



Furthering Justice Through Education

AGENDA

Week 1

June 24 - 26, 2025

Hon. Rowan D. Wilson
Chief Judge of the State of New York

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas
Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York



Hon. Norman St. George
First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York

Hon. Kathie E. Davidson
Dean of the New York State Judicial Institute

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Tuesday, June 24, 2025

8:00 am - 9:35 am	Registration & Breakfast	Garden Terrace & Atrium
9:45 am - 9:55 am	Dean's Welcome & Introduction to Judicial Education Video By New York State Court Leadership Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Dean, New York State Judicial Institute	Grand Ballroom
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Greetings from Leadership Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the State of New York Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York Hon. Norman St. George, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York	Grand Ballroom
10:40 am - 11:10 am	Remarks from the Deputy Chief Administrative Judges Hon. Edwina G. Richardson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Hon. James P. Murphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the Courts Outside New York City Hon. Adam Silvera, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts	Grand Ballroom
11:10 am - 11:30 am	Reconnect with Leadership and Colleagues	
Plenary Session		
11:35 am - 1:05 pm	Judicial Ethics and The Use of Artificial Intelligence Hon. Vito M. DeStefano, Hon. Patria Frias-Colón, Hon. Francis Ricigliano, Rosemary Garland Scott, Esq. <i>This session, presented jointly by the Statewide Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, will examine the ethical challenges judges face when incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into their work. The committee members will discuss how existing judicial ethics rules apply to AI, review relevant authorities, including ethics opinions, and explore potential risks, such as bias, overreliance, or misuse by judges. The session will offer guidance on how to navigate these emerging issues responsibly and ethically.</i>	Grand Ballroom
1:05 pm - 1:50 pm	Lunch	Garden Terrace & Atrium

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Breakout Sessions

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

All Tracks:

Ensuring an Inclusive and Accessible Courtroom Through Language Access and the ADA

Grand Ballroom A-C

Daniel Weitz, Esq., James F. Tardy, Esq., Amy Pontillo, Esq., Ann Ryan

This session explores how language access and ADA compliance can be used to create an inclusive and accessible courtroom for all court users. It also provides practical advice for judges when working with court interpreters and highlight real-life challenges that may arise in court proceedings.

All Civil Tracks:

Incorporating ADR in Your Courtroom

Grand Ballroom D

Hon. Adam Silvera, Hon. Danielle M. Fogel,
Lisa Courtney, Esq. (Moderator)

This session offers firsthand insights on how ADR enhances efficiency and effectiveness in courtrooms. Judges will learn practical strategies and benefits of integrating ADR to streamline case management and improve outcomes.

Court of Claims:

How to Manage Attorneys & Pro Se Claimants

Putnam

Hon. Frank P. Milano, Hon. Linda K. Mejias-Glover, Hon. Francisco Calderon

This session will employ common scenarios to facilitate discussion on managing difficult and/or recalcitrant attorneys and pro se litigants in court proceedings.

Criminal:

Certificates of Relief from Civil Disabilities

Tarrytown Ballroom

Eric Washer, Esq. (Moderator), Melissa Ader, Esq.,
KB White, Esq., Katie Krusey, Esq.

This session will equip judges with the legal foundation, recent legislative updates, and practical tools to issue Certificates of Relief from Disabilities (CRDs) at the time of sentencing in alignment with Correction Law § 702 and Uniform Trial Court Rule 200.9.

Family & Matrimonial:

Legal Update

Westchester Ballroom

Hon. Bruce Wagner (Ret.)

Judges will analyze recent cases and legislative developments affecting matrimonial and family law and practice.

2:50 pm - 3:00 pm

Break

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Breakout Sessions

3:05 pm - 4:20 pm

Article 81 Guardianship:

Overview of MHL Article 81 and Caselaw Review

Grand Ballroom E

Hon. David H. Guy (Moderator), Linda A. Redlisky, Esq.,
Felicia Rosen, Esq., Christine Argentina, Esq.

This session will provide an overview of MHL Article 81 cases, with particular focus on alternative resolutions, including MHL 81.16 protective arrangements and single transactions; termination, modification, and removal applications under MHL 81.35 and 81.36; abuses and misuses of the Article 81 process; and a caselaw update. Outlines of the covered topics, a guideline/checklist for conducting an Article 81 hearing, and selected forms will be included in the session materials.

Commercial:

Judgment Enforcement & Fraudulent Conveyance Law

Grand Ballroom A-C

Hon. Henry Nowak, Hon. Saliann Scarpulla

This session provides with an overview of the legal principles and procedural tools involved in enforcing judgments and addressing fraudulent asset transfers. It emphasizes recent case law, statutory interpretation, and practical considerations relevant to judicial decision-making in these complex matters.

Criminal:

Applying *Erlinger* to New York's Recidivist

Sentencing Statutes

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Barry Kamins (Ret.), Hon. Robert Mandelbaum, Hon. Michael Yavinsky

In Erlinger v. United States, the Supreme Court ruled that sentencing enhancements based on factual determinations must be made by a jury, not a judge, and found beyond a reasonable doubt. This panel will summarize the background of the case and discuss the application of Erlinger to New York's sentencing enhancement determinations.

Family & Matrimonial:

Evidence Practicum for Family & Matrimonial Judges

Westchester Ballroom

Hon. Jeffrey Sunshine, Hon. Richard Rivera, Stephen Gassman, Esq.

The objective of this session is to actively engage judges in the identification and analysis of evidentiary issues relevant to family court and matrimonial cases.

Local Civil & Landlord-Tenant Courts

(City, District, NYC Civil, & NYC Housing):

Calendar Management, Courtroom Management, & Data Integrity

Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Shahabuddeen Ally (moderator)

Hon. Robert Helbock, Hon. Miriam Brier,

Hon. Tashanna Golden, Hon. Carl Falotico

This interactive session offers practical training in calendar management, courtroom operations, and data integrity, equipping participants with essential tools to enhance efficiency and uphold procedural accuracy in legal settings. Through real-world scenarios and collaborative exercises, attendees will develop the skills necessary to effectively manage court schedules, maintain orderly proceedings, and ensure the reliability of legal data.

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Supreme Civil:

Selected Issues in Article 78 Proceedings

Hon. Tracy Catapano-Fox, Hon. Eddie McShan

This session offers judges an in-depth examination of complex legal and procedural questions arising under CPLR Article 78, including the standards and considerations for granting emergency relief. The speakers highlight recent case law and practical guidance to support fair and timely adjudication of these often time-sensitive matters.

Grand Ballroom D

4:20 pm - 4:30 pm

Break

Plenary Session

4:35 pm - 6:05 pm

2024 State of the Judiciary Address
by Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson

Grand Ballroom

6:20 pm - 7:30 pm

Reception & Dinner
Featuring The Carlos Jimenez Mambo Dulcet

Garden Terrace

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

7:00 am - 7:45 am

YOGA with JULIE BROGLIN

Westchester Ballroom

Start your day by realigning the physical body and oxygenation with yogic breathing for vitality, balance, clarity, and peace of mind/emotions. Towels will be provided for a fresh clean floor surface so you won't have to bring mats. This class is designed for those new to yoga as well experienced practitioners.

7:30 am - 8:25 am

Breakfast

Garden Terrace

Breakout Sessions

8:30 am - 11:40 am

Article 81 Guardianship:

Grand Ballroom A-C

1. Dealing with Dementia & Determining Legal Incapacity

Hon. Chris Ann Kelley (Moderator)

Robert Abrams, Esq., Ellyn S. Kravitz, Esq., Robert I. Goldman, J.D., Psy.D

This session provides judges with guidance on evaluating petitions under MHL Article 81 where cognitive decline, particularly dementia, is at issue. The session also explores medical, legal, and practical considerations in determining incapacity and tailoring appropriate guardianship remedies.

2. Public Benefits for the Elderly & Infirm : An Overview of SNAP and SCRIE

Hon. Charles Troia (Moderator), Abby Biberman, Esq., Peter Kempner, Esq.

This session equips judges with a foundational understanding of two key public assistance programs that may impact individuals subject to MHL Article 81 proceedings. The session covers eligibility, application processes, and the role these benefits play in ensuring the well-being and stability of elderly and infirm individuals.

3. Handling Trusts in the Guardianship Realm

Hon. Charles Troia (Moderator), Joan Robert, Esq., Cora A. Alsante, Esq.

This session provides judges with an overview of how various types of trusts intersect with MHL Article 81 guardianship proceedings. The session addresses issues such as trust administration, the guardian's authority and limitations, and the impact of trusts on the individual's financial needs and public benefits eligibility.

Breakout Sessions

8:45 am - 11:40 am

Court of Claims:

Putnam

1. Neurobiology of Trauma/Understanding Victim Testimony

James W. Hopper, Ph. D.

Stress and trauma can alter thinking, behavior, and memory during and after sexual assault, including in the courtroom. Participants in this session will learn about the key brain circuitries impacted by stress and trauma and gain increased understanding of brain-based experiences, behaviors, and memory characteristics. This session will also provide judges with a critical foundation for developing and maintaining trauma-informed court proceedings.

2. Assessing Monetary Damages in a Civil Claim and Ethical Considerations in ADR

Hon Gina M. Lopez Summa, Suzy Hickson, Esq.

Employing hypothetical fact patterns, the presenters will teach judges how to assess monetary damages when conducting settlement conferences/ADR in a civil case. Key factors, important resources, and other practical considerations including how to assess psychological and emotional damages will be discussed. Additionally, the presenters will address ethical considerations pertaining to settlement conferences and ADR, as well as proscriptions when a judge conducts ADR in a claim over which the judge is presiding.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

3. Mock ADR Session

Hon. Richard E. Sise, Hon. Gina M. Lopez Summa,
Hon. Walter Rivera, Hon. Catherine E. Leahy-Scott, Suzy Hickson, Esq.
Utilizing fact patterns, Judge, Claimant and defense counsel will conduct a mock ADR session. Judges will learn the “nuts and bolts” of conducting a settlement conference/ADR.

Breakout Sessions

8:45 am - 10:00 am

All Tracks:

Poverty Simulation

Westchester Ballroom

This session will not be recorded.

Lisa M. Zayas, Esq.

Poverty is often viewed as a single issue without considering how complex and interconnected issues of poverty really are. The Poverty Simulation is an experiential training that cultivates empathy for those experiencing poverty and promotes collaboration among participants. This is accomplished by assigning participants to family units and requiring them to make critical life decisions using limited resources. Participants will be provided the opportunity to discuss their experience during a debrief immediately following the simulation.

Commercial, Family, Matrimonial, & Supreme Civil:

An Examination of the Standards for Civil & Criminal Contempt

Grand Ballroom D-E

Hon. Jeffrey Sunshine, Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Hon. John Brunetti (Ret.)

This session offers an in-depth analysis of the legal standards governing civil and criminal contempt, highlighting key distinctions, procedural requirements, and relevant case law. Judges will learn tips and best practices for navigating contempt proceedings. The speakers will also discuss the care that must be taken when contempt orders must be issued.

Criminal:

The Preliminary Hearing

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Carrie Phillips, Hon. Andrew C. LoTempio

In most counties in New York State, including New York City, cases proceed directly to the grand jury. Some jurisdictions, however, will first hold a preliminary hearing pursuant to CPL 180.60. This focus of this session will be conducting the often-overlooked preliminary hearing.

Local Civil & Landlord-Tenant Courts (City, District, & NYC Civil):

The Art of NYBench Note-taking

Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Michael Pinto, Hon. Amira Hassan, Hon. Stephanie Viscelli

This session is designed to help judges master effective, organized, and strategic note-taking within the NYBench case management system. Participants will learn techniques to enhance judicial decision-making and streamline case review through clear, actionable digital notes.

NYC Housing:

2025 Landlord-Tenant Case Law Update

Dutchess

Zara Friedman, Esq.

This session examines recent decisions impacting substantive and procedural issues in landlord-tenant cases.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

10:00 am - 10:10 am

Break

Breakout Sessions

10:15 am - 11:30 am

All Tracks:

Poverty Simulation Continued

Lisa M. Zayas, Esq.

Westchester Ballroom

Commercial & Supreme Civil:

2025 CPLR Update

Burt N. Lipshie, Esq.

Grand Ballroom D

This session examines recent amendments, key case law developments, and emerging trends under the CPLR. The speaker highlights practical implications for courtroom procedure and judicial decision-making.

Criminal:

Criminal Justice Reform 2025: Legislative Updates including Changes to New York's Discovery Laws

Hon. Dineen Riviezzo, Hon. Daniel Conviser, Anthony Perri, Esq.

Tarrytown Ballroom

This session will review the changes to New York's Discovery Laws and CPL Article 182 (Alternate Method of Court Appearance) that were included in the FY2026 state budget agreement.

Family & Matrimonial:

Schooling the Bench: Effectively Addressing Education-Related Concerns in Orders and Agreements

Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein (Moderator), Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Hon. Caren Loguercio, Jennifer Badler, Esq., Whitney Braunlin, Esq., Andrew Freedman, Esq., Diane Inbody, Esq., Emily Lucas, Esq., Chrystal O'Connor, Esq.

In this session, judges presiding over family and matrimonial cases explore how custody determinations can impact school and education related issues. Topics will include: the practical effect of residential custody for school enrollment; authority and decision making relating to pickups and drop-offs at school; special education matters; emergency contacts; how schools navigate orders of protection issues; subpoenas and access to the parent portal and school records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Local Civil & Landlord-Tenant Courts (City, District, NYC Civil, & NYC Housing):

Difficult Procedural Issues that Regularly Arise in High-Volume Courts

Grand Ballroom E

Hon. Taisha Chambers, Hon. John Lansden,
Hon. Gregory J. Amoroso, Hon. Nichelle A. Johnson

This session addresses common and complex procedural challenges faced by judges in City, District, NYC Civil, and NYC Housing Courts. Among other things, the speakers offer practical guidance on navigating high-volume caseloads while ensuring procedural justice, efficiency, and adherence to legal standards.

11:30 am - 11:40 am

Break

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Plenary Session

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Judicial Ethics: Balancing Professional Duty & Political Boundaries in New York

Hon. Debra Givens, Hon. Ben Darvil, Jr., Laura Smith, Esq.

This session addresses the unique challenges New York judges face when balancing their judicial role with civic engagement and political realities in the current environment. Members and staff of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics will discuss some of the Committee's published opinions in this area that judges may review for guidance.

Grand Ballroom

1:15 pm - 2:05 pm

Lunch

Garden Terrace

Plenary Session

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence, and Impartiality

This session will not be recorded.

Kimberly Papillon, Esq.

In this interactive session, participants explore emerging research in neuroscience showing how judges reason through cases and react to court users. Brain imaging studies are used to explain how judges determine credibility, intelligence, threat, and competence in our society. fMRI studies are used to reveal why litigants, attorneys, and jurors react to actions in the courtroom. Decisions regarding penalties in criminal and civil matters are explored. The participants explore new methods for reaching the time-honored goal of impartial decision-making in the courts. The session identifies ways to increase fairness guided by science.

Grand Ballroom

3:30 pm - 3:40 pm

Break

Plenary Session

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence, and Impartiality (Continued)

Grand Ballroom

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

LEO Networking Dinner

Pre-registration Required

Atrium

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Reception & Dinner

Garden Terrace

Thursday, June 26, 2025

7:00 am - 7:45 am	YOGA with JULIE BROGLIN <i>Start your day by realigning the physical body and oxygenation with yogic breathing for vitality, balance, clarity, and peace of mind/emotions. Towels will be provided for a fresh clean floor surface so you won't have to bring mats. This class is designed for those new to yoga as well experienced practitioners.</i>	Westchester Ballroom
7:30 am - 8:45 am	Breakfast	Garden Terrace
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Court Modernization in Practice: A Guided Visit to the Technologically Enhanced Orange County Courthouse Pre-registration Required	
Plenary Session 9:00 am - 10:15 am	2025 State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson	Grand Ballroom
10:15 am - 10:25 am	Break	
Breakout Sessions: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Civil and Criminal: Modern Evidence: Emerging Challenges and Issues in New York Civil and Criminal Courts Hon. John Curran, Hon. David Everett, Hon. Wavny Toussaint, Prof. Michael Hutter <i>This session is designed to equip judges with practical tools for navigating evolving evidentiary issues, including admissibility of electronic evidence, expert witness challenges, hearsay and business records (e.g., electronic business records), and use of AI-generated content. Through an analysis of case law, statutes, and hypotheticals, participants will enhance their ability to make timely and reasoned rulings from the bench. The speakers also offer practical strategies for evaluating new types of evidence in the courtroom.</i>	Grand Ballroom E
	Commercial: Insights into Current Trends in Trials and Appeals of Commercial Cases: The View from Bench and Bar Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, Hon. Joel M. Cohen, Amit Vora, Esq., Mark Zauderer, Esq. <i>This session explores emerging trends in trials and appeals of commercial cases, offering insights from judges and experienced litigators. The speakers cover both trial and appellate practice in a particular substantive area of commercial litigation and provide general information on current developments in commercial law. Attendees will gain practical perspectives on judicial decision-making and evolving strategies in complex commercial matters.</i>	Grand Ballroom F-H

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Family:

Unfiltering Adoption:

Dealing with Complex Family Matters

Westchester Ballroom

Lori Holden, Kelsey Vander Vliet Ranyard, Sara Easterly, Tony Hynes

This program provides an in-depth exploration of modern adoption practices, with a focus on adoptee-centered perspectives and inclusive family dynamics. Led by adoptees Sara Easterly and Tony Hynes, birth parent Kelsey Vander Vliet Ranyard, and adoptive parent Lori Holden, the session 1) Challenges outdated ideas about adoption and what's truly in the "best interest of the child; 2) Reveals what professionals and families need to understand about attachment in supporting adoptees' maturation process; 3) Emphasizes the why and how to humanize birth parents; and 4) Stresses the need for expansive openNESS in adoption (not to be confused with open adoption). Judges will gain practical insights into the complexities and challenges of contemporary adoption, infused with emerging best-practices, and leave with ideas for truly centering adoptees in the courtroom and beyond.

Matrimonial :

QDROS and Retirement Valuations

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Laura Drager (Ret.), Denisa Tova-Liebman, CFP, CDFA, CQS, MBA

This session will guide judges through the critical distinctions between retirement plan types in divorce, highlight risks associated with vague or improper settlement language, and offer practical tips to avoid post-judgment issues related to QDROs and plan division.

Criminal:

Mobile Device Forensics

Grand Ballroom A-C

Hon. Eric Sachs, Hon. Paul McDonnell, Doug Rome

Mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones frequently yield evidence of everything from criminal activity to corporate misconduct. Beginning with a unique demonstration on the collection and processing of digital evidence from personal devices, this session will provide judges with the legal framework for reviewing search warrant applications for mobile devices and/ admitting this type of evidence at trial.

NYC Housing:

Overcharges, Recent Developments, and Open Questions

Dutchess

Hon. Karen M. Bacdayan, Anthony Morreale, Esq., Emilio Paesano, Esq.

*This session will examine the evolving legal framework for rent overcharge claims in New York, from the transformative impact of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019 (HSTPA) through the New York Court of Appeals' 2025 decision in *Burrows v 75-25 153rd Street, LLC* (2025 WL 863241, 2025 NY Slip Op 01669). The session will address key developments, interpretive shifts, and unresolved questions surrounding overcharge calculations, evidentiary standards, and regulatory enforcement.*

12:00 pm- 12:25 pm

Working Lunch

Pick up lunch and bring it to your 12:30 session.

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Breakout Sessions:

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Article 81 Guardianship:

Medicaid Review and Update for Judges

Grand Ballroom A-C

Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff (Moderator)

Tzvi Saperstein, Esq., Kelly Ann Murray, Esq.

This session provides an overview of current developments in Medicaid law and policy, with a focus on eligibility, benefits, and administrative procedures. This session also offers practical guidance on analyzing and deciding Medicaid-related matters in light of evolving federal and state regulations.

Commercial & Supreme Civil:

Provisional Remedies (including attachments and TROs)

Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Joel M. Cohen, Burt N. Lipshie, Esq.

This session examines the use of provisional remedies in civil litigation, focusing on the legal standards, procedures, and judicial considerations involved in granting attachments, temporary restraining orders (TROs), and other pre-judgment remedies. The session will provide practical guidance for evaluating provisional remedy applications while safeguarding due process.

Criminal:

Mosley, Molineux and More: Resolving Pre-Trial Issues

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Joseph McCormack

*This session looks at the use of uncharged bad acts to show propensity following the decision in *People v. Weinstein*, when a non-eyewitness can testify that the defendant is the person depicted in a surveillance video pursuant to *People v. Mosely*, and other pre-trial issues.*

Family & Matrimonial:

Understanding Coercive Control: Addressing Safety and Accountability in the Court System

Westchester Ballroom

Lórien Castelle, Treha Downey, Heather Campbell

This training is designed to deepen Family Court Judges' understanding of coercive control within the broader context of gender-based and domestic violence (GBV/DV). Drawing on current research and real-world cases, it highlights non-physical, often non-criminal tactics of abuse that pose serious safety risks to survivors and children. Judges will examine the gendered nature and prevalence of GBV/DV, the ongoing impact of coercive control post-separation-including litigation abuse-and the importance of maintaining objectivity without losing sight of context. The session also clarifies the distinction between being domestic violence-informed and biased, ultimately equipping judges to recognize coercive control, interpret behaviors through a trauma-informed lens, and make safety-centered decisions in the best interests of the child.

All Landlord-Tenant Courts:

Non-Tenant Occupants of Dwellings:

Rights, Responsibilities, and Legal Considerations

Dutchess

Hon. Shorab Ibrahim, Carlos Perez-Hall, Esq., Jeremiah Schlotman, Esq.

This session explores the legal status, rights, and responsibilities of non-tenant occupants, such as family members, licensees, and tenants at sufferance, and examines the judicial considerations involved in resolving possession and eviction disputes involving these individuals.

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**All Local Civil Courts
(City, District, & NYC Civil):**

Emergency Issues in Motion Practice

Grand Ballroom E

Hon. Carmen Pacheco, Hon. Austin D'Souza,
Hon. Gregory J. Amoroso, Hon. Nichelle A. Johnson

This session addresses urgent legal matters that require immediate judicial intervention to prevent irreparable harm, maintain the status quo, or protect time-sensitive rights. Topics will include certain ex parte applications, temporary restraining orders (TROs), preliminary injunctions, stay requests, and emergency discovery or preservation orders. The session will provide guidance on evaluating the legitimacy and urgency of emergency motions while ensuring due process and fairness for all parties. The speakers will also share best practices for handling high-pressure situations, managing court resources, addressing ethical considerations, and avoiding common procedural pitfalls in civil cases.

Supreme Civil:

Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6), 200:

Navigating Legal Foundations & Disputes

Grand Ballroom D

Hon. Devin Cohen, Hon. John Licata,
Brian Isaac, Esq., Bryce Moses, Esq., Karen Ondrovic, Esq.

This session provides judges with a comprehensive overview of Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6), and 200, focusing on their legal foundations, key distinctions, and practical implications in litigation. Through case analysis and discussion, participants will enhance their ability to navigate complex disputes involving construction site safety and worker protection statutes.

2:00 pm - 2:10 pm

Break

Breakout Sessions:

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

All Tracks:

THE FUTURE IS NOW: The Latest Update

from the Court Modernization Action Committee

Grand Ballroom E

Hon. Craig Doran, Hon. Patria Frias-Colón, Scott Reents, Esq., Christine Sisario

In this session, the leaders of the Court Modernization Action Committee (CMAC) will provide an update on progress and priorities for 2025, including the new Virtual Court Appearance Platform (VCAP) rollout. Participants will have the opportunity to view live court appearances being held in VCAP by some of our pilot courts during the session, and also have the chance to provide feedback and suggestions for CMAC's ongoing modernization focus areas.

All Tracks:

Trauma and Well-Being for Judges

Grand Ballroom D

Dawn D'Amico, Ph.D.

Introduction by Daniel T. Lukasik, New York State Judicial Wellness Coordinator

This session is designed to assist judges in recognizing and managing the emotional impact of working with trauma. Participants will learn to distinguish between secondary and vicarious trauma, understand the role of empathy, and explore the effects of trauma exposure on self-awareness and personal well-being. This session provides tools to identify vulnerabilities and strengths, recognize internal stress signals, and apply emotional regulation techniques. Through an understanding of the stress cycle and healthy coping mechanisms across physical, cognitive, social, and emotional domains, judges will build empathic resilience and develop a personalized plan for sustained well-being.

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Civil and Criminal:

How to Avoid Common Errors and Reversals:

Tips from Appellate Division Justices

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Troy Webber (Moderator), Hon. Francesca Connolly,
Hon. John Curran, Hon. John Higgitt, Hon. Stan Pritzker

This session offers trial judges practical guidance from Appellate Division Justices on how to avoid common judicial errors that often lead to reversals on appeal. Through case analysis and discussion, participants will gain insights into best practices for rulings, preserving the record, and crafting decisions that withstand appellate scrutiny.

Family & Matrimonial:

Setting the Record Straight on the

Role of the Attorney for the Child

Westchester Ballroom

Glenn Metsch-Ampel, Esq., Dawne Mitchell, Esq., Janet Neustaetter Esq.

This session clarifies the legal and ethical responsibilities of the Attorney for the Child (AFC) in family court, addressing common misconceptions about the role. Drawing from case law and Rule 7.2 (Rules of the Chief Judge, 22 NYCRR 7.2), the session emphasizes the AFC's duty to advocate for the child's expressed wishes, not their perceived best interests, and explores how this advocacy supports, rather than undermines, judicial decision-making.

UCS Leadership Team

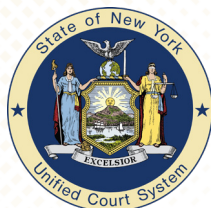


Hon. Rowan D. Wilson
Chief Judge of the State of New York

Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in Pomona, California in 1960, and grew up in Berkeley, California. He received his A.B. degree from Harvard College in 1981, and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1984. He was admitted to the bar of the State of California in 1985, and the bar of the State of New York in 1987. From 1984 to 1986, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable James R. Browning, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, based in San Francisco, California.

In 1986, he joined the firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City as an associate, and was elected to partnership there in 1991, in which position he continued until February 2017. Judge Wilson was appointed to serve as an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals in 2017. On April 10, 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul nominated Judge Wilson to serve as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed his nomination on April 18, 2023. While in private practice, Judge Wilson served on the boards of several charitable and not-for-profit organizations and handled numerous pro bono matters.

Judge Wilson resides with his wife and children in New York City.



UCS Leadership Team



Hon. Joseph A. Zayas **Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York**

The Hon. Joseph A. Zayas was appointed by Chief Judge Rowan Wilson in May 2023 as the Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Unified Court System, the highest-ranking administrative position within the New York State Judiciary. Judge Zayas oversees the day-to-day administration and operation of the statewide court system, including its \$3.7 billion dollar budget, 3,300 state and local judges and 16,000 non-judicial employees in over 300 locations across the state.

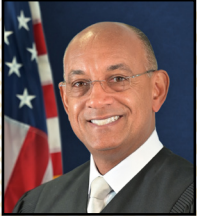
Judge Zayas was previously appointed by New York's Governor as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department – an intermediate appellate court which has jurisdiction over portions of New York City and the suburbs surrounding New York City. He previously served as the Administrative Judge for Supreme Court in Queens County, the second most populous county in the State. He was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court in Queens County in 2016, appointed as a Judge of the Court of Claims by New York's Governor in 2012, and originally appointed as a Judge of the Criminal Court of New York City by New York City's Mayor in 2003. As a trial judge and an administrative judge of a trial court, Judge Zayas presided over jury trials in criminal cases and served as the Presiding Judge in the county's Youth Court, Drug Treatment Court, and Mental Health Treatment Court. Throughout his judicial career, Judge Zayas has published numerous opinions in criminal, civil and family cases, lectured extensively on various areas of the law and was an active member and officer of the Latino Judges Association.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Zayas served as a law clerk to the Hon. Rolando T. Acosta in Civil and Supreme Court and at the Harlem Community Justice Center, a problem-solving court serving the communities of East and Central Harlem. Prior to working with Justice Acosta, Judge Zayas served as an attorney with The Legal Aid Society's Capital Defense Unit, Criminal Appeals Bureau, and Criminal Trial Division.

Judge Zayas is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law, and Fordham University. He attended public schools in New York City and was raised in the Frederick Douglas Housing projects.

Judge Zayas and his wife, Catherine Zayas, have been married for over four decades and they have three adult children and five grandchildren.

UCS Leadership Team



Hon. Norman St. George **First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York**

Hon. Norman St. George was appointed as First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, the second-highest ranking administration position within the New York State Judiciary, effective May 19, 2023. The appointment was made by Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas, with the consultation and approval of Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson and in consultation with the Presiding Justices of the Appellate Divisions. In this capacity and on behalf of the Chief Administrative Judge, Judge St. George oversees all trial-level courts throughout the State, as well as all departments and operations within the Office of Court Administration. He also directly supervises the courts in the Tenth Judicial District, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Immediately prior to his current position, Judge St. George served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside of New York City. In that role, he worked with local Administrative Judges in overseeing implementation of the court system's programs and initiatives and in optimizing allocation of personnel and other court resources to meet the needs and goals of the courts. Additionally, he was responsible for oversight of New York's Town and Village Courts.

Judge St. George is an elected Justice of the Supreme Court for the 10th Judicial Department. Judge St. George served as the District Administrative Judge for all courts in Nassau County from 2019 through August of 2021. In that capacity, Judge St. George oversaw the Supreme Court, County Court, Family Court, Surrogate Court, District Court, and all City and Village Courts. From 2013 through 2018, Judge St. George served as the Supervising Judge of the Nassau County District Court. The Nassau County District Court is comprised of both criminal and civil courts and it is one of the busiest courts in New York State, handling over one hundred thousand criminal and civil cases each year.

Judge St. George served as an elected Nassau County Court Judge and an Acting Supreme Court Justice from 2008 to 2018. In 2018, Judge St. George established Nassau County's Youth Part under New York State's Raise the Age Law. While presiding over the Youth Part, Judge St. George published cases of first impression interpreting the Raise the Age Law. As an Acting Supreme Court Justice, Judge St. George presided over serious felony criminal cases, commercial cases, medical malpractice cases, and oversaw the Integrated Domestic Violence Court, the Domestic Violence Court and the Sex Offense Court.

Judge St. George served as an elected District Court Judge from 2004 to 2008. In addition to presiding over criminal and civil cases, Judge St. George was charged with the responsibility of establishing Nassau County's first misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court. Judge St. George also established and presided over a Driving While Intoxicated Court. Judge St. George lectures at the Judicial Institute and at various Bar Associations on criminal and civil trial practice.

Prior to ascending to the bench, Judge St. George practiced law for sixteen years as a federal and state trial attorney. After graduating from Hofstra Law School, he worked as a Tax Attorney with Arthur Anderson and Company. He then began his litigation training at the Garden City law firm of Reisch, Simoni, Bythewood & Gleason. Judge St. George handled an extensive caseload of criminal and civil cases, including major Federal criminal and civil RICO actions.

Thereafter, Judge St. George served as an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Nassau under District Attorney Denis Dillon. He served in the District Court Bureau, Felony Screening Bureau, Grand Jury Bureau and County Court Bureau. Judge St. George left the Nassau County District Attorney's Office to become a partner in the Wall Street firm of Jackson, Brown, Powell and St. George, LLP. In addition to being responsible for all the firm's civil litigation, Judge St. George served as the managing partner. Judge St. George next established his own law firm with offices in Mineola and Manhattan. Judge St. George successfully tried numerous federal and state criminal cases, federal copyright infringement cases, commercial litigation cases, and personal injury cases. Two of Judge St. George's trial verdicts were reported by the Jury Verdict Reporter. While a practicing attorney, Judge St. George frequently appeared on Court Television as a trial commentator.

UCS Leadership Team



**Hon. Edwina G. Richardson,
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives**

Hon. Edwina G. Richardson leads the UCS's efforts to promote meaningful access to justice in New York State courts for people of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities. Judge Richardson and the Office for Justice Initiatives (OJI) administer a wide variety of programs, volunteer opportunities and resources in service of this mission. Judge Richardson also leads UCS' problem solving and accountability courts, and initiatives to advance equal justice in the courts. Judge Richardson previously served as Administrative Judge of all New York City Family Courts and is currently an active Judge of the Court of Claims.



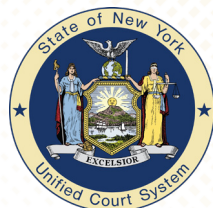
**Hon. James P. Murphy,
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the courts Outside New York City**

Judge Murphy is the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the Courts Outside New York City responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and allocating and assigning judicial and non-judicial personnel of the trial courts of the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Judicial Districts and the Court of Claims. He is also responsible for overseeing the local Town and Village Courts in those Districts. Justice Murphy was elected to the Supreme Court in the Fifth Judicial District in 2004 and reelected in 2018. He previously served as Administrative Judge of the Fifth Judicial District. Justice Murphy is a graduate of Bishop Ludden High School in Syracuse, New York, Saint Lawrence University, and Syracuse University College of Law.



**Hon. Adam Silvera,
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge within NYC**

Hon. Adam Silvera is the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts. Prior to this, he served as Administrative Judge for the NY County Supreme Court - Civil Term. Elected to the NYC Civil Court in 2014, he initially served in Family Court in Kings County and later presided over civil and consumer credit matters in both Kings and NY Counties. He later became an Acting Supreme Court Justice, handling Family Court and matrimonial cases. He was elected to the Supreme Court-Civil Term, served on the Appellate Term, First Department, and was Administrative Judge of the New York County Supreme Court's Civil Term. Justice Silvera holds a J.D. from Brooklyn Law.



UCS Leadership Team



Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine is a Supreme Court Justice sitting in Kings County and he is the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters. He chairs the Chief Judge's Matrimonial Practice and Advisory Rules Committee. Judge Sunshine sits on numerous OCA committees, including the Chief Judge's ADR Advisory Committee and the Court System's Advisory Committee on AI in the Courts, and formally chaired the Board of Advisors of the Center for Children and Families and the Law at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law - Hofstra University. He recently completed and updated his training manual and primer entitled: Understanding the Process: Best Practices for the Effective Management of a Matrimonial Case. His more than 180 decisions have frequently been published in the New York Law Journal and the Unofficial and Official New York State Law Reports. He frequently meets with Judges, Court staff and Bar Associations and presents/moderates CLE and other programs throughout New York State. He is the recipient of numerous awards.



Hon. Richard Rivera, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters

Hon. Richard Rivera was appointed as Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters by Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George, effective October 4, 2023. In that role, Judge Rivera has statewide responsibility for, among other things, addressing operational issues impacting Family Court, developing and implementing best practices to promote access to equal justice for children and families in Family Court, creating training for Family Court judges and Court professional staff, and advocating for increased resources for the Family Court. Judge Rivera was elected NYS Supreme Court Justice, 3rd J.D. in November 2023, and on behalf of the Unified Court System he spearheads the Family Justice Initiative. Judge Rivera also co-chairs the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee as well as the Permanent Commission on Justice for Families.



Hon. Debra J. Young, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Problem-Solving Courts

Hon. Debra J. Young was appointed Statewide Coordinating Judge for Problem-Solving Courts by Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George, in February 2025. In this role, Judge Young oversees the more than 340 problem-solving courts operating statewide that address substance use disorders, mental illness, and other issues that bring people into the court system, with the goal of providing more efficient case management and positive outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Judge Young leads the systemwide efforts to improve operations, develop and implement best practices, and create and enhance programs, including securing program funding, to advance problem-solving court initiatives across the State. Prior to her appointment, she had been serving as the Third Judicial District's coordinating judge for problem-solving courts and was instrumental in the success of the Rensselaer County Recovery Court. Judge Young has been a board member for the New York Association of Treatment Court Professionals for the past ten (10) years and previously served as president of the Association.

Judicial Institute Team



Hon. Kathie E. Davidson
Dean, NYS Judicial Institute

Hon. Kathie E. Davidson as Dean of the New York State Judicial Institute, a statewide judicial education and research center focused on the latest developments in the law and other disciplines that influence the law. As Dean, Judge Davidson oversees the creation and delivery of training seminars for newly elected and appointed Unified Court System (UCS) judges, continuing education programs for UCS judges and lawyers, and cooperative education programs with state and federal judicial systems, legal academics, and other interested stakeholders. In 2023 and 2025, Dean Davidson was recognized in City & State's Law Power 100 List as one of the top 100 most influential legal professionals in the world of New York politics and government.

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A JUDGE'S OBLIGATIONS REGARDING CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION, ATTORNEY REGISTRATION & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

I. Continuing Judicial Education

Section 17.3 of the Rules of the Chief Judge (22 CRR-NY-17.3) requires full-time judges and justices to attend at least 24 hours of training and education every two calendar years. Referred to as Continuing Judicial Education (CJE), judges and justices must attend classes and presentations which shall include annual seminars, special seminars for new judges, anti-bias training and such other courses, classes and presentations as the Chief Administrator of the Courts deems appropriate. In short, the CJE requirement replaces the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirement for full-time judges (But see paragraph II. below).

Since the CJE rule was enacted, the Chief Administrative Judge has adopted and maintains a policy which leaves to each judge and justice the duty and responsibility to preserve and maintain records of their own attendance at CJE classes and presentations. Consistent with this policy, the Judicial Institute does not track or maintain records of attendance for judges and justices nor does the JI issue CJE certificates.

For your convenience, we have attached a checklist that mirrors the Summer Judicial Seminars agenda. Please check the box next to each program you attend and retain this list as documentation of the hours you completed while attending the Seminar.

II. Attorney Registration (attyreg@nycourts.gov)

Since judges are still admitted attorneys, you remain obligated to register with the Attorney Registration Unit every two years within 30 days after your birthday for as long as you remain on the bench. For newly appointed/elected judges, you must promptly update your business contact information in the Attorney Registration Directory to reflect your new courthouse assignment.

III. Exemption from Biennial Fees

Even though you must still register every two years, a full-time judge is entitled to select “retired from the practice of law” on the biennial attorney registration form. This will automatically exempt you from paying the biennial fee (NYCRR § 118.1[g]).

The screenshot shows a form titled "Payment or Certification of Retirement". It asks the user to "Select one of the following options: *". There are two radio button options: "Option 1: I agree to pay the \$375.00 registration fee." and "Option 2: I certify that I am retired from the practice of law as defined by NYCRR §118.1(g) and therefore am not required to pay the fee."

IV. Exemption from Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Requirement (cle@nycourts.gov)

1. A full-time judge who has been on the bench during the *entirety* of their CLE reporting cycle (usually the preceding 24-months) may select “Exempt from CLE Credit Requirement” (Option A, below).
2. A judge who takes the bench midway through their reporting cycle, however, must select “Completed CLE Requirement” on the biennial registration form (example provided below) and must report the number of credits completed. Calculate the number of credits you need to complete as follows: 1 credit hour (in any category) for each month of the cycle during which you practiced law in New York (even if it was only part of a month).

The screenshot shows a form titled "Mandatory Continued Legal Education (CLE)". It includes a link to "See our FAQ for CLE Instructions". It asks the user to "Complete one of the following certifications: *". There are two main radio button options: "Completed CLE credit requirement:" and "Exempt from CLE credit requirement:". The "Completed CLE credit requirement:" option includes a text box for "CLE Credit Hours Completed:" and another for "CLE Carry-over Credits (if any):". The "Exempt from CLE credit requirement:" option has two sub-options, A and B, describing different exemption scenarios.

V. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) vs. Continuing Judicial Education (CJE)

While **all** CLE-eligible courses count toward CJE credit, **not all** CJE courses count toward CLE. CJEs can count toward CLE requirements only if the program is approved for CLE.



CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION (CJE) ONLY

THE PROGRAMS AT THIS SEMINAR ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CLE CREDITS

Please use this form to keep track of the programs you attend during the 2025 Judicial Summer Seminar and keep it for your records. The JI does not keep track of your CJE credits.

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- ALL TRACKS | Ensuring an Inclusive and Accessible Courtroom Through Language Access and the ADA
- ALL CIVIL TRACKS | Incorporating ADR in Your Courtroom
- COURT OF CLAIMS | How to Manage Attorneys & Pro Se Claimants
- CRIMINAL | Certificates of Relief from Civil Disabilities
- FAMILY/ MATRIMONIAL | Legal Update
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- COMMERCIAL | Judgment Enforcement & Fraudulent Conveyance Law
- CRIMINAL | Applying Erlinger to New York's Recidivist Sentencing Statutes
- FAMILY/ MATRIMONIAL | Evidence Practicum for Family and Matrimonial Judges
- LOCAL CIVIL & LANDLORD TENANT COURTS | Calendar Management, Courtroom Management, & Data Integrity
- SUPREME CIVIL | Selected Issues in Article 78 Proceedings
- PLENARY | The State of the Judiciary 2024

DAY 2, JUNE 25, 2025

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 1. Dealing with Dementia & Determining Legal Incapacity
 2. Public Benefits for the Elderly & Infirm: An Overview of SNAP and SCRIE
 3. Handling Trusts in the Guardianship Realm
- COURT OF CLAIMS |
 1. Neurobiology of Trauma/Understanding Victim Testimony
 2. Assessing Monetary Damages in a Civil Claim and Ethical Considerations in ADR
 3. Mock ADR Session
- ALL TRACKS | Poverty Simulation
- COMMERCIAL, FAMILY, MAT & SUPREME CIVIL | An Examination of the Standards for Civil & Criminal Contempt
- CRIMINAL | The Preliminary Hearing
- LOCAL CIVIL & LANDLORD & TENANT | The Art of NYBench Note-taking
- NYC HOUSING | 2025 Landlord-Tenant Case Law Update

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- COMMERCIAL & SUPRMEME CIVIL | 2025 CPLR Update
- CRIMINAL | Criminal Justice Reform 2025: Legislative Updates including Changes to New York's Discovery Laws
- FAMILY & MAT | Schooling the Bench: Effectively Addressing Education-Related Concerns in Orders and Agreements
- LOCAL CIVIL & LANDLORD & TENANT | Difficult Procedural Issues that Regularly Arise in High-Volume Courts

- PLENARY| Judicial Ethics: Balancing Professional Duty & Political Boundaries in New York

- PLENARY| The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence, and Impartiality

DAY 3, JUNE 26, 2024

- ALL TRACKS | Court Modernization in Practice: A Guided Visit to Technologically Enhanced Orange County Courthouse
- PLENARY | The State of the Judiciary 2025
- CIVIL & CRIMINAL | Modern Evidence: Emerging Challenges and Issues in New York Civil and Criminal Courts
- COMMERCIAL | Insights into Current Trends in Trials and Appeals of Commercial Cases: The View from Bench and Bar
- FAMILY | Unfiltering Adoption: Dealing with Complex Family Matters
- MATRIMONIAL | QDROS and Retirement Valuations
- CRIMINAL | Mobile Device Forensics
- NYC HOUSING | Overcharges, Recent Developments, and Open Questions

- ARTICLE 81 GUARDIANSHIP | Medicaid Review and Update for Judges
- COMMERCIAL & SUPREME CIVIL | Provisional Remedies (including attachments and TROs)
- CRIMINAL | Mosley, Molineaux and More: Resolving Pre-Trial Issues
- FAMILY & MAT | Understanding Coercive Control: Addressing Safety and Accountability in the Court System
- ALL LANDLORD-TENANT | Non-Tenant Occupants of Dwellings: Rights, Responsibilities, and Legal Considerations
- ALL LOCAL CIVIL | Emergency Issues in Motion Practice
- SUPREME CIVIL | Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6), 200: Navigating Legal Foundations & Disputes

- ALL TRACKS | The Future is Now: The Latest Update from the Court Modernization Action Committee
- ALL TRACKS | Trauma and Well-Being for Judges
- CIVIL & CRIMINAL | How to Avoid Common Errors and Reversals: Tips from Appellate Division Justices
- FAMILY & MAT | Setting the Record Straight on the Role of the Attorney for the Child

Helpful Hints

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Week 2

July 8 - 10, 2025

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Hon. Joseph A. Zayas
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Tuesday, July 8, 2025

8:00 am - 9:35 am	Registration & Breakfast	Garden Terrace & Atrium
9:45 am - 9:55 am	Dean's Welcome & Introduction to Judicial Education Video By New York State Court Leadership Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Dean, New York State Judicial Institute	Grand Ballroom
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Greetings from Leadership Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the State of New York Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York Hon. Norman St. George, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York	Grand Ballroom
10:40 am - 11:10 am	Remarks from the Deputy Chief Administrative Judges Hon. Edwina G. Richardson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Hon. James P. Murphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the Courts Outside New York City Hon. Adam Silvera, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts	Grand Ballroom
11:10 am - 11:30 am	Reconnect with Leadership and Colleagues	
Plenary Session 11:35 am - 1:05 pm	Judicial Ethics and The Use of Artificial Intelligence Hon. Vito M. DeStefano, Hon. Patria Frias-Colón, Hon. Francis Ricigliano, Rosemary Garland Scott, Esq. <i>This session, presented jointly by the Statewide Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, will examine the ethical challenges judges face when incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into their work. The committee members will discuss how existing judicial ethics rules apply to AI, review relevant authorities, including ethics opinions, and explore potential risks, such as bias, overreliance, or misuse by judges. The session will offer guidance on how to navigate these emerging issues responsibly and ethically.</i>	Grand Ballroom
1:05 pm - 1:50 pm	Lunch	Garden Terrace & Atrium

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Breakout Sessions

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

All Tracks:

Ensuring an Inclusive and Accessible Courtroom Through Language Access and the ADA

Grand Ballroom A-C

Hon. Raja Rajeswari, Daniel Weitz, Esq.,
James F. Tardy, Esq., Amy Pontillo, Esq., Ann Ryan

This session explores how language access and ADA compliance can be used to create an inclusive and accessible courtroom for all court users. It also provides practical advice for judges when working with court interpreters and highlight real-life challenges that may arise in court proceedings.

All Civil Tracks:

Incorporating ADR in Your Courtroom

Grand Ballroom D

Hon. Adam Silvera, Hon. Danielle M. Fogel,
Lisa Courtney, Esq. (Moderator)

This session offers firsthand insights on how ADR enhances efficiency and effectiveness in courtrooms. Judges will learn practical strategies and benefits of integrating ADR to streamline case management and improve outcomes.

Court of Claims:

How to Manage Attorneys & Pro Se Claimants

Sleepy Hollow

Hon. Frank P. Milano, Hon. Linda K. Mejias-Glover,
Hon. Kathleen B. Hogan, Hon. Francisco Calderon

This session will employ common scenarios to facilitate discussion on managing difficult and/or recalcitrant attorneys and pro se litigants in court proceedings.

Criminal:

Certificates of Relief from Civil Disabilities

Tarrytown Ballroom

Eric Washer, Esq. (Moderator), Melissa Ader, Esq.,
KB White, Esq., Jason Hoge, Esq.

This session will equip judges with the legal foundation, recent legislative updates, and practical tools to issue Certificates of Relief from Disabilities (CRDs) at the time of sentencing in alignment with Correction Law § 702 and Uniform Trial Court Rule 200.9.

Family & Matrimonial:

Legal Update

Westchester Ballroom

Hon. Bruce Wagner (Ret.)

Judges will analyze recent cases and legislative developments affecting matrimonial and family law and practice.

2:50 pm - 3:00 pm

Break

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Breakout Sessions

3:05 pm - 4:20 pm

Article 81 Guardianship:

Overview of MHL Article 81 and Caselaw Review

Grand Ballroom E

Hon. David H. Guy (Moderator), Linda A. Redlisky, Esq.,
Felicia Rosen, Esq., Catherine Cotter, Esq.

This session will provide an overview of MHL Article 81 cases, with particular focus on alternative resolutions, including MHL 81.16 protective arrangements and single transactions; termination, modification, and removal applications under MHL 81.35 and 81.36; abuses and misuses of the Article 81 process; and a caselaw update. Outlines of the covered topics, a guideline/checklist for conducting an Article 81 hearing, and selected forms will be included in the session materials.

Commercial:

Judgment Enforcement & Fraudulent Conveyance Law

Grand Ballroom A-C

Hon. Henry Nowak, Hon. Saliann Scarpulla

This session provides with an overview of the legal principles and procedural tools involved in enforcing judgments and addressing fraudulent asset transfers. It emphasizes recent case law, statutory interpretation, and practical considerations relevant to judicial decision-making in these complex matters.

Criminal:

Applying Erlinger to New York's Recidivist

Sentencing Statutes

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Barry Kamins (Ret.), Hon. Michael Kitsis, Hon. Michael Yavinsky

In Erlinger v. United States, the Supreme Court ruled that sentencing enhancements based on factual determinations must be made by a jury, not a judge, and found beyond a reasonable doubt. This panel will summarize the background of the case and discuss the application of Erlinger to New York's sentencing enhancement determinations.

Family & Matrimonial:

Evidence Practicum for Family & Matrimonial Judges

Westchester Ballroom

Hon. Jeffrey Sunshine, Hon. Richard Rivera, Stephen Gassman, Esq.

The objective of this session is to actively engage judges in the identification and analysis of evidentiary issues relevant to family court and matrimonial cases.

Local Civil & Landlord-Tenant Courts

(City, District, NYC Civil, & NYC Housing):

**Calendar Management, Courtroom Management,
& Data Integrity**

Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Shahabuddeen Ally (moderator)

Hon. Robert Helbock, Hon. Miriam Brier, Hon. Tashanna Golden

This interactive session offers practical training in calendar management, courtroom operations, and data integrity, equipping participants with essential tools to enhance efficiency and uphold procedural accuracy in legal settings. Through real-world scenarios and collaborative exercises, attendees will develop the skills necessary to effectively manage court schedules, maintain orderly proceedings, and ensure the reliability of legal data.

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Supreme Civil:

Selected Issues in Article 78 Proceedings

Hon. Tracy Catapano-Fox, Hon. Eddie McShan

This session offers judges an in-depth examination of complex legal and procedural questions arising under CPLR Article 78, including the standards and considerations for granting emergency relief. The speakers highlight recent case law and practical guidance to support fair and timely adjudication of these often time-sensitive matters.

Grand Ballroom D

Surrogate's:

Developments in Trusts and Estates Law:

Surrogate's Court Case Law Update

Hon. Michael Hayes, Hon. Deborah Kearns

This interactive session will focus on new developments in the law of wills, trusts, and estates through a discussion of recent decisions—both published and unpublished. It will highlight several complex and interesting issues that Surrogates have faced over the past two years.

Putnam

4:20 pm - 4:30 pm

Break

Plenary Session

4:35 pm - 6:05 pm

**2024 State of the Judiciary Address
by Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson**

Grand Ballroom

6:20 pm - 7:30 pm

**Reception & Dinner
Featuring The Carlos Jimenez Mambo Dulcet**

Garden Terrace

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:00 am - 7:45 am	YOGA with JULIE BROGLIN <i>Start your day by realigning the physical body and oxygenation with yogic breathing for vitality, balance, clarity, and peace of mind/emotions. Towels will be provided for a fresh clean floor surface so you won't have to bring mats. This class is designed for those new to yoga as well experienced practitioners.</i>	Westchester Ballroom
7:30 am - 8:25 am	Breakfast	Garden Terrace
Breakout Sessions 8:30 am - 11:40 am	Article 81 Guardianship: 1. Dealing with Dementia & Determining Legal Incapacity Hon. Chris Ann Kelley (Moderator) Robert Abrams, Esq., Elyn S. Kravitz, Esq., Robert I. Goldman, J.D., Psy.D <i>This session provides judges with guidance on evaluating petitions under MHL Article 81 where cognitive decline, particularly dementia, is at issue. The session also explores medical, legal, and practical considerations in determining incapacity and tailoring appropriate guardianship remedies.</i> 2. Public Benefits for the Elderly & Infirm : An Overview of SNAP and SCRIE Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff (Moderator), Abby Biberman, Esq., Peter Kempner, Esq. <i>This session equips judges with a foundational understanding of two key public assistance programs that may impact individuals subject to MHL Article 81 proceedings. The session covers eligibility, application processes, and the role these benefits play in ensuring the well-being and stability of elderly and infirm individuals.</i> 3. Handling Trusts in the Guardianship Realm Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff (Moderator), Joan Robert, Esq., Tara Anne Pleat, Esq. <i>This session provides judges with an overview of how various types of trusts intersect with MHL Article 81 guardianship proceedings. The session addresses issues such as trust administration, the guardian's authority and limitations, and the impact of trusts on the individual's financial needs and public benefits eligibility.</i>	Grand Ballroom A-C
Breakout Sessions 8:45 am - 11:40 am	Court of Claims: 1. Neurobiology of Trauma/Understanding Victim Testimony James W. Hopper, Ph. D. <i>Stress and trauma can alter thinking, behavior, and memory during and after sexual assault, including in the courtroom. Participants in this session will learn about the key brain circuitries impacted by stress and trauma and gain increased understanding of brain-based experiences, behaviors, and memory characteristics. This session will also provide judges with a critical foundation for developing and maintaining trauma-informed court proceedings.</i> 2. Assessing Monetary Damages in a Civil Claim and Ethical Considerations in ADR Hon Gina M. Lopez Summa <i>Employing hypothetical fact patterns, the presenters will teach judges how to assess monetary damages when conducting settlement conferences/ADR in a civil case. Key factors, important resources, and other practical considerations including how to assess psychological and emotional damages will be discussed. Additionally, the presenters will address ethical considerations pertaining to settlement conferences and ADR, as well as proscriptions when a judge conducts ADR in a claim over which the judge is presiding.</i>	Sleepy Hollow

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

3. Mock ADR Session

Hon. Richard E. Sise, Hon. Gina M. Lopez Summa,
Hon. Walter Rivera, Hon. Catherine E. Leahy-Scott

Utilizing fact patterns, Judge, Claimant and defense counsel will conduct a mock ADR session. Judges will learn the “nuts and bolts” of conducting a settlement conference/ADR.

Breakout Sessions

8:45 am - 10:00 am

All Tracks:

Poverty Simulation

Westchester Ballroom

This session will not be recorded.

Lisa M. Zayas, Esq.

Poverty is often viewed as a single issue without considering how complex and interconnected issues of poverty really are. The Poverty Simulation is an experiential training that cultivates empathy for those experiencing poverty and promotes collaboration among participants. This is accomplished by assigning participants to family units and requiring them to make critical life decisions using limited resources. Participants will be provided the opportunity to discuss their experience during a debrief immediately following the simulation.

Commercial, Family, Matrimonial, & Supreme Civil:

An Examination of the Standards for Civil & Criminal Contempt

Grand Ballroom D-E

Hon. Jeffrey Sunshine, Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Hon. John Brunetti (Ret.)

This session offers an in-depth analysis of the legal standards governing civil and criminal contempt, highlighting key distinctions, procedural requirements, and relevant case law. Judges will learn tips and best practices for navigating contempt proceedings. The speakers will also discuss the care that must be taken when contempt orders must be issued.

Criminal:

The Preliminary Hearing

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Erin E. Hart, Hon. Peter J. Savage III

In most counties in New York State, including New York City, cases proceed directly to the grand jury. Some jurisdictions, however, will first hold a preliminary hearing pursuant to CPL 180.60. This focus of this session will be conducting the often-overlooked preliminary hearing.

Local Civil & Landlord-Tenant Courts (City, District, & NYC Civil):

The Art of NYBench Note-taking

Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Javier Ortiz, Hon. Edit Shkreli

This session is designed to help judges master effective, organized, and strategic note-taking within the NYBench case management system. Participants will learn techniques to enhance judicial decision-making and streamline case review through clear, actionable digital notes.

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

NYC Housing:

2025 Landlord-Tenant Case Law Update

Zara Friedman, Esq.

This session examines recent decisions impacting substantive and procedural issues in landlord-tenant cases.

Dutchess

Surrogate's:

Special Notices in Surrogate's Court Proceedings:

Who Needs to Know and Why?

Kerri Bringslid, Esq., Brooke S. Morris, Esq.

This presentation will provide an overview of special notices in Surrogate's Court, including who must receive them and when they must be served. It will also address recurring issues and inconsistencies that arise in practice and suggest approaches to ensure compliance with the governing statutes.

Putnam

10:00 am - 10:10 am

Break

Breakout Sessions

10:15 am - 11:30 am

All Tracks:

Poverty Simulation (Continued)

Lisa M. Zayas, Esq.

Westchester Ballroom

Commercial & Supreme Civil:

2025 CPLR Update

Prof. Patrick M. Connors

This session examines recent amendments, key case law developments, and emerging trends under the CPLR. The speaker highlights practical implications for courtroom procedure and judicial decision-making.

Grand Ballroom D

Criminal:

Criminal Justice Reform 2025: Legislative Updates including Changes to New York's Discovery Laws

Hon. Dineen Riviezzo, Hon. Daniel Conviser, Anthony Perri, Esq.

This session will review the changes to New York's Discovery Laws and CPL Article 182 (Alternate Method of Court Appearance) that were included in the FY2026 state budget agreement.

Tarrytown Ballroom

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Family & Matrimonial:

Schooling the Bench: Effectively Addressing Education-Related Concerns in Orders and Agreements Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein (Moderator), Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Hon. Caren Loguercio, Andrew Freedman, Esq., Diane Inbody, Esq., Carol Melnick, Esq., Daniel Morton-Bentley, Esq., Chrystal O'Connor, Esq.

In this session, judges presiding over family and matrimonial cases explore how custody determinations can impact school and education related issues. Topics will include: the practical effect of residential custody for school enrollment; authority and decision making relating to pickups and drop-offs at school; special education matters; emergency contacts; how schools navigate orders of protection issues; subpoenas and access to the parent portal and school records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Local Civil & Landlord-Tenant Courts (City, District, NYC Civil, & NYC Housing):

Difficult Procedural Issues that Regularly Arise in High-Volume Courts Grand Ballroom E

Hon. Leslie Granger, Hon. Jeffrey Zellan, Hon. Nichelle A. Johnson

This session addresses common and complex procedural challenges faced by judges in City, District, NYC Civil, and NYC Housing Courts. Among other things, the speakers offer practical guidance on navigating high-volume caseloads while ensuring procedural justice, efficiency, and adherence to legal standards.

Surrogate's:

Advice and Direction Proceedings and Construction of In Terrorem Clauses Putnam

Hon. Peter Kelly, Hon. Rita Mella, Hon. Acea Mosey

Using recent decisions, the speakers will discuss the new trend of fiduciaries' use of advice and direction proceedings as well as requests for construction of in terrorem clauses to have the Surrogate "bless" their conduct or actions.

11:30 am - 11:40 am

Break

Plenary Session

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Judicial Ethics: Balancing Professional Duty & Political Boundaries in New York Grand Ballroom

Hon. Joanne Quiñones, Hon. Dineen Riviezzo, Laura Smith, Esq

This session addresses the unique challenges New York judges face when balancing their judicial role with civic engagement and political realities in the current environment. Members and staff of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics will discuss some of the Committee's published opinions in this area that judges may review for guidance.

1:15 pm - 2:05 pm

Lunch

Garden Terrace

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Plenary Session

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence, and Impartiality

This session will not be recorded.

Kimberly Papillon, Esq.

In this interactive session, participants explore emerging research in neuroscience showing how judges reason through cases and react to court users. Brain imaging studies are used to explain how judges determine credibility, intelligence, threat, and competence in our society. fMRI studies are used to reveal why litigants, attorneys, and jurors react to actions in the courtroom. Decisions regarding penalties in criminal and civil matters are explored. The participants explore new methods for reaching the time-honored goal of impartial decision-making in the courts. The session identifies ways to increase fairness guided by science.

Grand Ballroom

3:30 pm - 3:40 pm

Break

Plenary Session

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence, and Impartiality (Continued)

Kimberly Papillon, Esq.

Grand Ballroom

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Reception & Dinner

Garden Terrace

Thursday, July 10, 2025

7:00 am - 7:45 am	YOGA with JULIE BROGLIN <i>Start your day by realigning the physical body and oxygenation with yogic breathing for vitality, balance, clarity, and peace of mind/emotions. Towels will be provided for a fresh clean floor surface so you won't have to bring mats. This class is designed for those new to yoga as well experienced practitioners.</i>	Westchester Ballroom
7:30 am - 8:45 am	Breakfast	Garden Terrace
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Court Modernization in Practice: A Guided Visit to the Technologically Enhanced Orange County Courthouse Pre-registration Required	
Plenary Session 9:00 am - 10:15 am	2025 State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson	Grand Ballroom
10:15 am - 10:25 am	Break	
Breakout Sessions: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Civil and Criminal: Modern Evidence: Emerging Challenges and Issues in New York Civil and Criminal Courts Hon. John Curran, Hon. David Everett, Hon. Wavny Toussaint, Prof. Michael Hutter <i>This session is designed to equip judges with practical tools for navigating evolving evidentiary issues, including admissibility of electronic evidence, expert witness challenges, hearsay and business records (e.g., electronic business records), and use of AI-generated content. Through an analysis of case law, statutes, and hypotheticals, participants will enhance their ability to make timely and reasoned rulings from the bench. The speakers also offer practical strategies for evaluating new types of evidence in the courtroom.</i>	Grand Ballroom E
	Commercial: Insights into Current Trends in Trials and Appeals of Commercial Cases: The View from Bench and Bar Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, Hon. Timothy Driscoll, Amit Vora, Esq., Mark Zauderer, Esq. <i>This session explores emerging trends in trials and appeals of commercial cases, offering insights from judges and experienced litigators. The speakers cover both trial and appellate practice in a particular substantive area of commercial litigation and provide general information on current developments in commercial law. Attendees will gain practical perspectives on judicial decision-making and evolving strategies in complex commercial matters.</i>	Grand Ballroom F-H

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Family:

Unfiltering Adoption:

Dealing with Complex Family Matters

Westchester Ballroom

Lori Holden, Kelsey Vander Vliet Ranyard, Sara Easterly, Tony Hynes

This program provides an in-depth exploration of modern adoption practices, with a focus on adoptee-centered perspectives and inclusive family dynamics. Led by adoptees Sara Easterly and Tony Hynes, birth parent Kelsey Vander Vliet Ranyard, and adoptive parent Lori Holden, the session 1) Challenges outdated ideas about adoption and what's truly in the "best interest of the child; 2) Reveals what professionals and families need to understand about attachment in supporting adoptees' maturation process; 3) Emphasizes the why and how to humanize birth parents; and 4) Stresses the need for expansive openNESS in adoption (not to be confused with open adoption). Judges will gain practical insights into the complexities and challenges of contemporary adoption, infused with emerging best-practices, and leave with ideas for truly centering adoptees in the courtroom and beyond.

Matrimonial :

QDROS and Retirement Valuations

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Laura Drager (Ret.), Denisa Tova-Liebman, CFP, CDFA, CQS, MBA

This session will guide judges through the critical distinctions between retirement plan types in divorce, highlight risks associated with vague or improper settlement language, and offer practical tips to avoid post-judgment issues related to QDROs and plan division.

Criminal:

Mobile Device Forensics

Grand Ballroom A-C

Hon. Eric Sachs, Hon. Paul McDonnell, Doug Rome

Mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones frequently yield evidence of everything from criminal activity to corporate misconduct. Beginning with a unique demonstration on the collection and processing of digital evidence from personal devices, this session will provide judges with the legal framework for reviewing search warrant applications for mobile devices and/ admitting this type of evidence at trial.

Surrogate's:

Black Robes & Black Boxes:

Courts, AI, and the Next Judicial Frontier

Putnam

Hon. Stephen Cass, Prof. Raymond Brescia, Eva-Marie Cusack, Esq.

This presentation offers a focused overview where courts have addressed—or been compelled to consider—the use of artificial intelligence (AI) within the legal community. As AI tools become increasingly integrated into legal research, drafting, litigation strategy, and judicial decision-making, courts across jurisdictions are beginning to confront novel legal and ethical questions about transparency, accountability, and reliability.

NYC Housing:

Overcharges, Recent Developments, and Open Questions

Dutchess

Hon. Karen M. Bacdayan, Anthony Morreale, Esq., Emilio Paesano, Esq.

This session will examine the evolving legal framework for rent overcharge claims in New York, from the transformative impact of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019 (HSTPA) through the New York Court of Appeals' 2025 decision in Burrows v 75-25 153rd Street, LLC (2025 WL 863241, 2025 NY Slip Op 01669). The session will address key developments, interpretive shifts, and unresolved questions surrounding overcharge calculations, evidentiary standards, and regulatory enforcement.

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12:00 pm- 12:25 pm

Working Lunch

Pick up lunch and bring it to your 12:30 session.

Breakout Sessions:

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Article 81 Guardianship:

Medicaid Review and Update for Judges

Grand Ballroom A-C

Hon. Charles Troia (Moderator)

Tzvi Saperstein, Esq., Rebecca Wallach, Esq.

This session provides an overview of current developments in Medicaid law and policy, with a focus on eligibility, benefits, and administrative procedures. This session also offers practical guidance on analyzing and deciding Medicaid-related matters in light of evolving federal and state regulations.

Commercial & Supreme Civil:

Provisional Remedies (including attachments and TROs)

Grand Ballroom F-H

Hon. Joel M. Cohen, Hon. Nancy Bannon, Hon. John Higgitt

This session examines the use of provisional remedies in civil litigation, focusing on the legal standards, procedures, and judicial considerations involved in granting attachments, temporary restraining orders (TROs), and other pre-judgment remedies. The session will provide practical guidance for evaluating provisional remedy applications while safeguarding due process.

Criminal:

Mosley, Molineux and More: Resolving Pre-Trial Issues

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Joseph McCormack

*This session looks at the use of uncharged bad acts to show propensity following the decision in *People v. Weinstein*, when a non-eyewitness can testify that the defendant is the person depicted in a surveillance video pursuant to *People v. Mosely*, and other pre-trial issues.*

Family & Matrimonial:

Understanding Coercive Control: Addressing Safety and Accountability in the Court System

Westchester Ballroom

Lórien Castelle, April Maas, Abigail Murat

This training is designed to deepen Family Court Judges' understanding of coercive control within the broader context of gender-based and domestic violence (GBV/DV). Drawing on current research and real-world cases, it highlights non-physical, often non-criminal tactics of abuse that pose serious safety risks to survivors and children. Judges will examine the gendered nature and prevalence of GBV/DV, the ongoing impact of coercive control post-separation-including litigation abuse-and the importance of maintaining objectivity without losing sight of context. The session also clarifies the distinction between being domestic violence-informed and biased, ultimately equipping judges to recognize coercive control, interpret behaviors through a trauma-informed lens, and make safety-centered decisions in the best interests of the child.

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All Landlord-Tenant Courts:

Non-Tenant Occupants of Dwellings:

Rights, Responsibilities, and Legal Considerations

Dutchess

Hon. Shorab Ibrahim, Carlos Perez-Hall, Esq., Jeremiah Schlotman, Esq.

This session explores the legal status, rights, and responsibilities of non-tenant occupants, such as family members, licensees, and tenants at sufferance, and examines the judicial considerations involved in resolving possession and eviction disputes involving these individuals.

All Local Civil Courts

(City, District, & NYC Civil):

Emergency Issues in Motion Practice

Grand Ballroom E

Hon. Ira Greenberg, Hon. Monique Holaman, Hon. Nichelle A. Johnson

This session addresses urgent legal matters that require immediate judicial intervention to prevent irreparable harm, maintain the status quo, or protect time-sensitive rights. Topics will include certain ex parte applications, temporary restraining orders (TROs), preliminary injunctions, stay requests, and emergency discovery or preservation orders. The session will provide guidance on evaluating the legitimacy and urgency of emergency motions while ensuring due process and fairness for all parties. The speakers will also share best practices for handling high-pressure situations, managing court resources, addressing ethical considerations, and avoiding common procedural pitfalls in civil cases.

Supreme Civil:

Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6), 200:

Navigating Legal Foundations & Disputes

Grand Ballroom D

Hon. Devin Cohen, Hon. John Licata,
Brian Isaac, Esq., Bryce Moses, Esq., Karen Ondrovic, Esq.

This session provides judges with a comprehensive overview of Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6), and 200, focusing on their legal foundations, key distinctions, and practical implications in litigation. Through case analysis and discussion, participants will enhance their ability to navigate complex disputes involving construction site safety and worker protection statutes.

2:00 pm - 2:10 pm

Break

Breakout Sessions:

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

All Tracks:

THE FUTURE IS NOW: The Latest Update from the Court Modernization Action Committee

Grand Ballroom E

Hon. Craig Doran, Hon. Patria Frias-Colón,
William Silverman, Esq., Christine Sisario

In this session, the leaders of the Court Modernization Action Committee (CMAC) will provide an update on progress and priorities for 2025, including the new Virtual Court Appearance Platform (VCAP) rollout. Participants will have the opportunity to view live court appearances being held in VCAP by some of our pilot courts during the session, and also have the chance to provide feedback and suggestions for CMAC's ongoing modernization focus areas.

Thursday, July 10, 2025

All Tracks:

Trauma and Well-Being for Judges

Grand Ballroom D

Dawn D'Amico, Ph.D.

Introduction by Daniel T. Lukasik, Esq., New York State Judicial Wellness Coordinator

This session is designed to assist judges in recognizing and managing the emotional impact of working with trauma. Participants will learn to distinguish between secondary and vicarious trauma, understand the role of empathy, and explore the effects of trauma exposure on self-awareness and personal well-being. This session provides tools to identify vulnerabilities and strengths, recognize internal stress signals, and apply emotional regulation techniques. Through an understanding of the stress cycle and healthy coping mechanisms across physical, cognitive, social, and emotional domains, judges will build empathic resilience and develop a personalized plan for sustained well-being.

Civil and Criminal:

How to Avoid Common Errors and Reversals:

Tips from Appellate Division Justices

Tarrytown Ballroom

Hon. Troy Webber (Moderator), Hon. John Curran,

Hon. John Higgitt, Hon. Carl Landicino, Hon. Stan Pritzker

This session offers trial judges practical guidance from Appellate Division Justices on how to avoid common judicial errors that often lead to reversals on appeal. Through case analysis and discussion, participants will gain insights into best practices for rulings, preserving the record, and crafting decisions that withstand appellate scrutiny.

Family & Matrimonial:

Setting the Record Straight on the

Role of the Attorney for the Child

Westchester Ballroom

Hon. Liberty Aldrich (Ret.), Melissa Friedman, Esq., Glenn Metsch-Ampel, Esq.

This session clarifies the legal and ethical responsibilities of the Attorney for the Child (AFC) in family court, addressing common misconceptions about the role. Drawing from case law and Rule 7.2 (Rules of the Chief Judge, 22 NYCRR 7.2), the session emphasizes the AFC's duty to advocate for the child's expressed wishes, not their perceived best interests, and explores how this advocacy supports, rather than undermines, judicial decision-making.

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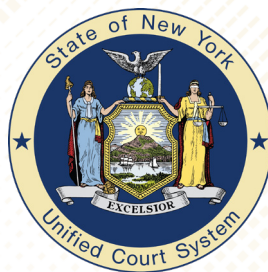


Hon. Rowan D. Wilson
Chief Judge of the State of New York

Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in Pomona, California in 1960, and grew up in Berkeley, California. He received his A.B. degree from Harvard College in 1981, and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1984. He was admitted to the bar of the State of California in 1985, and the bar of the State of New York in 1987. From 1984 to 1986, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable James R. Browning, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, based in San Francisco, California.

In 1986, he joined the firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City as an associate, and was elected to partnership there in 1991, in which position he continued until February 2017. Judge Wilson was appointed to serve as an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals in 2017. On April 10, 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul nominated Judge Wilson to serve as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed his nomination on April 18, 2023. While in private practice, Judge Wilson served on the boards of several charitable and not-for-profit organizations and handled numerous pro bono matters.

Judge Wilson resides with his wife and children in New York City.



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Hon. Joseph A. Zayas Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York

The Hon. Joseph A. Zayas was appointed by Chief Judge Rowan Wilson in May 2023 as the Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Unified Court System, the highest-ranking administrative position within the New York State Judiciary. Judge Zayas oversees the day-to-day administration and operation of the statewide court system, including its \$3.7 billion dollar budget, 3,300 state and local judges and 16,000 non-judicial employees in over 300 locations across the state.

Judge Zayas was previously appointed by New York's Governor as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department – an intermediate appellate court which has jurisdiction over portions of New York City and the suburbs surrounding New York City. He previously served as the Administrative Judge for Supreme Court in Queens County, the second most populous county in the State. He was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court in Queens County in 2016, appointed as a Judge of the Court of Claims by New York's Governor in 2012, and originally appointed as a Judge of the Criminal Court of New York City by New York City's Mayor in 2003. As a trial judge and an administrative judge of a trial court, Judge Zayas presided over jury trials in criminal cases and served as the Presiding Judge in the county's Youth Court, Drug Treatment Court, and Mental Health Treatment Court. Throughout his judicial career, Judge Zayas has published numerous opinions in criminal, civil and family cases, lectured extensively on various areas of the law and was an active member and officer of the Latino Judges Association.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Zayas served as a law clerk to the Hon. Rolando T. Acosta in Civil and Supreme Court and at the Harlem Community Justice Center, a problem-solving court serving the communities of East and Central Harlem. Prior to working with Justice Acosta, Judge Zayas served as an attorney with The Legal Aid Society's Capital Defense Unit, Criminal Appeals Bureau, and Criminal Trial Division.

Judge Zayas is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law, and Fordham University. He attended public schools in New York City and was raised in the Frederick Douglas Housing projects.

Judge Zayas and his wife, Catherine Zayas, have been married for over four decades and they have three adult children and five grandchildren.

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Hon. Norman St. George First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York

Hon. Norman St. George was appointed as First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, the second-highest ranking administration position within the New York State Judiciary, effective May 19, 2023. The appointment was made by Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas, with the consultation and approval of Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson and in consultation with the Presiding Justices of the Appellate Divisions. In this capacity and on behalf of the Chief Administrative Judge,

Judge St. George oversees all trial-level courts throughout the State, as well as all departments and operations within the Office of Court Administration. He also directly supervises the courts in the Tenth Judicial District, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Immediately prior to his current position, Judge St. George served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside of New York City. In that role, he worked with local Administrative Judges in overseeing implementation of the court system's programs and initiatives and in optimizing allocation of personnel and other court resources to meet the needs and goals of the courts. Additionally, he was responsible for oversight of New York's Town and Village Courts.

Judge St. George is an elected Justice of the Supreme Court for the 10th Judicial Department. Judge St. George served as the District Administrative Judge for all courts in Nassau County from 2019 through August of 2021. In that capacity, Judge St. George oversaw the Supreme Court, County Court, Family Court, Surrogate Court, District Court, and all City and Village Courts. From 2013 through 2018, Judge St. George served as the Supervising Judge of the Nassau County District Court. The Nassau County District Court is comprised of both criminal and civil courts and it is one of the busiest courts in New York State, handling over one hundred thousand criminal and civil cases each year.

Judge St. George served as an elected Nassau County Court Judge and an Acting Supreme Court Justice from 2008 to 2018. In 2018, Judge St. George established Nassau County's Youth Part under New York State's Raise the Age Law. While presiding over the Youth Part, Judge St. George published cases of first impression interpreting the Raise the Age Law. As an Acting Supreme Court Justice, Judge St. George presided over serious felony criminal cases, commercial cases, medical malpractice cases, and oversaw the Integrated Domestic Violence Court, the Domestic Violence Court and the Sex Offense Court.

Judge St. George served as an elected District Court Judge from 2004 to 2008. In addition to presiding over criminal and civil cases, Judge St. George was charged with the responsibility of establishing Nassau County's first misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court. Judge St. George also established and presided over a Driving While Intoxicated Court. Judge St. George lectures at the Judicial Institute and at various Bar Associations on criminal and civil trial practice.

Prior to ascending to the bench, Judge St. George practiced law for sixteen years as a federal and state trial attorney. After graduating from Hofstra Law School, he worked as a Tax Attorney with Arthur Anderson and Company. He then began his litigation training at the Garden City law firm of Reisch, Simoni, Bythewood & Gleason. Judge St. George handled an extensive caseload of criminal and civil cases, including major Federal criminal and civil RICO actions.

Thereafter, Judge St. George served as an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Nassau under District Attorney Denis Dillon. He served in the District Court Bureau, Felony Screening Bureau, Grand Jury Bureau and County Court Bureau. Judge St. George left the Nassau County District Attorney's Office to become a partner in the Wall Street firm of Jackson, Brown, Powell and St. George, LLP. In addition to being responsible for all the firm's civil litigation, Judge St. George served as the managing partner. Judge St. George next established his own law firm with offices in Mineola and Manhattan. Judge St. George successfully tried numerous federal and state criminal cases, federal copyright infringement cases, commercial litigation cases, and personal injury cases. Two of Judge St. George's trial verdicts were reported by the Jury Verdict Reporter. While a practicing attorney, Judge St. George frequently appeared on Court Television as a trial commentator.

UCS Leadership Team



Hon. Edwina G. Richardson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives

Hon. Edwina G. Richardson leads the UCS's efforts to promote meaningful access to justice in New York State courts for people of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities. Judge Richardson and the Office for Justice Initiatives (OJI) administer a wide variety of programs, volunteer opportunities and resources in service of this mission. Judge Richardson also leads UCS' problem solving and accountability courts, and initiatives to advance equal justice in the courts. Judge Richardson previously served as Administrative Judge of all New York City Family Courts and is currently an active Judge of the Court of Claims.



Hon. James P. Murphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the courts Outside New York City

Judge Murphy is the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the Courts Outside New York City responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and allocating and assigning judicial and non-judicial personnel of the trial courts of the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Judicial Districts and the Court of Claims. He is also responsible for overseeing the local Town and Village Courts in those Districts. Justice Murphy was elected to the Supreme Court in the Fifth Judicial District in 2004 and reelected in 2018. He previously served as Administrative Judge of the Fifth Judicial District. Justice Murphy is a graduate of Bishop Ludden High School in Syracuse, New York, Saint Lawrence University, and Syracuse University College of Law.



Hon. Adam Silvera, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge within NYC

Hon. Adam Silvera is the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts. Prior to this, he served as Administrative Judge for the NY County Supreme Court - Civil Term. Elected to the NYC Civil Court in 2014, he initially served in Family Court in Kings County and later presided over civil and consumer credit matters in both Kings and NY Counties. He later became an Acting Supreme Court Justice, handling Family Court and matrimonial cases. He was elected to the Supreme Court-Civil Term, served on the Appellate Term, First Department, and was Administrative Judge of the New York County Supreme Court's Civil Term. Justice Silvera holds a J.D. from Brooklyn Law.



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Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine is a Supreme Court Justice sitting in Kings County and he is the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters. He chairs the Chief Judge's Matrimonial Practice and Advisory Rules Committee. Judge Sunshine sits on numerous OCA committees, including the Chief Judge's ADR Advisory Committee and the Court System's Advisory Committee on AI in the Courts, and formally chaired the Board of Advisors of the Center for Children and Families and the Law at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law - Hofstra University. He recently completed and updated his training manual and primer entitled: Understanding the Process: Best Practices for the Effective Management of a Matrimonial Case. His more than 180 decisions have frequently been published in the New York Law Journal and the Unofficial and Official New York State Law Reports. He frequently meets with Judges, Court staff and Bar Associations and presents/moderates CLE and other programs throughout New York State. He is the recipient of numerous awards.



Hon. Richard Rivera, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters

Hon. Richard Rivera was appointed as Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters by Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George, effective October 4, 2023. In that role, Judge Rivera has statewide responsibility for, among other things, addressing operational issues impacting Family Court, developing and implementing best practices to promote access to equal justice for children and families in Family Court, creating training for Family Court judges and Court professional staff, and advocating for increased resources for the Family Court. Judge Rivera was elected NYS Supreme Court Justice, 3rd J.D. in November 2023, and on behalf of the Unified Court System he spearheads the Family Justice Initiative. Judge Rivera also co-chairs the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee as well as the Permanent Commission on Justice for Families.



Hon. Debra J. Young, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Problem-Solving Courts

Hon. Debra J. Young was appointed Statewide Coordinating Judge for Problem-Solving Courts by Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George, in February 2025. In this role, Judge Young oversees the more than 340 problem-solving courts operating statewide that address substance use disorders, mental illness, and other issues that bring people into the court system, with the goal of providing more efficient case management and positive outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Judge Young leads the systemwide efforts to improve operations, develop and implement best practices, and create and enhance programs, including securing program funding, to advance problem-solving court initiatives across the State. Prior to her appointment, she had been serving as the Third Judicial District's coordinating judge for problem-solving courts and was instrumental in the success of the Rensselaer County Recovery Court. Judge Young has been a board member for the New York Association of Treatment Court Professionals for the past ten (10) years and previously served as president of the Association.

Judicial Institute Team

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Hon. Kathie E. Davidson
Dean, NYS Judicial Institute

Hon. Kathie E. Davidson as Dean of the New York State Judicial Institute, a statewide judicial education and research center focused on the latest developments in the law and other disciplines that influence the law. As Dean, Judge Davidson oversees the creation and delivery of training seminars for newly elected and appointed Unified Court System (UCS) judges, continuing education programs for UCS judges and lawyers, and cooperative education programs with state and federal judicial systems, legal academics, and other interested stakeholders. In 2023 and 2025, Dean Davidson was recognized in City & State's Law Power 100 List as one of the top 100 most influential legal professionals in the world of New York politics and government.

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A JUDGE'S OBLIGATIONS REGARDING CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION, ATTORNEY REGISTRATION & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

I. Continuing Judicial Education

Section 17.3 of the Rules of the Chief Judge (22 CRR-NY-17.3) requires full-time judges and justices to attend at least 24 hours of training and education every two calendar years. Referred to as Continuing Judicial Education (CJE), judges and justices must attend classes and presentations which shall include annual seminars, special seminars for new judges, anti-bias training and such other courses, classes and presentations as the Chief Administrator of the Courts deems appropriate. In short, the CJE requirement replaces the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirement for full-time judges (But see paragraph II. below).

Since the CJE rule was enacted, the Chief Administrative Judge has adopted and maintains a policy which leaves to each judge and justice the duty and responsibility to preserve and maintain records of their own attendance at CJE classes and presentations. Consistent with this policy, the Judicial Institute does not track or maintain records of attendance for judges and justices nor does the JI issue CJE certificates.

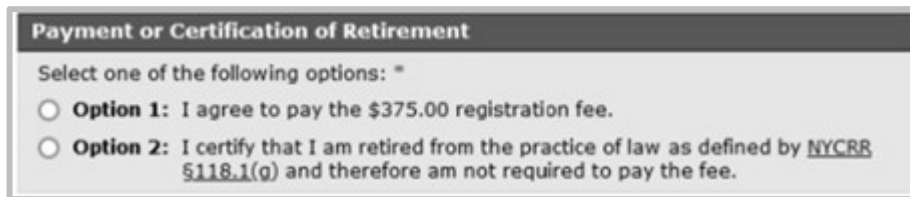
For your convenience, we have attached a checklist that mirrors the Summer Judicial Seminars agenda. Please check the box next to each program you attend and retain this list as documentation of the hours you completed while attending the Seminar.

II. Attorney Registration (attyreg@nycourts.gov)

Since judges are still admitted attorneys, you remain obligated to register with the Attorney Registration Unit every two years within 30 days after your birthday for as long as you remain on the bench. For newly appointed/elected judges, you must promptly update your business contact information in the Attorney Registration Directory to reflect your new courthouse assignment.

III. Exemption from Biennial Fees

Even though you must still register every two years, a full-time judge is entitled to select “retired from the practice of law” on the biennial attorney registration form. This will automatically exempt you from paying the biennial fee (NYCRR § 118.1[g]).



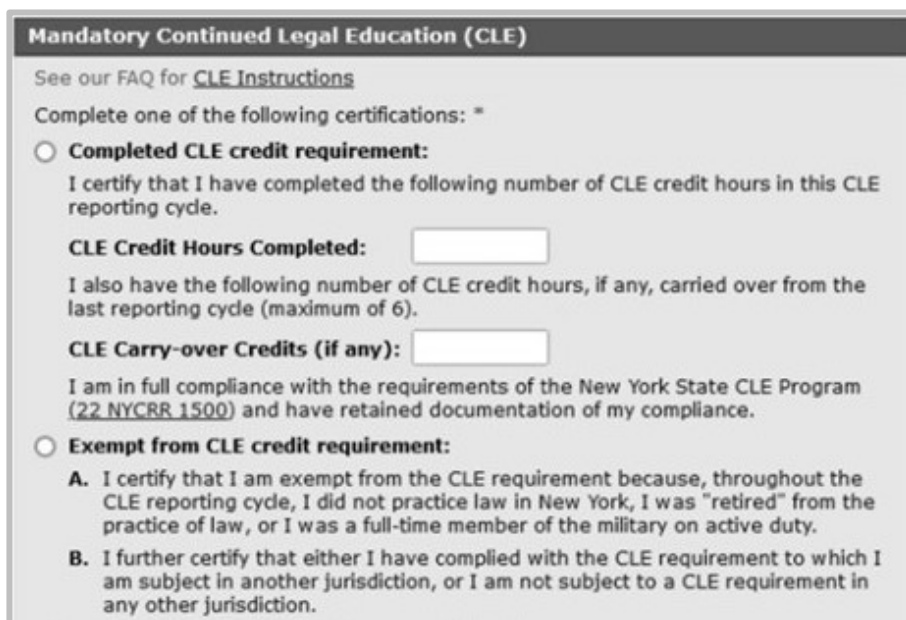
Payment or Certification of Retirement

Select one of the following options: *

- Option 1:** I agree to pay the \$375.00 registration fee.
- Option 2:** I certify that I am retired from the practice of law as defined by NYCRR §118.1(g) and therefore am not required to pay the fee.

IV. Exemption from Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Requirement (cle@nycourts.gov)

1. A full-time judge who has been on the bench during the *entirety* of their CLE reporting cycle (usually the preceding 24-months) may select “Exempt from CLE Credit Requirement” (Option A, below).
2. A judge who takes the bench midway through their reporting cycle, however, must select “Completed CLE Requirement” on the biennial registration form (example provided below) and must report the number of credits completed. Calculate the number of credits you need to complete as follows: 1 credit hour (in any category) for each month of the cycle during which you practiced law in New York (even if it was only part of a month).



Mandatory Continued Legal Education (CLE)

See our FAQ for [CLE Instructions](#)

Complete one of the following certifications: *

- Completed CLE credit requirement:**
I certify that I have completed the following number of CLE credit hours in this CLE reporting cycle.
CLE Credit Hours Completed:
I also have the following number of CLE credit hours, if any, carried over from the last reporting cycle (maximum of 6).
CLE Carry-over Credits (if any):
I am in full compliance with the requirements of the New York State CLE Program ([22 NYCRR 1500](#)) and have retained documentation of my compliance.
- Exempt from CLE credit requirement:**
 - A. I certify that I am exempt from the CLE requirement because, throughout the CLE reporting cycle, I did not practice law in New York, I was “retired” from the practice of law, or I was a full-time member of the military on active duty.
 - B. I further certify that either I have complied with the CLE requirement to which I am subject in another jurisdiction, or I am not subject to a CLE requirement in any other jurisdiction.

V. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) vs. Continuing Judicial Education (CJE)

While **all** CLE-eligible courses count toward CJE credit, **not all** CJE courses count toward CLE. CJE can count toward CLE requirements only if the program is approved for CLE.



CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION (CJE) ONLY

THE PROGRAMS AT THIS SEMINAR ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CLE CREDITS

Please use this form to keep track of the programs you attend during the 2025 Judicial Summer Seminar and keep it for your records. The JI does not keep track of your CJE credits.

DAY 1, JULY 8, 2025

- PLENARY | Judicial Ethics and The Use of Artificial Intelligence
- ALL TRACKS | Ensuring an Inclusive and Accessible Courtroom Through Language Access and the ADA
- ALL CIVIL TRACKS | Incorporating ADR in Your Courtroom
- COURT OF CLAIMS | How to Manage Attorneys & Pro Se Claimants
- CRIMINAL | Certificates of Relief from Civil Disabilities
- FAMILY/ MATRIMONIAL | Legal Update
- ARTICLE 81 GUARDIANSHIP | Overview of MHL Article 81 and Caselaw Review
- COMMERCIAL | Judgment Enforcement & Fraudulent Conveyance Law
- CRIMINAL | Applying Erlinger to New York's Recidivist Sentencing Statutes
- FAMILY/ MATRIMONIAL | Evidence Practicum for Family and Matrimonial Judges
- LOCAL CIVIL & LANDLORD TENANT COURTS | Calendar Management, Courtroom Management, & Data Integrity
- SUPREME CIVIL | Selected Issues in Article 78 Proceedings
- SURROGATE'S | Developments in Trusts and Estates Law
- PLENARY | The State of the Judiciary 2024

DAY 2, JULY 9, 2025

- ARTICLE 81 GUARDIANSHIP |
 1. Dealing with Dementia & Determining Legal Incapacity
 2. Public Benefits for the Elderly & Infirm: An Overview of SNAP and SCRIE
 3. Handling Trusts in the Guardianship Realm
- COURT OF CLAIMS |
 1. Neurobiology of Trauma/Understanding Victim Testimony
 2. Assessing Monetary Damages in a Civil Claim and Ethical Considerations in ADR
 3. Mock ADR Session
- ALL TRACKS | Poverty Simulation
- COMMERCIAL, FAMILY, MAT & SUPREME CIVIL | An Examination of the Standards for Civil & Criminal Contempt
- CRIMINAL | The Preliminary Hearing
- LOCAL CIVIL & LANDLORD & TENANT | The Art of NYBench Note-taking
- NYC HOUSING | 2025 Landlord-Tenant Case Law Update
- SURROGATE'S | Special Notices in Surrogate's Court Proceedings: Who Needs to Know and Why?

DAY 2, JULY 9, 2025 Continued

- COMMERCIAL & SUPRMEME CIVIL | 2025 CPLR Update
- CRIMINAL | Criminal Justice Reform 2025: Legislative Updates including Changes to New York's Discovery Laws
- FAMILY & MAT | Schooling the Bench: Effectively Addressing Education-Related Concerns in Orders and Agreements
- LOCAL CIVIL & LANDLORD & TENANT | Difficult Procedural Issues that Regularly Arise in High-Volume Courts
- SURROGATE'S | Advice and Direction Proceedings and Construction of In Terrorem Clauses

- PLENARY| Judicial Ethics: Balancing Professional Duty & Political Boundaries in New York

- PLENARY| The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence, and Impartiality

DAY 3, JULY 10, 2025

- ALL TRACKS | Court Modernization in Practice: A Guided Visit to Technologically Enhanced Orange County Courthouse
- PLENARY | The State of the Judiciary 2025
- CIVIL & CRIMINAL | Modern Evidence: Emerging Challenges and Issues in New York Civil and Criminal Courts
- COMMERCIAL | Insights into Current Trends in Trials and Appeals of Commercial Cases: The View from Bench and Bar
- FAMILY | Unfiltering Adoption: Dealing with Complex Family Matters
- MATRIMONIAL | QDROS and Retirement Valuations
- CRIMINAL | Mobile Device Forensics
- SURROGATE'S | Black Robes & Black Boxes: Courts, AI, and the Next Judicial Frontier
- NYC HOUSING | Overcharges, Recent Developments, and Open Questions

- ARTICLE 81 GUARDIANSHIP | Medicaid Review and Update for Judges
- COMMERCIAL & SUPREME CIVIL | Provisional Remedies (including attachments and TROs)
- CRIMINAL | Mosley, Molineaux and More: Resolving Pre-Trial Issues
- FAMILY & MAT | Understanding Coercive Control: Addressing Safety and Accountability in the Court System
- ALL LANDLORD-TENANT | Non-Tenant Occupants of Dwellings: Rights, Responsibilities, and Legal Considerations
- ALL LOCAL CIVIL | Emergency Issues in Motion Practice
- SUPREME CIVIL | Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6), 200: Navigating Legal Foundations & Disputes

- ALL TRACKS | The Future is Now: The Latest Update from the Court Modernization Action Committee
- ALL TRACKS | Trauma and Well-Being for Judges
- CIVIL & CRIMINAL | How to Avoid Common Errors and Reversals: Tips from Appellate Division Justices
- FAMILY & MAT | Setting the Record Straight on the Role of the Attorney for the Child

Helpful Hints

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