction or mental illness directly to jail, these courts give participants the chance to enter a supervised treatment program. They commit to staying drug- and alcohol-free, remaining arrest-free, and undergoing regular drug testing. They meet regularly with a specially trained judge, not just to be held accountable but also to be supported in their recovery journey. This approach recognizes that real justice means more than punishment, it means helping people rebuild their lives, their families, and their communities.

New York's journey toward this model was not an easy one. For decades, laws such as the Rockefeller Drug Laws of 1973 mandated long prison sentences for most drug offenses. But in 1993, New York's first treatment court opened in Midtown Manhattan. Known today as the Midtown Community Justice Center, it pioneered restorative justice by requiring participants to engage in community service while also connecting them with treatment, job training, and housing support.

Two years later, in 1995, Rochester launched the state's first adult drug court. Others soon followed in Buffalo, Syracuse, Brooklyn, and Suf-

folk County. Today, there are over 90 adult drug treatment courts across New York State, each bringing together teams of judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, social service providers, and treatment professionals to create individualized plans for participants. In return for a favorable legal outcome, participants agree to conditions such as substance use treatment and ongoing supervision.

The impact has been profound. Since their inception, over 73,000 individuals have graduated from New York's treatment courts, and more than 1,000 drug-free babies have been born to parents participating in these programs. Currently, nearly 6,000 people are actively enrolled. Behind each number is a story of transformation: a parent regaining custody of their children, a young person breaking a cycle of generational incarceration, or an individual building a stable life after years of struggle.

National Recovery Month reminds us why this work matters. Across the United States, an estimated 46 million people are living with a substance use disorder. Courtrooms nationwide are filled with individuals whose arrests are tied to substance use disorder or mental health challenges. Without intervention, many remain trapped in a cycle of relapse and incarceration, straining public resources while leaving families and communities fractured.

Treatment courts disrupt that cycle. They pair accountability with compassion, helping people take responsibility for their actions while giving them the resources to change. They save money, studies show cost reductions of more than \$6,000 per participant and, more importantly, they save lives. Today, there are roughly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide, including more than 340 in New York. Research consistently shows reductions in crime, improved treatment outcomes, and better long-term stability for graduates.

As the Statewide Coordinating Judge of Problem-Solving Courts, I have had the privilege of



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Statewide Coordinating Judge for Problem Solving Courts

traveling across New York to see this work firsthand. I have attended court sessions, sat in on status hearings, and celebrated graduations where participants share their journeys. These moments are powerful reminders that recovery is not just about sobriety but is so much more. It is about rebuilding dignity, restoring families, and creating opportunities for the future.

But we still face challenges, including a lack of public awareness about what treatment courts are and how they operate. Many law students never learn about these programs, and many members of the public remain unaware of the alternative pathways that exist in our justice system. National Recovery Month gives us the chance to change that by shining a light on these efforts and lifting up the voices of those who have benefited.

Recovery is possible. It is happening every day in courtrooms, in treatment programs, and in communities across the country. National Recovery Month calls on us to celebrate those successes, expand access to life-saving programs like treatment courts, and ensure that every individual has the chance to reclaim their future.

By changing one life, we transform a family. By changing many lives, we strengthen entire communities. That is the true promise of recovery, and it is what we honor this September.

CHILD VICTIMS ACT CASES IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Beginning in 2022, when I was first assigned to handle all CVA trials in the Sixth Judicial District, there were approximately 220 filings, with the majority of actions filed in Broome County. Currently, there are approximately 100 pending CVA cases in the Sixth Judicial District, however, many are automatically stayed (as of the time of writing this article) as a result of the Bankruptcy filings from defendants such as the Boy Scouts of America and the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Rochester and Syracuse. Additionally, many of the CVA-actions involving the alleged abuse of minors while in the custody of foster parents through county-run Department of Social Services, were stayed by stipulation of the parties to await the determination of the Court of Appeals decision in *Weisbrod-Moore v. Cayuga County*, 2025 WL 515393 (February 18, 2025), which addressed a split in the Appellate Divisions on the issue of the special duty doctrine. The Court of Appeals determined therein that “a municipality owes a duty of care to a foster child over whom it has assumed legal custody to guard the child from foreseeable risks of harm arising from the child’s placement with the municipality’s choice of foster parent” thereby making “it unnecessary for the child to plead or prove that one of the three special duty categories applies.”

The challenges presented with CVA cases is the passage of time. When the “Lookback Window” for the filing of claims expired on August 14, 2021, and extended by executive orders for ninety days until November 12, 2021, a significant majority of the cases filed in the Sixth District involved decades-long allegations of abuse from the 1960’s, 1970’s and 1980’s. As a result, inherent in these cases are the death of witnesses and alleged abusers, fading memories, and the commonplace quandary involving the preserva-

tion and existence of Article 31 discovery materials. As such, the time allotted for the parties to engage in discovery is often greater than “standard” negligence actions, and subject to frequent requests for extensions of the court’s Scheduling Order.

The ameliorative intention of the Child Victims Act is often thwarted by the well-established legal principles of actual and constructive notice for liability to attach. Again, the passage of time between the alleged abuse and commencement often poses challenges to plaintiffs in being able to meet their burden in the context of summary judgment motions, or at trial. Recently, the Court of Appeals rendered an illustrative decision on the issue of notice in CVA actions in the matter of *Nellenback v. Madison County*, 2025 WL 112776, which affirmed a decision I authored granting the defendant summary judgment on this issue of constructive notice in a negligent supervision/retention claim.

An additional challenge in CVA cases is often the lack of liability insurance for the alleged tortfeasor(s), which often stymies the ability to broker settlements with the parties. A creative way to settle actions, particularly against municipal defendants, is to structure a settlement figure over successive years of a budget, i.e., school budget, or through the issuance of bonds.



Hon. Christopher P. Baker

Supervising Supreme Court Justice, Sixth Judicial District

Since 2022, the Sixth District has had several CVA jury trials, with many more inquests involving defaulting defendants. As referenced above, the notice requirements have made it difficult for juries to get past the first question on a verdict sheet.

My colleagues across the state who handle CVA cases meet once a month via TEAMS to discuss and share developments that are relevant to these actions, including jury charges, verdicts, settlements, and decisions on a myriad of topics germane to this litigation. I find it to be extremely valuable to be able to share with and learn from my colleagues in order to render fair and consistent rulings in these actions which often lack precedent due to the relatively “new” statute.



CHILD VICTIMS ACT CASES IN NEW YORK CITY

The Child Victims Act (CVA) was enacted in 2019 pursuant to CPLR 214-g and CPLR 208. The CVA opened the statute of limitations on child sex cases for one year beginning in August 2019, but was extended an additional year due to the Covid crisis. Nearly one-half, that is, about five thousand, of the approximately ten thousand cases filed under the CVA are venued in the five Supreme Courts of New York City.

For logistical reasons, the New York City CVA cases were consolidated under then-Deputy Chief Administrative Judge George Silver. Working collaboratively with stakeholders from both the plaintiff and defense bars, the court established a Confidentiality Order, Standard Automatic Disclosure Order, and Case Management Orders applicable to all City CVA cases.

In 2022, then-Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Deborah Kaplan appointed Justice Larry Love and me as co-coordinating judges for the New York City CVA cases. Currently, Justice Sabrina Kraus and I serve in that capacity, with city-wide jurisdiction over discovery until the filing of notes of issue. After that point, cases return to their counties of origin for trial before judges trained in CVA matters.

Since the CVA's enactment, a number of issues have been litigated, including constitutionality of claims revival, plaintiff's anonymity, and striking of scandalous and prejudicial matters. Despite the existence of a Standard Automatic Disclosure Order, there are still many discovery disputes that have to be resolved and that frequently lead to further appeal. As CVA judges across the state can attest, discovery in these cases presents unique challenges, given that many claims involve abuse alleged to have occurred decades ago -- sometimes as far back as the 1950s and 1960s. Memories fade with time, documents are misplaced or destroyed, and the

search for records often result in unfortunate and rather significant delays.

In order to streamline discovery given the large volume of cases, a decision was made to group cases involving common abusers to proceed in tandem, including joint depositions of defendants, particularly institutions, when appropriate. One of the challenges in CVA matters is that several thousand cases involve the same defendants, primarily the City of New York, Archdiocese of New York and Diocese of Brooklyn. This presents a particular challenge when scheduling depositions because the parties have a limited number of people who are qualified to testify as corporate witnesses. One resolution is to attempt to conduct one corporate defendant deposition per grouping. A further challenge is that a large percentage of the cases are handled by a limited number of law firms that specialize in CVA practice, which impacts attorney availability and results in scheduling difficulties.

Most CVA defendants are institutions that employed the alleged abusers rather than the abusers themselves. This requires a plaintiff to establish notice in order to establish negligence. Not uncoincidentally that is the focus of a disproportionate number of discovery disputes. A number of cases regarding the extent of post abuse discovery that might shed light on what an institutional defendant knew or should have known regarding sexual abuse at or before the time of plaintiff's alleged abuse have been litigated before the First and Second Departments of the Appellate Division.



Hon. Alexander M. Tisch

Associate Justice, Appellate Term, First and Twelfth Judicial Districts

Mediation is encouraged to resolve CVA cases before trial and the Office of Court Administration has created a great mediation system in the City led by Justice Kaplan. Moreover, in the wake of the Court of Appeals ruling on their special duty in relation to foster care, CVA cases against the City of New York, in particular, are moving through dispositive motion practice to trial and/or settlement. That notwithstanding, insurance coverage disclaimers pose a challenge to resolving cases and are currently being litigated on a separate track. Further, a number of other defendants have declared bankruptcy thus staying their cases.

Handling CVA cases is difficult as they are, by nature, emotionally fraught. Yet as these cases move toward resolution—whether by trial or settlement—they represent some of the most meaningful and significant work of my judicial career.



OVERVIEW OF STATUS OF LATINOS IN THE NYS JUDICIARY: THE 2025 REPORT

In the summer of 2025, **Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels**, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Department, and a past president of the Latino Judges Association, issued an update to her 2020 Report on the Overview of Latinos/Hispanics in the NYS Judiciary. The 2020 Report "assessed the then current state of Latino judicial representation, the varying rates of success in achieving access to the bench throughout the four judicial departments and whether those gains were obtained by appointment or election. The report concluded that while the Latino community had seen increases in the overall number of judges of Hispanic heritage over the years, the growth has been too slow and inadequate in keeping pace with the demographic representation of our community." The 2025 Report offers an update on the status of Latino representation in the NYS judiciary. The full report can be accessed at [The-2025-Report-Status-of-Latinos-in-the-NYS-Judiciary-1.pdf](#)



Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department

INTERNS! INTERNS! INTERNS!



Associate Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Department pose with law student interns after oral arguments in February 2025 (l-r): **Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura**, **Hon. Paul Wooten**, Zain Mirza, David DeLaCruz, **Hon. Mark C. Dillon**, and **Hon. Helen Voutsinas**



Associate Justices of the Appellate Division, First Department **Hon. Julio Rodriguez III**, **Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez**, **Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels**, **Hon. Manuel Mendez**, and **Hon. Llinét Rosado** host summer interns at their oral argument on June 4, 2025

INTERNS! INTERNS! INTERNS!



Associate Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Department pose with law student interns after oral arguments in June 2025 (l-r): Rafael Lopez, Emally Quezada, **Hon. Donna-Marie Golia**, **Hon. William Ford**, **Hon. Betsy Barros**, **Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura**, Olivia Ramirez, and Jeannette Reatz



Hon. Raymond L. Rodriguez, Administrative Judge, Richmond County Courts and **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** pose with summer interns at a Meet and Greet in Richmond County



June 16, 2025 — **Hon. Cheryl J. Gonzales**, President of Judicial Friends, and interns at the Summer 2025 Meet and Greet Welcome Reception hosted by the Judicial Friends Association



June 2025 — **Hon. Sharen Hudson** (center) sits down with summer interns over the lunch hour to share her insights



Summer law interns Daphney Lebrun (CUNY), Jezabelle Velazquez (Cardozo), **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, Supreme Court, Kings County, **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson**, Diana Bachan (Brooklyn), and Manuel Valdes (Fordham) at the Brooklyn Courts Caribbean-American Heritage Month Celebration on June 27, 2025

INTERNS! INTERNS! INTERNS!

July 1, 2025 - Judges address interns at a Meet and Greet Luncheon sponsored by the Bronx County Bar Association



Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Hon. Joseph Capella, Administrative Judge, Bronx Supreme Court – Civil Term, **Hon. Alvin Yearwood**, Administrative Judge, Bronx Supreme Court – Criminal Term, and Bronx County Bar President **Renee Hill, Esq.**



Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson and Hon. Bianka Perez, Supreme Court, Bronx County (2nd from right) pose with summer interns



(l-r): **Hon. Gary F. Miret, Hon. Frances Wang**, Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph Zayas, Hon. Nestor Diaz**, and **Hon. Edwin Novillo** pose with summer interns at Queens County Supreme Court, Criminal Term



(l-r): **Hon. Frances Wang, Hon. Donna Marie Golia, Hon. Anthony Cannataro**, and **Hon. Cheree Buggs** pose with summer interns at Queens County Supreme Court, Criminal Term



Hon. Aaron Maslow, Supreme Court, King County, with his chambers staff and 2025 summer interns



Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones, Supreme Court, King County, with her chambers staff and 2025 summer interns



Hon. Javier E. Vargas, Judge of the Court of Claims, with his 2025 summer interns



Hon. Robert Hettelman, Judge of the Family Court, with participants from the 2025 Family Court Student Aide Summer Program



Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones dons a Wonder Woman cape presented to her by her interns at the annual Camp Quiñones reunion on August 5, 2025

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



Hon. Lisa Grey, Hon. Barbara Panepinto, and Hon. Karen Wolff pose with students at the “Women in the Courts: A Civil Court Roundtable” program in Richmond County

On March 27, 2025, Richmond County judges, including **Hon. Lisa Grey, Hon. Barbara Panepinto, and Hon. Karen Wolff**, hosted a Women’s History Month program for students from Notre Dame Catholic School and Saint Joseph by-the-Hill Academy, two all-girls high schools in Staten Island. The event – “Women in the Courts: A Civil Court Roundtable” – was held at the historic Castleton Avenue Civil Courthouse.



Appellate Division panel in Saratoga County on April 22, 2025 (l-r): **Hon. Eddie J. McShan, Hon. Christine M. Clark**, Presiding Justice **Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry, Hon. Stan L. Pritzker, and Hon. Mark L. Powers**



Hon. Robert Hettelman, Family Court, Kings County, speaks to students at the 3rd Annual Respect for All Conference held at MS 915 in Brooklyn on April 11, 2025

On April 22, 2025, the Appellate Division, Third Department heard oral arguments in Saratoga County. The five-justice panel included Presiding Justice **Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry** and Associate Justices **Hon. Eddie J. McShan, Hon. Christine M. Clark, Hon. Stan L. Pritzker and Hon. Mark L. Powers**. The Third Department last heard oral arguments in Saratoga County in 2008!



Hon. Gilbert Taylor, Supervising Judge, (center) hosts the inaugural public tour at Kings County Family Court on April 22, 2025

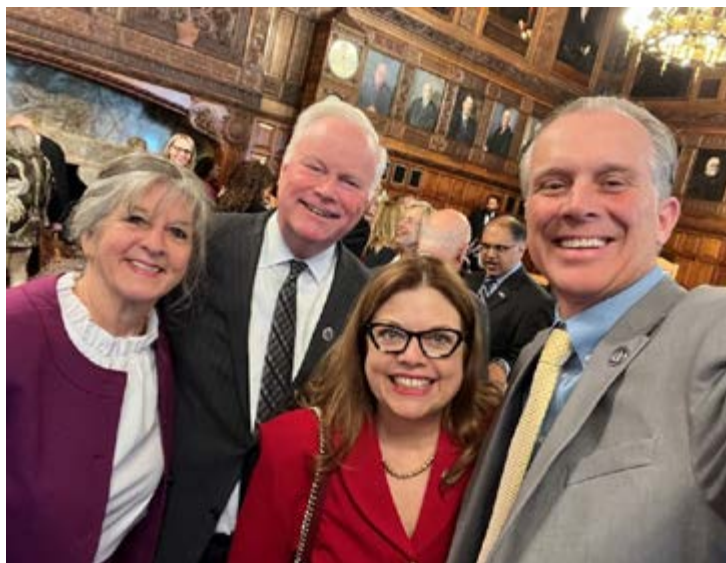
On April 22, 2025, the Kings County Family Court launched its inaugural public tour, marking a significant milestone in educating the public about the judicial system. This event aimed to demystify family court procedures and enhance the community's understanding of the legal process, particularly in sensitive areas such as child custody, abuse, neglect, and juvenile delinquency.



April 2025 – **Hon. Karen Lupuloff**, Supervising Judge, strikes a pose at the Star Wars inspired Bring Your Children to Work Day program held at New York County Family Court



Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas (Administrative Judge, Fifth Judicial District); Soren Israelyan, Esq. (President, Armenian Bar Association); **Hon. Frank Caruso** (Supreme Court, Niagara County); and **Hon. Amy C. Martoche** (Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District) at the Armenian Bar Association Public Servants Dinner on April 30, 2025



Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas (Administrative Judge, Fifth Judicial District); **Hon. Gerald Whalen** (Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Department); **Hon. Amy C. Martoche** (Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District); and **Hon. William Taylor** (Administrative Judge, Seventh Judicial District) at the Law Day celebration held at the Court of Appeals on May 1, 2025

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



May 6, 2025 – AAJANY Dinner – **Hon. Shahabuddeen Ally** (honoree); **Hon. Biju Koshy**; **Hon. Hector D. LaSalle** (honoree); **Hon. Norman St. George**; and **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**



President of the Asian American Judges Association of New York (AAJANY) **Hon. Biju Koshy** (at podium) presents t-shirts to the newly appointed and promoted judges of Asian descent (l-r): **Hon. L. Austin D'Souza**; **Hon. Masateru Marubashi**; **Hon. Melissa De Jesus**; **Hon. Amish R. Doshi**; **Hon. Christine Perumal**; **Hon. Hemalee J. Patel**; **Hon. Alice Tam Tien**; and **Hon. Phillip Hom**



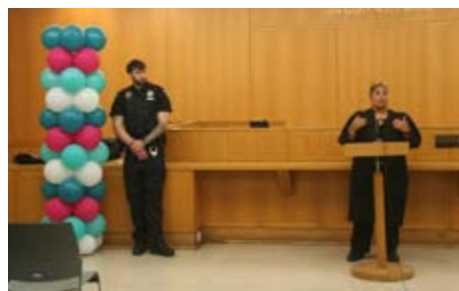
Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Norman St. George**, and Deputy Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Adam Silvera** show-off their t-shirts as they pose with the AAJANY Officers and Directors



May 14, 2025 – **Hon. Randall T. Eng** (ret.) addresses attendees at the annual Randall T. Eng award ceremony hosted by the Appellate Division, Second Department during Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



Hon. Anne-Mary Jolly (left) and **Hon. Alicea Elloras-Ally** (right) address students from Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy



Hon. Connie Gonzalez shares her journey with students from Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy

On May 15, 2025, Queens County Family Court hosted students from Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy for a court tour and mock trial experience. The program featured presentations from **Hon. Anne-Mary Jolly**, Administrative Judge for New York City Family Court, **Hon. Alicea Elloras-Ally**, Supervising Judge, Family Court, Queens County, and **Hon. Connie Gonzalez**, Family Court Judge, Queens County.



May 2025 — Judges attend a meeting of the Dutchess County Magistrates Association where **Hon. Mark C. Dillon**, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, served as guest of honor and keynote speaker (l-r): **Hon. Susan Sullivan Bisceglia** (T/LaGrange), **Hon. Barbara Seelbach** (T/Clinnton), **Hon. Mark Dillon**, **Hon. Thomas Jones** (T/Milan), and **Hon. John Kane** (V/Rhinebeck)



May 2025 — Town and Village Justices of the 9th Judicial District attend a day-long course on impaired driving cases at the Judicial Institute in White Plains



May 18, 2025 – Oliver Young, Esq., Chair of the Mock Trial Subcommittee of the NYSBA Law, Youth and Citizenship Committee (LYC), NYSBA President Dominick Napolitano, LYC Committee members **Hon. Jonah Triebwasser** and Jennifer Letitia Smith, Esq., and NYSBA LYC Staff Stacey Whiteley and Kim McHargue look forward to some first-class trial advocacy at the NYSBA High School Mock Trial finals in Albany



Hon. Peter Delizzo (center) at the 2025 Law Day Celebration in Richmond County Family Court

May 2025 - In a meaningful celebration of civic education and community engagement, students from Xaverian High School celebrated Law Day at Richmond County Family Court. The event, hosted by **Hon. Peter Delizzo**, a proud alumnus of Xaverian High School, included a series of interactive presentations and discussions and a question-and-answer session featuring **Hon. Ben Darvil**, the Supervising Judge of Richmond County Family Court.



Hon. Ben Darvil addresses attendees at the Richmond County Family Court Law Day Celebration

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



May 21, 2025 — Members of the judiciary at the reception celebrating the appointment of **Hon. Carmen A. Pacheco** (center) as Supervising Judge of Kings County Civil Court



May 22, 2025 — Judges of Haitian descent share their journeys to the bench at the Haitian Heritage Month event hosted by the Equal Justice in the Courts Committee (l-r): **Hon. Anne-Marie Jolly**; **Hon. Valerie Cartright**; **Hon. Dweynie E. Paul**; **Hon. Philippe Solages**; and **Hon. Betsey Jean-Jacques**



May 22, 2025 — Speakers at the Haitian Heritage Month event held in Manhattan Supreme Court: **Hon. Valerie Cartright**; **Hon. Anne-Marie Jolly**; Dr. Marie Lily Cerat; **Hon. Dweynie E. Paul**; **Hon. Philippe Solages**; **Hon. Betsey Jean-Jacques** and Onya Brinson, Esq.



Members of the judiciary attend the Haitian Heritage Month event held at Manhattan Supreme Court on May 22, 2025



Hon. Betsey Jean-Jacques surrounded by the Manhattan Family Court Part 9 staff at the Haitian Heritage event



Hon. Peter Passidomo and Hon. Singh Rantideva pose with court officers and teachers at a visit to The Family School on May 23, 2025



Hon. Fiordaliza Rodriguez and Hon. Janette Cortes-Gomez share their paths to the bench with students at The Family School in the Bronx

On May 23, 2025, Bronx Family Court Judges, including Deputy Administrative **Judge Hon. Peter Passidomo, Hon. Singh Rantideva, Hon. Fiordaliza Rodriguez, and Hon. Janette Cortes-Gomez**, participated in Career Day at The Family School, located at 1116 Sheridan Avenue in the Bronx. The visit was part of a collaborative effort to engage with young students and provide a firsthand look at the vital work conducted within the Family Court system.

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY

May 2025 – Harbor Hotel, Watkins Glen, NY – Judges attend the annual convention of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY) where **Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas** (Doris S. Hoffman Medal), **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff** (Judith S. Kaye Access to Justice Award), and **Hon. Brenda Freedman** (Stephanie E. Kupferman Juvenile Justice Award), were honored



(l-r): **Hon. Julie Cecile**, **Hon. Danielle M. Fogel**, **Hon. Ellen Spodek**, **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff**, **Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas**, **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, **Hon. Andrea F. Composto**, **Hon. Andrea Phoenix**, and **Hon. Bianka Perez**



Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas, Administrative Judge, Fifth Judicial District, is presented with the prestigious Doris S. Hoffman Medal at the 2025 WBASNY Convention



Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas (honoree) together with colleagues from the Fifth Judicial District at the 2025 WBASNY Convention



Hon. Andrea F. Composto (Family Court, Rockland County) and **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** (Supreme Court, Kings County) attend the Roaring 20s Casino Party at the 2025 WBASNY Convention



Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones, **Hon. Marilyn O'Connor** (ret.), **Hon. Andrea Phoenix**, and **Danielle Menendez, Esq.**, WBASNY Awards Committee Co-Chairs, at the 2025 WBASNY Convention



Hon. Bianka Perez (far right), Chair of WBASNY's Women Judges Committee, hosts a meeting at the annual WBASNY Convention in May 2025

May 27, 2025 – Monthly meeting of the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of New York (SCJACONY) where **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson** and Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** were honored



SCJACONY President **Hon. Carmen R. Velasquez** presents award to **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson**



SCJACONY President **Hon. Carmen R. Velasquez** presents award to Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**



Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson entertains the audience with a poster and song about Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** praising the New York State Court System



Hon. Wayne Ozzi (Supreme Court, Richmond County) and **Hon. Barbara K. Kapnick** (Appellate Division, First Department)



Members of the judiciary at the SCJACONY meeting

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



May 28, 2025 – Kings County Supreme Court justices **Hon. Maria Aragona**, **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, and **Hon. Lisa Lewis** preside over the Girls Rule the Law mock trial competition



May 2025 – **Hon. Claudia Daniels-DePeyster** and **Hon. E. Niki Warin** celebrate the appointment of their former court attorney, **Hon. Shirin Zarabi** (center), as a Judge of the Criminal Court.



June 5, 2025 – Carlos Ortiz, Esq., **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** (Supreme Court, Kings County), and **Hon. Francois A. Rivera** (Supreme Court, Kings County) were honored at the annual reception of Latino Judges Association Foundation



Hon. Lawrence Knipel, **Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick** (ret.), and **Hon. Helen Freedman** (ret.) at the LJAF Reception



Members of the judiciary at the LJAF Reception on June 5, 2025

On June 5, 2025, the Appellate Term for the Second, Eleventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts held oral arguments in Staten Island. Prior to the commencement of the oral arguments, the Staten Island Women's Bar Association hosted a meet and greet entitled "Breakfast with the Appellate Term Justices." Members of the bench and bar as well as summer interns from Kings and Richmond Counties attended. Speakers at the event included **Hon. Raymond L. Rodriguez**, Administrative Judge, Richmond County Courts, **Hon. Wavny Toussaint**, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term for the Second, Eleventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts, **Hon. Thomas Aliotta** (ret.), former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term for the Second, Eleventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts. In addition to **Hon. Wavny Toussaint**, the three-judge Appellate Term panel that heard oral arguments that day included **Hon. Marina Cora Mundy** from Richmond County, who served as the Justice Presiding, and **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** from Kings County.



Appellate Term Justices **Hon. Marina Cora Mundy**, **Hon. Wavny Toussaint**, and **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** pose in the ceremonial courtroom of Richmond County Supreme Court before hearing oral arguments

Members of the judiciary address attendees at a meet and greet hosted by the Staten Island Women's Bar Association on June 5, 2025



Hon. Raymond L. Rodriguez



Hon. Wavny Toussaint



Hon. Thomas Aliotta (ret.)

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



The Latino Judges Association celebrates 40 years at its general membership meeting held at the Appellate Division, First Department on June 11, 2025



June 2025 – **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson** gives remarks at the Chautauqua Institution Forum on Democracy



June 2025 – **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson** and FHWJC Co-Chairs **Hon. Troy K. Webber** and **Hon. Shirley Troutman** at the Chautauqua Institution Forum on Democracy



June 2025 – Presiding Justice of the Court of Claims **Hon. Richard E. Sise** (front center) poses with the newest appointments to the Court of Claims



Hon. Adam Silvera, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for NYC Courts, and **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick**, Appellate Division, First Department, at the Installation Dinner of the New York Women Judges Association on June 9, 2025



June 9, 2025 – NYWJA Installation Dinner (l-r): **Hon. Robert R. Reed**, **Hon. Michael Katz**, **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick**, **Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler** (ret.), and **Hon. Kelly O'Neill Levy**



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On June 23, 2025, **Hon. Sharon N. Clarke** and **Hon. Tawanna St. Louis**, both judges at Kings County Family Court and proud graduates of Midwood High School, hosted a court visit for the Midwood High School Debate Team. A highlight of the visit was the "Instagram Mock Trial," a courtroom simulation where students argued a fictional case involving social media, online behavior, and privacy rights. Students played the roles of attorneys, witnesses, and jurors, practicing their public speaking, reasoning, and legal thinking skills.



Brooklyn Family Court Judge **Hon. Tawanna St. Louis** (seated on bench) hosts students from the Midwood High School Debate Team

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



Hon. William Taylor (Administrative Judge, Seventh Judicial District) and **Hon. Mary Farley** (Supervising Judge, Fourth Judicial District) at the June 2025 Summer Judicial Seminar



June 24, 2025 — Past Presiding Members of the NYSBA Judicial Section pose for a picture with the most recent issue of The Judicial Dispatch, the section's newsletter (l-r): **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** (Kings County); **Hon. Gregory Gilbert** (Oswego County); and **Hon. Denise A. Hartman** (Albany County)



June 24, 2025 — Long time friends "The CJs" meet up at the June 2025 Summer Judicial Seminar (l-r): **Hon. Guy H. Mitchell**; **Hon. Kenneth Holder**; **Hon. Craig S. Walker**; **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**; **Hon. Alvin Yearwood**; **Hon. Michelle A. Johnson**; **Hon. Claudia Daniels-DePeyster**; **Hon. Richard Rivera**; and **Hon. Sharen D. Hudson**



Members of the Judicial Friends Association at the June 2025 Summer Judicial Seminar



Members of the Latino Judges Association at the June 2025 Summer Judicial Seminar



Members of the Judicial Friends Association at the July 2025 Summer Judicial Seminar



Members of the Latino Judges Association at the July 2025 Summer Judicial Seminar



July 18, 2025 — **Hon. Jenny Rivera**, Associate Judge, Court of Appeals, **Hon. Troy K. Webber**, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department, and **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick**, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department, at the National Civil Justice Institute Forum for State Appellate Court Judges in San Francisco



Hon. Fernando Tapia is recognized with a plaque by **Hon Carmen R. Velasquez**, past president of the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of New York, in recognition of his 23 years of service



July 18, 2025 — **Hon. Kim Adair Wilson** speaks at the retirement celebration of **Hon. Fernando Tapia** held at the Civil Term of Bronx County Supreme Court

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



July 29, 2025 — **Hon. Maxine S. Broderick**, **Hon. Scott Carrigan**, **Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers**, **Hon. Norman St. George**, **Hon. Ellen Tobin**, and **Hon. Elizabeth Emerson** (ret.) attend the New York Bar Foundation Leadership Laureate Series Reception



August 16, 2025 — **Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres**, Supervising Judge of Genesee & Wyoming County Town and Village Courts, and **Hon. E. Jeanette Ogden**, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, attend the Puerto Rican and Hispanic Day Parade of Western New York



August 22, 2025 — **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson** and Administrative Judge **Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas** at the New York State Fair



August 23, 2025 — **Hon. Wanda Negron**, Supreme Court, Bronx County, **Hon. Anne Marie Jolly**, Administrative Judge, NYC Family Court, and **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, Supreme Court, Kings County, attend the Latino Court Officers Society Summer Barbecue in Cunningham Park

On July 29, 2025, the New York Bar Foundation hosted its Leadership Laureate Series Celebratory Reception in Uniondale, NY, honoring distinguished members of the legal community whose leadership and dedication exemplify the Foundation's mission of advancing justice and the rule of law. The event, part of the Foundation's ongoing Laureate Series, brought together legal professionals, bar leaders, and members of the judiciary for an inspiring evening of recognition and connection.

The evening's honorees, **Hon. Norman St. George**, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge and **Hon. James Wicks**, U.S. Magistrate, were celebrated for their exceptional leadership, dedicated service, and lasting contributions to the legal profession.

Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers, President of the New York Bar Foundation and Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, presented the Force for Justice award to Judges St. George and Wicks. A distinguished group of jurists and attorneys gathered in a powerful show of support for Judge St. George and Judge Wicks, highlighting the widespread respect and admiration for their trailblazing service and unwavering commitment to justice.



September 2, 2025 — The "first sit" of **Hon. Margaret A. Chan** as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department. Pictured (l-r): **Hon. Kelly O'Neill Levy**, **Hon. Dianne T. Renwick**, Presiding Justice, **Hon. Marsha D. Michael**, **Hon. Margaret A. Chan**, **Hon. Peter H. Moulton**, and **Hon. Manuel J. Mendez**



September 4, 2025 – The “first sit” of **Hon. Saliann Scarpulla** as Justice Presiding



Appellate Division, First Department Justices: **Hon. Martin Shulman**, **Hon. David Friedman**, **Hon. Saliann Scarpulla**, **Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez**, and **Hon. Llinét Rosado**



Hon. Javier E. Vargas, Court of Claims, moderates the “Pathways to the Judiciary” panel at the 2025 Annual Convention of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)



Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department, attends the 2025 HNBA Convention accompanied by her father, Cecilio Ventura



Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Department preside over a bar admission ceremony on September 10, 2025 (l-r): **Hon. Janice A. Taylor**, **Hon. Paul Wooten**, **Hon. Francesca Connolly**, and **Hon. Lillian Wan**



Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones, **Hon. Lillian Wan**, and **Hon. Wayne Saitta** attend the September 10, 2025 Bar Admission Ceremony at the Appellate Division, Second Department where Robert Abruzzese, Esq. (second from left), law clerk to Justice Saitta, was admitted. Also pictured is Stephanie Kotsikonas, Administrative Aide, NYC Civil Court.

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY

September 14-17, 2025 – Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York (AJSCSNY) Fall Conference – Fairport, NY



First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Norman St. George**, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Edwina Richardson**, and AJSCSNY President **Hon. Frank Caruso**



AJSCSNY President **Hon. Frank Caruso** recognizing Honorary Member Evelyn Haller (mother of **Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas**) for years of service to the Association as the “Logo Merchandise salesperson”



Dance Troupe performing at the AJSCSNY conference in honor and recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month



Hon. Robert Reed; **Hon. Leslie Stroth**; **Hon. Walter Rivera**; **Hon. Christina Ryba**; and **Hon. Verna Saunders** on the boat excursion



Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas (right) and her mother Evelyn Haller enjoying the boat excursion



Hon. Karen Lupuloff (2nd from right) with her family at her retirement celebration on September 15, 2025



The New York State Magistrates Association corps of past presidents was on hand to teach courses and help with the administrative necessities of educational offerings at NYSMA's recent conference in Niagara Falls

Standing (l-r): **Hon. Amel S. Jowdy, Jr.**, Cambria (2014); **Hon. David S. Gideon**, DeWitt (2018); **Hon. Edward G. Van Der Water**, Van Buren (2010); **Hon. Michael A. Petucci**, Herkimer (2019); **Hon. Thomas R. Dias**, Ancram (2006); **Hon. Karl E. Manne**, Herkimer (2022); **Hon. Jonah Triebwasser**, Red Hook (2020, 2021); **Hon. Allan E. Pohl**, Bristol (2000); **Hon. Kenneth Ohi Johnson**, Day (2024); and **Hon. Timothy J. Cooper**, Evans (1998)
Seated (l-r): **Hon. Dennis W. Young**, East Otto (2023); **Hon. David O. Fuller, Jr.**, Tuckahoe (2007); **Hon. Thomas Sheeran**, Lewiston (2025); **Hon. Sherry R. Davenport**, Summerhill (2017); and **Hon. Peter D. Barlet**, Warwick (2012)
Present but not pictured: **Hon. Gary A. Graber**, Darien (2013)

The New York Bar Foundation presented its Force for Justice Award to **Hon. Barry Kamins** (ret.), Partner at Aidala, Bertuna & Kamins, in recognition of his lifelong excellence in criminal law and practice, his dedication to strengthening the criminal justice system and contributions to the legal profession.

The Leadership Laureate celebration, held on September 18, 2025 at B. Stuyvesant Champagne in Brooklyn, brought together prominent lawyers and judges in the Metropolitan New York area to recognize the work of Judge Kamins and to highlight the Foundation's ongoing efforts to expand access to legal services to those most in need.

Members of the bench and bar at the NYBF Leadership Laureate Series Reception in Brooklyn on September 18, 2025



Hon. Margaret J. Finerty (ret.), **Hon. Tamiko Amaker**, **Hon. George A. Grasso** (ret.), **Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers**, **Hon. John Leventhal** (ret.), **Hon. Barry M. Kamins** (ret.), **Hon. Anne Swern**, **Hon. Paul Wooten**, **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, **Hon. Carmen Pacheco**



Paula T. Edgar, **Hon. Barry M. Kamins** (ret.), **Hon. Lillian Wan**, **Carl Forbes, Jr.**, **Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers**, **Hon. Paul Wooten**, **Justina K. Rivera**, **Anthony W. Vaughn, Jr.**, **Nicole Lester Arrindell**, **Hon. Janice A. Taylor**



Hon. Anne-Marie Jolly, Administrative Judge, NYC Family Court, and **Hon. Raymond Lohier**, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit at the Third Annual Haitians in the Judiciary Recognition Ceremony hosted by the Haitian American Lawyers Association of New York (HALANY) on September 18, 2025



September 18, 2025 - Opera singer Ovirole Joseph (center) celebrates with **Hon. Nadine Fontaine**, **Hon. Dweynie E. Paul**, **Hon. Anne-Marie Jolly**, and **Hon. Valerie M. Cartright**



(l-r): **Hon. Nadine Fontaine**, **Hon. Dweynie E. Paul**, **Hon. Anne-Marie Jolly**, and **Hon. Raymond Lohier** are celebrated at the Third Annual Haitians in the Judiciary Recognition Ceremony

SECTION MEMBERS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT WORK ... AND PLAY



Members of the judiciary at the LIHBA Annual Gala on September 18, 2025 (l-r): **Hon. Diego A. Freire**, **Hon. Helen Voutsinas**, **Hon. Betsy Barros**, **Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura** (honoree), **Hon. Rolando T. Acosta** (ret.), **Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels**, **Hon. Sharifa M. Nasser Cuéllar**, **Hon. Veronica Renta Irwin**, and **Hon. Raymond L. Rodriguez**



Hon. Norman St. George, **Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura** (honoree), **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** (honoree) and **Hon. Rolando T. Acosta** (ret.) at the 2025 DBA Gala on September 19, 2025



Members of the judiciary were "presente" at the DBA Gala on September 19, 2025

September 25, 2025 – Members of the judiciary at the 7th anniversary gala of SAICBA-Q



Hon. Kris Singh, **Hon. Phillip Hom**, **Hon. Lillian Wan**, **Hon. Shorab Ibrahim**, **Hon. Biju Koshy**, **Hon. Frances Wang**, **Hon. Rina Gurung**, **Hon. Shahabuddeen Ally**, **Hon. Amish R. Doshi** and **Hon. Karen Gopee**



(l-r): **Hon. Bernice D. Siegal**, **Hon. Karen Gopee**, and **Hon. Amish R. Doshi**



Rochester City Court Judge **Hon. Michael C. Lopez** and his mother enjoy a baseball game at Yankee Stadium on September 24, 2025



(l-r): **Hon. Kenneth Holder** and **Hon. Sandra Perez**



September 2025 — **Hon. Betsey Jean-Jacques**, **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** and **Hon. Abayomi Ajaiyeoba** “on Broadway”



Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** delivers a keynote address to the Fifth Judicial District on September 29, 2025 in Clayton, New York



September 29-30, 2025 — Members of the judiciary pose for photos while attending the Fifth Judicial District's annual conference in Clayton, New York. Featured, among others, are Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** and his wife Cathy, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. James P. Murphy** and his wife Alice, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Edwina G. Richardson**, and Fifth Judicial District Administrative Judge **Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas**



Hon. Myrna Socorro, **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, **Hon. Marissa Soto** and **Hon. Patsy Gouldborne** at the PRBA Gala on September 30, 2025



September 27, 2025 — At the 2025 Fall Conference of the Asian American Bar Association of New York, AAPI women judges gave a captivating performance as Supreme Court Justices in the trial reenactment of *Race, Color, and Citizenship: Ozawa and Thind* in the 1920s (l-r): **Hon. Karen Lin** (Supreme Court, Queens County); **Hon. Frances Y. Wang** (Supreme Court, Queens County); **Hon. Peggy Kuo** (United States District Court, Eastern District); **Hon. Ona T. Wang** (United States District Court, Southern District); **Hon. Soma S. Syed** (Civil Court, Queens County); **Hon. Lillian Wan** (Appellate Division, Second Department); **Hon. Judy H. Kim** (Supreme Court, New York County); **Hon. Karen M.C. Cortes** (Family Court, Bronx County); and **Hon. Pamela K. Chen** (United States District Court, Eastern District)



CUNY Law School Dean Natalie Gomez-Velez, **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson** and **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** at the PRBA Gala on September 30, 2025



October 3, 2025 — **Hon. Richard E. Sise**, Presiding Justice of the Court of Claims, administers the judicial oath of office to **Hon. Abby Perer**



October 10, 2025 — Members of the judiciary attend the 2025 Hispanic Heritage Soiree hosted by the Latino Court Officers Society. Also pictured is Major Erica Prosper (center), President of the Latino Court Officers Society

Upcoming Programs/Events of Interest

Bronx County Bar Association 123rd Installation of Officers and Directors

(Judicial Honorees: Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge; Hon. Wilma Guzman, Supreme Court, Bronx County; and Hon. Gayle P. Roberts, Supreme Court, Bronx County)

Marina Del Rey, Bronx, NY

October 16, 2025

Judicial Friends 44th Annual Law Sermon

New Jerusalem Worship Center, Jamaica, NY

October 19, 2025

NYS LGBTQ+ Judges Association Coming Out Party

New York City

October 21, 2025

Court of Claims Judges Fall Conference

Marriott Hotel, Syracuse, NY

October 27-29, 2025

LGBT Bar NY Judicial Reception

Elefterakis Elefterakis & Panek, New York, NY

October 29, 2025

New York Women Judges Association Inaugural Dinner

(Keynote Speaker: Hon. Elizabeth Garry, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Third Department)

The Douglaston Club, Queens, NY

November 12, 2025

Tribune Society 57th Annual Awards Dinner Dance

(Judicial Honoree: Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge)

Marina Del Rey, Bronx, NY

November 12, 2025

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus Cocktail Reception honoring the Judiciary

(Master of Ceremonies: Hon. Adam Silvera, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, NYC Courts)

The View, Battery Park, NYC

November 12, 2025

Rising to the Bench: Asian American Perspectives from the Judiciary

(Moderator: Hon. Meredith Vacca, USDJ, WDNY and Panelists: Hon. Lillian Wan, Appellate Division, Second Department; Hon. Kris Singh, Administrative Judge, Fourth Judicial District; Hon. Zainab Chaudhry, Court of Claims; Hon. Frances Wang, Supreme Court, Queens County; and Hon. Biju Koshy, Supervising Judge, Richmond County Criminal Court)

The Twentieth Century Club, Buffalo, NY

November 17, 2025

Staten Island Women's Bar Association Annual Judicial Gala

(Judicial Honoree: Hon. Raymond L. Rodriguez, Administrative Judge, Richmond County Courts)

Grand Oaks Country Club, Staten Island, NY

December 2, 2025

Brooklyn Bar Association Annual Dinner

(Judicial Honoree: Hon. Genine D. Edwards, Administrative Judge, Civil Term, Kings County)

El Caribe, Brooklyn, NY

December 8, 2025

NYSBA Judicial Section Reception & Luncheon

(Keynote Speaker: Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge and Judicial Honorees: Hon. Caitlin J. Halligan, Associate Judge, Court of Appeals; Hon. Elizabeth Garry, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Third Department; Hon. Llinét M. Rosado, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department; and Hon. Juan M. Merchan, Judge of the Court of Claims)

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JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Appellate Division, First Department

Appellate Division, Second Department



Hon. Margaret A. Chan



Hon. Shlomo Hagler



Hon. Elena Goldberg-Velazquez



Hon. Susan Quirk

Congratulations to **Hon. Margaret A. Chan** and **Hon. Shlomo Hagler**, who were appointed to the Appellate Division, First Department by Governor Kathy Hochul on July 24, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Troy K. Webber** and **Hon. Saliann Scarpulla**, who were re-appointed to the Appellate Division, First Department by Governor Kathy Hochul on July 24, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Elena Goldberg Velazquez** and **Hon. Susan Quirk**, who were appointed to the Appellate Division, Second Department by Governor Kathy Hochul on July 24, 2025.

Appellate Term, First and Twelfth Judicial Districts

Appellate Term, Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts



Hon. Ta-Tanisha D. James

Congratulations to **Hon. Ta-Tanisha D. James**, who was appointed Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term for the First and Twelfth Judicial Districts by Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** on September 29, 2025.



Hon. Paul L. Alpert

Congratulations to **Hon. Paul L. Alpert**, who was appointed to the Appellate Term for the First and Twelfth Judicial Districts by Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** on September 2, 2025.



Hon. Maria Vazquez-Doles

Congratulations to **Hon. Maria Vazquez-Doles**, who was appointed to the Appellate Term for the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts by Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** on September 2, 2025.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Hilary Gingold**, Surrogate, New York County, who was presented with the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial Award at the 46th annual gala of the Jewish Lawyers Guild on April 1, 2025. Surrogate Gingold was inadvertently listed as the Surrogate of Queens County in our last issue.



2025 Jewish Lawyers Guild Gala — (front row, l-r): **Hon. Shlomo Hagler**, recipient of the Benjamin N. Cardozo Award; **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick**, Chief Administrative Judge; **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**, recipient of the Golda Meir Memorial Award; and **Hon. Hilary Gingold**, recipient of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial Award
(back row, l-r): John V. Fabiani, Jr., Esq.; John V. Fabiani, Sr., Esq.; Avram Turkel, Esq., JLG President; and Ronald J. Katter, Esq., JLG Chairperson

Congratulations to **Hon. Adam Silvera**, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts, who was honored at the Jewish American Heritage Month Celebration hosted by the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Taskforce (EDIT) of the NYC Criminal Court on May 14, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Anar R. Patel**, Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, who was recognized as a recipient of the Hon. Randall T. Eng Award at the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration held at the Appellate Division, Second Department on May 14, 2025.



Hon. Anar R. Patel

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick**, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department and Past Presiding Member of the Judicial Section, who was presented with the 2025 Capozzoli Gavel Award at the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) Annual Law Day Luncheon on May 20, 2025. The award was presented by the **Chief Judge, Hon. Rowan D. Wilson**.



Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick and **Chief Judge Hon. Rowan D. Wilson** at the NYCLA Annual Law Day Luncheon



Hon. Cynthia S. Kern and **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick** at the NYCLA Annual Law Day Luncheon



Congratulations to **Hon. Cynthia S. Kern**, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, who was recognized with a Certificate for 25 Years of Distinguished Judicial Service at the NYCLA Annual Law Day Luncheon on May 20, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Rowan D. Wilson**, Chief Judge of the State of New York and the New York Court of Appeals, who served as the keynote speaker at the Annual Judicial Reception of the South Asian Bar Association of New York (SABANY) on May 22, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Anil C. Singh**, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, who was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Annual Judicial Reception hosted by SABANY on May 22, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. George J. Silver (ret.)**, Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary, who was recognized with the Ally of the Year Award by SABANY at their Annual Judicial Reception on May 22, 2025.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Hon. Biju Koshy



Hon. Rena Malik

Congratulations to **Hon. Biju Koshy**, Supervising Judge, Criminal Court, Richmond County, and **Hon. Rena Malik**, Judge of the Civil Court, Kings County, who were honored at the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration hosted by the Second Judicial District Equal Justice Committee together with the Asian Jade Society, the Asian American Judges Association of New York, and the Brooklyn Bar Association. The event, held in Kings Supreme Court on May 29, 2025, celebrated the theme "A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience" and recognized the judges for "leading by example and in so doing, influencing and paving the way for future leaders within the court system and beyond."

Congratulations to **Hon. Matthew J. Titone**, Surrogate, Richmond County, who was recognized as the Honoree of the Year at the 114th anniversary banquet of the Richmond County Bar Association on June 3, 2025.



Hon. Raymond L. Rodriguez, Administrative Judge, Richmond County Courts; **Hon. Matthew J. Titone**, Surrogate, Richmond County; and **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**, Chief Administrative Judge, at the RCBA anniversary banquet

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Rosemarie Montalbano**, Surrogate, Kings County, who was honored on June 10, 2025, at the Annual Judiciary Night and Installation Dinner of the Columbian Lawyers Association, Inc. of Queens County.



Hon. Norma Jennings, Hon. Seth Marnin, and Hon. Shirin Zarabi pose with their awards at the 2025 Pride Celebration hosted by the Second Judicial District Equal Justice Committee and the Brooklyn Bar Association

Congratulations to **Hon. Seth Marnin**, Judge of the Court of Claims, **Hon. Norma Jennings**, Judge of the Civil Court, and **Hon. Shirin Zarabi**, Judge of the Criminal Court, who were honored at the Pride Month Celebration hosted by the Second Judicial District Equal Justice Committee and the Brooklyn Bar Association on June 23, 2025. Under the theme “United in Pride,” these trailblazing jurists were recognized for their work and efforts in ensuring that our courts become more equitable, inclusive and reflective of the people we serve.

Congratulations to **Hon. Livia Rodriguez**, Town Justice, Cortlandt Town Court, who was sworn in as President of the Hudson Valley Hispanic Bar Association on June 25, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Jenny Rivera**, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, who was honored with the Trailblazer Award on June 25, 2025 at the annual gala and induction ceremony of the Hudson Valley Hispanic Bar Association (HVHBA).

Congratulations to **Hon. Carol Sharpe**, Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, who was a Gala Honoree at the 11th Anniversary Scholarship Gala of the Caribbean Attorneys Network held on June 28, 2025.

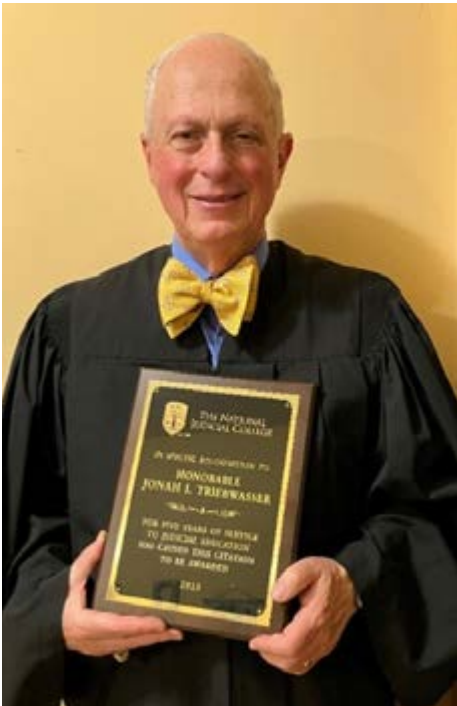
Congratulations to **Hon. Juan Merchan**, Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, who was honored by The Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County at their Judiciary Night on July 15, 2025.



Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the State of New York; **Hon. Jenny Rivera**, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals (honoree), and **Hon. Anne E. Minihan**, Administrative Judge, Ninth Judicial District, at the HVHBA Gala and Installation Dinner on June 25, 2025

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Jonah I. Triebwasser**, Red Hook Village Justice, who was recognized for his five years of volunteer faculty service by the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Judge Triebwasser has taught classes and webinars on Commercial Motor Vehicle cases and Human Trafficking matters.



Hon. Jonah I. Triebwasser, Red Hook Village Justice, with his award for volunteer faculty service

Congratulations to **Hon. Bianka Perez**, Associate Justice, Appellate Term, 1st and 12th Judicial Districts, who was honored at the Bronx Dominican Day Parade on July 27, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Norman St. George**, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, who was honored by the Civil Court Practice Section of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) at their Annual Awards Dinner on July 17, 2025.



Hon. Adam Silvera, DCAJ for New York City Courts, **Hon. Edwina G. Richardson**, DCAJ for Justice Initiative, and **Hon. Milton Tingling**, New York County Clerk, celebrate **Hon. Norman St. George**, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge (third from left) who was honored at the NYCLA Annual Awards Dinner on July 17, 2025



Jurists and others in attendance at the Bronx Dominican Day Parade where **Hon. Bianka Perez**, Associate Justice, Appellate Term, 1st and 12th Judicial Districts, (center) was honored

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Norman St. George**, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, and **Hon. James Wicks**, United States Magistrate Judge, who were each presented with the Force for Justice Award at the New York Bar Foundation Leadership Laureate Series Reception in Uniondale, NY on July 29, 2025.



U.S. Magistrate Judge **Hon. James Wicks**, New York Bar Foundation (NYBF) President **Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers**, and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Norman St. George** at the Foundation's Leadership Laureate Series Reception on July 29, 2025

Congratulations to **Hon. Jacqueline B. Deane**, Judge of the Family Court, Kings County, and **Hon. Paul M. Deep**, Judge of the Family Court, Oneida County, who were each honored with the Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare at a reception and ceremony hosted by the New York State Bar Association Committee on Children and the Law on September 11, 2025.



Hon. Jacqueline Deane, **Hon. Howard Levine (ret.)**, Chief Judge **Hon. Rowan D. Wilson**, **Hon. Paul Deep**, and Linda Kostin, Esq., Chair, NYSBA Children & the Law Committee



Albany Law Professor Melissa Breger presents the Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare to **Hon. Jacqueline Deane**

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Barry M. Kamins** (ret.), who was presented with the Force for Justice Award at the New York Bar Foundation Leadership Laureate Series Reception in Brooklyn on September 18, 2025.



Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers presents the NYBF Force for Justice Award to **Hon. Barry M. Kamins** (ret.) at the Leadership Laureate Series reception in Brooklyn on September 18, 2025



Anthony W. Vaughn, Jr., **Hon. Barry M. Kamins** (ret.), **Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers**, and **Hon. Margaret Finerty** (ret.) at the NYBF Leadership Laureate Series reception in Brooklyn on September 18, 2025



Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura poses with her award at the LIHBA Annual Gala



Hon. Danielle Fogel is presented with flowers upon her receipt of the Karen DeCrow Award

Congratulations to **Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura**, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department, who was presented with the Judicial Excellence Award at the Annual Gala of the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association on September 18, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Danielle Fogel**, Supreme Court, Onondaga County, who was presented with the Karen DeCrow Award by the Central New York Women's Bar Association on September 18, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster**, Judge of the Court of Claims, who was presented with the Constance Baker Motley Award at the Annual Gala of the Westchester Black Bar Association on September 18, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Consuelo Mallafre Melendez**, Supreme Court, Kings County, who was honored at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration co-sponsored by the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers on September 18, 2025.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**, Chief Administrative Judge, who was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 22nd Annual Scholarship Gala of the Dominican Bar Association (DBA) on September 19, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura**, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department, who was presented with the Judicial Excellence Award at the DBA Gala on September 19, 2025.



Chief Administrative Judge **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas** receives the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2025 DBA Gala



Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura receives the Judicial Excellence Award at the 2025 DBA Gala

Congratulations to **Hon. Nusrat J. Choudhury**, Judge of the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and **Hon. Christine Perumal**, Judge of the Family Court, Queens County, who were recognized as honorees at the 7th Anniversary Gala of the South Asian and Indo-Caribbean Bar Association of Queens (SAICBA-Q) on September 25, 2025.



SAICBA-Q Executive Vice President Shanaz Chowdhury (right) presenting award to **Hon. Nusrat J. Choudhury**, Judge of the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York



Hon. Nusrat J. Choudhury



Hon. Christine Perumal is honored for her "unwavering support and commitment to justice and diversity"



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Members of the judiciary in attendance at the Fall 2025 AABANY Conference (l-r): **Hon. Lillian Wan**, **Hon. Frances Wang**, **Hon. Jeffrey Oing (ret.)**, **Hon. Judy Kim** (honoree), **Hon. Karen M.C. Cortes**, and **Hon. James Clynes**

Congratulations to **Hon. Judy Kim**, Supreme Court, New York County, who was presented with the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award at the 2025 Fall Conference of the Asian American Bar Association of New York on September 27, 2025.



Renier Pierantoni, Esq. (PRBA President), **Hon. Carmen Pacheco** (Supervising Judge, Kings County Civil Court), and Lillian Mosley (PRBA President-Elect) present Chief Judge **Hon. Rowan D. Wilson** with the Judiciary Excellence Award at the 2025 PRBA Annual Scholarship Gala

Congratulations to **Hon. Rowan D. Wilson**, Chief Judge of the State of New York, who was presented with the Judiciary Excellence Award at the Annual Scholarship Gala of the Puerto Rican Bar Association on September 30, 2025.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Hon. Abayomi Ajaiyeoba**, Family Court, Kings County, who served as a Grand Marshal at the Nigerian Independence Day Parade held in New York City on October 4, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. George Villegas**, Supreme Court, Bronx County, who was presented with the Legacy Award at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration hosted by the 12th Judicial District Equal Justice in the Court Committee on October 7, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Jessica Flores**, Supreme Court, Bronx County, who was presented with the Leading the Future Award at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration hosted by the 12th Judicial District Equal Justice in the Court Committee on October 7, 2025.



Carihanna Morrison, Esq. presents the inaugural Access to Justice Shero Award to **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** at the Girls Rule the Law 2025 Youth Conference

Congratulations to **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, Supreme Court, Kings County, who was presented with the inaugural Access to Justice Shero Award at 2025 Youth Conference hosted by Girls Rule the Law, Inc. on October 8, 2025.



Hon. Abayomi Ajaiyeoba (right) and United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed serve as Grand Marshals at the Nigerian Independence Day Parade



Angelique Moreno, Esq., Lisa Michaels, Esq., and **Hon. Consuelo Mallafre-Melendez** presenting award to **Hon. Jenny Rivera** (center)

Congratulations to **Hon. Jenny Rivera**, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, who was honored at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association on October 9, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Llinét M. Rosado**, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department, who was presented with the Lideres Award at the Hispanic Heritage Soirée of the Latino Court Officers Society on October 10, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**, Chief Administrative Judge, who will be presented with the 2025 Administrative Excellence Award at the 123rd Installation of Officer and Directors of the Bronx County Bar Association on October 16, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Wilma Guzman**, Supreme Court, Bronx County, who will be presented with the 2025 Judicial Excellence Award by the Bronx County Bar Association on October 16, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Gayle P. Roberts**, Supreme Court, Bronx County, who will be presented with the 2025 President's Award by the Bronx County Bar Association on October 16, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Raymond L. Rodriguez**, Administrative Judge, Richmond County, who will be honored at the Annual Judicial Gala of the Staten Island Women's Bar Association on December 2, 2025.

Congratulations to **Hon. Genine D. Edwards**, Administrative Judge, Civil Term, Kings County, who will be presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the Brooklyn Bar Association Annual Dinner on December 8, 2025.



Hon. Abayomi Ajaiyeoba (left) and her mother Eunice Ajaiyeoba join in the celebration of 65 years with joy, pride and style



Hon. Llinét M. Rosado is presented with the Lideres Award by the board of the Latino Court Officers Society at the organization's 2025 Hispanic Heritage Soirée. Also pictured is Justice Rosado's son, Court Officer Elias Rosado (center)



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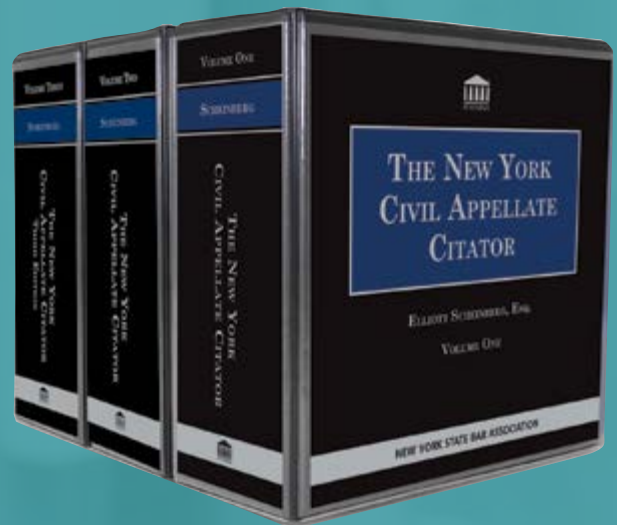
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