VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ON THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION OF THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time

Via Zoom

Hosted by the New York State Commercial Division Advisory Council

1:00 p.m.	Introduction (Justice Marguerite A. Grays and Robert L. Haig, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, Co-Chairs, Commercial Division Advisory Council)
1:03 p.m.	Doing Business in New York (James Katz, Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Workforce to Governor Kathy Hochul, Hope Knight, President and CEO, Empire State Development, and Heather C. Mulligan, President and CEO, The Business Council of New York State, Inc.)
1:10 p.m.	Overview of the Commercial Division (Filmed remarks by the Chief Legal Officers of Verizon, Goldman Sachs, Pfizer, Blackstone, Chubb, ING Financial Holdings, Marsh McLennan, Con Edison, and SL Green; New York's Chief Judge and Chief Administrative Judge; and Appellate Division and Commercial Division Justices)
1:22 p.m.	In-House Counsel Experiences in the Commercial Division (Mei Lin Kwan-Gett, Deputy General Counsel and Global Head of Litigation, Citigroup Inc., and Michael W. Leahy, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Head of Litigation, American International Group, Inc.)
1:30 p.m.	Commercial Division Justices – Judicial Expertise, Specialization, Experience, and Operations (Commercial Division Justices Timothy S. Driscoll (Nassau County), Cenceria P. Edwards (Kings County), and Robert R. Reed (New York County))
1:40 p.m.	Practitioners' Perspectives – Commercial Division Rules and New York Law (Sheila S. Boston, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, Mylan L. Denerstein, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and Roberta A. Kaplan, Kaplan Martin LLP)
1:50 p.m.	Practitioners' Perspectives – Commercial Division Discovery and Trial Procedures (Michael B. Carlinsky, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, Robert J. Giuffra Jr., Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, and Lynn K. Neuner, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP)
2:00 p.m.	Questions