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## **Queens Civil Court Supervising Judge Named**

**NEW YORK CITY**—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George today announced the appointment of Hon. Michael H. Goldman as Supervising Judge of Queens Civil Court, effective January 1, 2026. The appointment was made in consultation with Appellate Division, Second Department Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts Adam Silvera, and New York City Civil Court Administrative Judge Shahabuddeen Ally. Judge Goldman succeeds Hon. Ira Greenberg, who has been elected to the State Supreme Court bench in Queens County.

In his new role, Judge Goldman will oversee the operation of one of New York’s busiest civil courts, ensuring the fair, efficient administration of justice for the residents of Queens County.

“Judge Goldman is a thoughtful jurist whose legal acumen, leadership skills, capacity for innovation, commitment to public service, and deep ties to Queens County will benefit the Court and local community,” said Judge Zayas, noting that Judge Goldman grew up a short distance from the Queens Civil Courthouse. “I am confident he will bring great energy and insight to his responsibilities as Supervising Judge and look forward to working with him in his new role.”

"Judge Goldman brings to this role an intimate knowledge of civil court operations, strong management abilities, and an unwavering commitment to the people of Queens. In his former capacity as a Court Attorney, he worked closely with our Judges and Court Clerks to pursue technology-driven solutions to optimize court operations and expand access to justice. His judicial experience, combined with his decades of service to the Unified Court System, have prepared him well to guide the Queens Civil Court forward, streamlining processes and implementing programs to best serve the borough’s civil justice needs," said Judge St. George.

Judge Goldman was elected to the New York City Civil Court, Queens County, in 2023. A Queens native who has demonstrated a lifelong dedication to serving his community, he has 24 years of experience in the court system as a Court Attorney and Principal Law Clerk working for Judges in Queens County’s Civil, Criminal, and Supreme Courts, as well as in New York City Criminal Court in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Prior to joining the New York State Unified Court System, he worked in private criminal and civil practice and as in-house counsel to investment and technology companies. He is a graduate of Hunter College High School and the University of Miami and earned his J.D. and a master’s degree from Boston University.

Judge Goldman sits on the New York State Court System's Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission, is a former co-chair of the Queens County Bar Association LGBTQ+ Committee and a member of the Association's Academy of Law (Continuing Legal Education Committee).

"I am honored to be entrusted with this important responsibility and will strive to make the Queens County Civil Court the jewel of the court system," said Judge Goldman.

Judges Silvera and Ally lauded the appointment.

"Judge Goldman has consistently demonstrated integrity, innovation, and dedication to justice. His proven ability to modernize court operations and support his colleagues makes him ideally suited to lead the Queens Civil Court into the future," said Judge Silvera.

"I am certain that Queens Civil Court will continue to thrive as a place of fairness, efficiency, and collegiality under Judge Goldman's supervision. I look forward to his leadership and the positive impact it will have on the Queens community," said Judge Ally.

In tribute to outgoing Supervising Judge Greenberg, Judge Zayas said, "We are thankful to Justice Greenberg for his dedication and tireless efforts as Supervising Judge over the past year and congratulate him on his elevation to the State Supreme Court bench, where his legal acumen, fairness, and integrity will continue to benefit Queens residents."



Judge Michael H. Goldman

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