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January 3, 2024 - January 12, 2024



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

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Hon. Kathie E. Davidson

Dean of The New York State Judicial Institute



VIRTUAL DAY 1

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- 9:00 - 9:25 **Welcome**
Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Dean of the New York State Judicial Institute
- 9:30 - 10:30 **PLENARY | History, Overview and Structure of the Court System**
Hon. Richard A. Dollinger (Ret.)
In this session, the speaker will provide an overview of New York's court system from its establishment to how it has evolved over the years. The speaker will also discuss how the state's numerous courts and court procedures fit within the system and share his views on the future of New York's courts.
- 10:45 - 11:45 **PLENARY | The Judge's Role as Supervisor and Manager**
Kay-Ann Porter Campbell, Esq., Christy Bass
The Inspector General of the Court System and the Human Resources Director and will discuss the rules, regulations, and policies concerning a judge's personal conduct as well as a judge's responsibilities regarding complaints of bias, discrimination, and harassment by staff and others.
- 12:15 - 1:30 **PLENARY | Judicial Security**
Chief Michael Magliano, Major Kevin Scherer, Captain Charles Hollon
This session will provide information to assist in the safety and security needs of judges. The speakers will discuss the Judicial Security Guidelines, judicial threats and inappropriate communications, judicial protection, and sovereign citizens.
- 1:30 - 2:30 **Lunch Break**
- 2:30 - 3:00 **PLENARY | The Interaction Between the Courts and the Media**
Alfred J. Baker
The Unified Court System's Director of Communications will provide an overview of the ethical constraints regarding the discussion of pending cases, the proper procedures to be followed when judges are contacted by the media, and permissible conduct of the media during pending court proceedings.



VIRTUAL DAY 2

Thursday, January 4, 2024

9:30 - 11:00

PLENARY | The Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics

Hon. Margaret Walsh (Ret.), Hon. Lillian Wan, Laura L. Smith Esq.

The Advisory Committee was formed to help New York State's judges and justices adhere to the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct. The speakers will discuss the standards set forth in these Rules, the authority of the Committee, and the presumption afforded to a judge that relies on a formal advisory opinion issued by the Committee.

11:15 - 12:15

PLENARY | The Commission on Judicial Conduct

Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq.

The Commission's objective is to enforce high standards of conduct for judges. The speaker will provide an overview of the Commission, its procedures, common examples of judicial misconduct, and the responsibilities of a judge that becomes the subject of a formal complaint.

12:30 - 1:30

PLENARY | Disability Accommodations and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Hon. Carol Sharpe, Hon. Judith J. Gische (Ret.), Amy M. Pontillo, Esq.

Requests for disability accommodations, whether from lawyers or litigants, can be challenging. In this session, the speakers will discuss requests for disability accommodations under the ADA and the procedure judges should follow when presented with these requests.

1:30 - 2:30

Lunch Break

2:30 - 3:00

PLENARY | The Role of the Judicial Wellness Coordinator

Daniel T. Lukasik, Esq.

Developing methods for working through challenges, including stress or anxiety, is important for maintaining wellness and well-being on and off the bench. The Court System's Judicial Wellness Coordinator will provide an overview of his role and resources available to help judges identify and manage stress, develop coping strategies, and build resiliency.



VIRTUAL DAY 3

Friday, January 5, 2024

- 9:30 - 10:30** **PLENARY | Language Access and Working with Court Interpreters**
Ann Ryan
This session will address how to access language services for litigants who need the assistance of an interpreter. By participating in exercises based on real-world scenarios, judges will have an opportunity to work through interpreter-related issues that may arise in the courtroom.
- 10:45 - 11:45** **PLENARY | Tech Overview**
Christine Sisario
The Court System's Director of Technology will discuss the technological tools available to assist judges and their staff in performance of their duties.
- 12:15 - 1:30** **PLENARY | Judicial Resources**
Hon. William C. Donnino (Ret.)
In this session, the speaker will discuss two valuable resources that are available to the bench and bar: the Guide to New York Evidence and the Criminal Jury Instructions and Model Colloquies.
- 1:30 - 2:30** **Lunch Break**
- 2:30 - 3:00** **PLENARY | Research and Case Management Tools**
Jacob S. Kurashige, Sue Ludington
The Court System's Chief Law Librarian will provide an overview of several research and reference resources available to judges and their support staff through the Office of Legal Information. This session will also provide general information on NYBench, a secure web-based case management system built specifically to meet the needs of judges.
- 3:00 - 3:30** **Announcements and Reminders**
Hon. Kathie E. Davidson
Remarks by Hon. Leonard D. Steinman



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IN-PERSON SEMINAR GUIDE

Monday through Friday, January 8 - 12

Please see the following information to help you navigate the seminar when you arrive at the Judicial Institute for the week in-person:

- The seminar webpage can only be accessed on the Intranet, which is the internal UCS website. Login access is only available from your NYS Court office computer or through a VPN connection on your NYS issued laptop at <http://inside-ucs.org/ji/>.
- The Lecture Hall is located on the 1st floor of the Judicial Institute.
- The Omni Room is located on the 3rd floor of the Judicial Institute.
- The Library is located on the 2nd floor of the JI behind the glass doors.
- Room numbers preceded by “JI” are located within the Judicial Institute.
- Room numbers preceded by an “O” are located in Ottinger Hall in Pace Law School and are accessed through the double doors on the 2nd floor of the Judicial Institute.
- The Tudor Room is located in Pace Law School and is accessed through the double doors on the 2nd floor of the Judicial Institute. Proceed right down the hall.



In-Person DAY 1

Monday, January 8, 2024

9:00 - 10:00 Registration and Breakfast Lobby/Omni Room

10:00 - 1:00 Welcome Lecture Hall

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

Welcome and Remarks from the Executive Officers

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

Welcome and Remarks from the DCAJ's

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

Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts

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

Welcome and Remarks from the Statewide Judicial Officers

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

Hon. Toko Serita, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Problem-Solving Courts

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

1:15 - 2:15 Lunch Omni Room

2:30 - 3:55 PLENARY | Interrupting Bias in the Courtroom Lecture Hall

Hon. Paulette Brown (Ret.)

The speaker will discuss how judges and judicial personnel can recognize bias and potential bias, and how bias may manifest itself. Suggested steps and best practices will be provided to interrupt any known or perceived bias.

4:00 - 4:20 PLENARY | Remarks from OCA's Counsel Lecture Hall

David Nocenti, Esq.

This session will provide judges an introduction to Counsel's Office and an overview of that office's broad range of responsibilities.

Breakout Sessions:

4:30 - 5:30 CITY & DISTRICT | Welcome to the City and District Courts Omni Room

Hon. Tricia M. Ferrell, Hon. JaHarr Pridgen

This session will provide valuable tips and strategies to assist City Court and District Court judges in their new role. The speakers will discuss practical techniques for dealing with a wide range of legal actions, case and courtroom management issues, unrepresented litigants, and motions.



In-Person DAY 1

Monday, January 8, 2024

CRIMINAL | Bail Law

O-101

Hon. Daniel P. Conviser

This session will outline the rules regarding bail applicable at arraignments and various other points during the life of a case.

FAMILY | Welcome to Family Court

O-G01

Hon. Caren Loguercio, Hon. Alicia Elloras-Ally, Hon. Brenda Freedman

This session will provide valuable tips and strategies to assist Family Court judges in their new role. The speakers will discuss practical techniques for dealing with the complex nature of the Family Court case docket, courtroom management issues, unrepresented litigants, and many other issues.

NYC CIVIL | Welcome to NYC Civil Court

O-G02

Hon. Carolyn Walker-Diallo, Hon. Shahabuddeen A. Ally,
Hon. Robert J. Helbock, Hon. Dweynie E. Paul,
Hon. Matthew Parker-Raso, Hon. Alan J. Schiff

This session will provide valuable tips and strategies to assist NYC Civil Court judges in their new role. The speakers will discuss practical techniques for dealing with a wide range of legal actions, case and courtroom management issues, unrepresented litigants, and motions.

NYC HOUSING | Welcome to NYC Housing Court

JI-205

Hon. Jack Stoller, Hon. Christel F. Garland, Hon. Kisha L. Miller

This session will provide valuable tips and strategies to assist NYC Housing Court judges in their new role. The speakers will discuss practical techniques for dealing with case and courtroom management issues, unrepresented litigants, and motions.

SUPREME CIVIL & MATRIMONIAL | Welcome to Supreme Civil

Lecture Hall

Hon. Amy C. Martoche, Hon Lisa S. Ottley

This session will provide valuable tips and strategies to assist justices of the Supreme Court, Civil Term in their new role. The speakers will discuss practical techniques for dealing with a wide range of legal actions, case and courtroom management issues, unrepresented litigants, and motions.

SURROGATE'S | Overview of Wills, Trusts and Future Interests

Library

Prof. William P. LaPiana

This session will provide an overview of the law governing the disposition of property under state statutes of succession and by will. This session will also examine the theory and practice of trust law, as well as possessory and future interests.

5:45 - 7:00

Dinner

Tudor Room



In-Person DAY 2

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast	Omni Room
8:30 - 10:00	PLENARY Interactive Evidence Hon. Karen Lupuloff, Hon. Jack Stoller, Prof. Michael Hutter This session will provide a framework for identifying and resolving evidentiary issues judges frequently encounter. Using hypotheticals, judges will learn how to rule on common objections.	Lecture Hall
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
	Breakout Sessions:	
10:15 - 11:15	CRIMINAL Search Warrants Hon. Dineen A. Riviezzo, Hon. JaHarr Pridgen This session will address the requirements for search warrant applications, including “no knock” and nighttime warrants, questioning confidential informants, the “staleness” doctrine and searches of cell phones and other devices.	O-101
	FAMILY Case Management Hon. Erik Pitchal, Hon. Conrad Singer Given the high volume of family court cases, this session will provide practical tips for fair and efficient case management.	O-G01
	MATRIMONIAL Welcome and Overview Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine The Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters, will meet with judges to provide an introduction and general overview of what to expect when presiding over matrimonial actions.	Jl-305
	SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL, HOUSING & SURROGATE’S NY Civil Practice and Procedure - Part 1 Hon. Tracy Catapano-Fox, Hon. James P. Murphy, Burt N. Lipshie, Esq. This session will provide an overview of the Civil Practice Law and Rules (CPLR) and fundamental civil practice principles judges frequently encounter.	Lecture Hall
11:15 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 1:15	CRIMINAL Facial Sufficiency Hon. Efrain Alvarado (Ret.) Judges will define the different types of accusatory instruments, outline the technical requirements for an instrument to be legally sufficient under the Criminal Procedure Law, and develop a methodology for analyzing motions to dismiss for facial insufficiency.	O-101



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Tuesday, January 9, 2024

FAMILY | FCA Article 10 - Part 1

O-G01

Hon. Alicea Elloras-Ally, Hon. Erik Pitchal, Hon. Keri Savona

The purpose of Article 10 of the Family Court Act is to provide due process for determining when a court can intervene to safeguard the physical, mental and emotional well-being of children. Judges will outline the steps in Article 10 proceedings from initial filing of the petition through disposition. Judges will also discuss the significant impact these matters can have on the lives of the families involved.

MATRIMONIAL | Mandatory Conferences

JI-305

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Hon. Cheryl Joseph

Preliminary, compliance and pre-trial conferences present opportunities for judges to create a case timeline, ensure parties act in accordance with the law and the court's instructions, and identify issues that can be settled or resolved by stipulation. In this session, judges will discuss how to be purposeful, meaningful and efficient when conducting each of these conferences.

SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL,
HOUSING & SURROGATE'S | NY Civil Practice and Procedure - Part 2
Hon. Tracy Catapano-Fox, Hon. James P. Murphy, Burt N. Lipshie, Esq.

Lecture Hall

1:15 - 2:15

Lunch

Omni Room

2:15 - 3:45

CRIMINAL | Conducting Arraignments

O-101

Hon. Keshia Espinal, Hon. Carrie Phillips

This session will address the various aspects of conducting an arraignment including which notices must be served, considerations when issuing temporary orders of protection, and the overall management of an arraignment calendar.

FAMILY | FCA Article 10 - Part 2

O-G01

Hon. Alicea Elloras-Ally, Hon. Erik Pitchal, Hon. Keri Savona

MATRIMONIAL | Child Support & Maintenance

JI-305

Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Hon. Keri Fiore

This session will cover both the calculation, modification, and enforcement of child support, as well as the laws that govern spousal maintenance.

SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL,
HOUSING & SURROGATE'S | NY Civil Practice and Procedure - Part 3
Hon. Tracy Catapano-Fox, Hon. James P. Murphy, Burt N. Lipshie, Esq.

Lecture Hall

3:45 - 4:00

Break



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Tuesday, January 9, 2024

4:00 - 5:00	<p>CRIMINAL Grand Jury Hon. Efrain Alvarado (Ret.) This session will introduce judges to the principles of grand jury practice including the powers and duties of the grand jury, the standard for determining sufficiency, a defendant's right to testify and confidentiality.</p>	O-101
	<p>FAMILY Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), U-Visas & Immigration Hon. Alison M. Hamanjian, Prof. Theo S. Liebmann This session will provide an overview of SIJS law and provide practical tips for family court judges handling these cases.</p>	O-G01
	<p>MATRIMONIAL The Forensic Evaluator and the Attorney for the Child: A Two-Part Discussion Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine (Moderator), Hon. Rachel Adams, Hon. Michael Katz, Sherill R. Sigalow, Ph.D. The panel will explore the use of Attorneys for the Child and forensic evaluators in custody determinations. Panelists will discuss the role and appointment of an AFC as well as the role of evaluators and the extent to which a judge may rely on evaluations when engaging in a best interest analysis.</p>	JI-305
	<p>SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL, HOUSING & SURROGATE'S Conferencing and Settling Cases Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas, Hon. Llinét M. Rosado This session will provide techniques judges can readily use to move cases toward resolution. Following an examination of the various approaches and strategies used for negotiating and fostering settlement, the judges will participate in a mock settlement conference.</p>	Lecture Hall
5:30 - 7:00	Dinner	Tudor Room



In-Person DAY 3

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast Omni Room

Breakout Sessions:

Please note the Criminal session times differ from the others this morning.

9:00 - 11:00 CRIMINAL | Taking a Plea and Imposing a Sentence O-101

Hon. Dineen A. Riviezzo, Hon. Kathleen B. Hogan

This session will explore issues that arise when a defendant decides to plead guilty in lieu of having a trial and the judge's obligations and responsibilities when accepting a plea.

9:00 - 10:30 FAMILY | First Do No More Harm: Trauma Informed Judicial Decision Making O-G01

Hon. Erin DeLabio, Hon. Caren Loguercio, Jill Baszczyński, LMSW, Aimee L. Neri, LMSW

Trauma Informed Judicial Decision Making provides a framework for judicial practice using the evidence based approaches of Solution Focused language and Trauma Informed practices. The models are complimentary and promote the goals of improving outcomes, enforcing accountability and reducing recidivism rates in Family Court while allowing jurists to maintain ethical standards of practice and role specific responsibilities. This seminar will provide a brief foundation of how trauma impacts cognitive functioning and behavior; share an overview of the Trauma Informed Care and Solution Focused Strategies Models, highlight the necessity of judicial wellness and provide concrete strategies to put into practice immediately. Trauma Informed practices will never hurt AND it can always help.

MATRIMONIAL | Evidence in Matrimonial Actions JI-305

Stephen Gassman, Esq.

In this session, judges discuss fundamental principles of evidence in the context of matrimonial actions.

SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL,
HOUSING & SURROGATE'S | Service of Process
Fundamentals and Mock Traverse Hearing

Hon. William A. Hohausser, Hon. Richard J. Montelione

This session will provide a framework and practical suggestions for efficiently addressing motions claiming service of process was not properly effected and conducting Traverse hearings.

Lecture Hall

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:45 FAMILY | FCA Articles 3 and 7 - Part 1 O-G01

Hon. Richard Rivera, Hon. Peter Passidomo

Individuals 17 and younger who are accused of committing acts that would constitute crimes if they were adults are designated as juvenile delinquents. In this session, judges explore the stages of a juvenile delinquency proceeding and will discuss characteristic youth behaviors, interventions and processes associated with Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) petitions.

MATRIMONIAL | What I Wish I Had Known, Part 1 JI-305

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine (Moderator), Hon. Mary Slisz, Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein,
Hon. La Tia Martin, Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Hon. John B. Gallagher, Hon. Victor Grossman

This session takes the experience of judges who attended new judges last year and combines it with the experience of the supervising matrimonial judges from around the state to address common issues and concerns that arise during the first year of presiding over matrimonial matters.



In-Person DAY 3

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

**SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL,
HOUSING & SURROGATE'S | Default Judgments** Lecture Hall
Hon. Cenceria P. Edwards, Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas
The speakers will provide a step-by-step framework and practical tips for granting default judgments and addressing applications to vacate default judgments.

11:15 - 1:15 **CRIMINAL | Discovery** O-101
Hon. Susan Eagan, Hon. Paul McDonnell
CPL Article 245 governs the sharing of evidence between the prosecution and defense in a criminal case. During this session, judges will discuss the application of Article 245 including the time frames with which both sides must comply, the statutory requirement for automatic discovery and the presumption of openness.

12:00 - 1:15 **FAMILY | FCA Articles 3 and 7 - Part 2** O-G01
Hon. Richard Rivera, Hon. Peter Passidomo

MATRIMONIAL | What I Wish I Had Known, Part 2 JI-305
**Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine (Moderator), Hon. Mary Slisz, Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein,
Hon. La Tia Martin, Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Hon. John B. Gallagher, Hon. Victor Grossman**

**NYC CIVIL, CITY & DISTRICT | Consumer Debt and
Name Change Petitions: Substantive Law and Motion Practice - Part 1** O-G02
Hon. Dweynie E. Paul, Hon. Matthew Parker- Raso, Hon. James F. Matthews
Focusing on consumer debt and name change cases, this session will provide judges a framework and practical suggestions for efficiently resolving pre-answer motions to dismiss (CPLR 3211) and summary judgment motions (CPLR 3212).

NYC HOUSING | NYC Housing Court Scenarios JI-205
Hon. Miriam Breier, Hon. John S. Lansden
Using factual scenarios, this session will provide an overview of the legal and practical issues facing NYC Housing Court judges.

SUPREME CIVIL | Serious Injury Threshold - Part 1 Lecture Hall
Hon. Bianka Perez, Hon. Christina L. Ryba, Prof. Michael Hutter
This session will provide an overview of the important considerations regarding the threshold requirement of "serious injury" under Insurance Law §§ 5104(a) and 5102(d) as well as a framework for addressing summary judgment motions in this context. In addition to working through motion papers of an actual case, the judges will learn strategies for conducting settlement conferences in these cases.

**SURROGATE'S | Guardianships (MHL Article 81 vs. SCPA Article 17-A)
and Supported Decision-Making - Part 1** Library
Hon. Kristin Booth Glen (Ret.), Hon. David H. Guy, Hon. Peter J. Kelly
Supported Decision Making (SDM), an alternative to appointing a guardian, provides persons with developmental disabilities individualized supports and services. The speakers will discuss the legal and ethical considerations for guardianship proceedings as well as how to utilize SDM to address the interests of litigants with developmental disabilities.



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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

1:15 - 2:15	Lunch	Omni Room
2:15 - 3:45	CRIMINAL Pre-trial Motions Hon. Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick, Hon. Frances Wang In this session, judges will discuss a mainstay of any criminal courtroom: deciding pre-trial motions. Faculty will cover the rules and requirements governing motions to suppress as well as other common types of pre-trial motions.	O-101
	FAMILY Custody & Visitation Matters in Family Court Hon. Anne Marie Jolly, Hon. Stacey Romeo In this session, the panelists will discuss custody and parental access cases and how the application of the “best interests standard” is applied to actual cases.	O-G01
	MATRIMONIAL Equitable Distribution Hon. La Tia Martin, Elena Karabatos Esq., Rosalia Baiamonte, Esq. This session will cover the statutes, rules and case law governing equitable distribution of property in matrimonial actions.	JI-305
	NYC CIVIL, CITY & DISTRICT Consumer Debt and Name Change Petitions: Substantive Law and Motion Practice - Part 2 Hon. Dweynie E. Paul, Hon. Matthew Parker- Raso, Hon. James F. Matthews	O-G02
	NYC HOUSING Non-Eviction Cases: Housing Part and Harassment Actions Hon. Daniele L. China, Hon. Shorab Ibrahim This session will provide a framework for addressing Housing Part (HP) actions, e.g., tenant-initiated actions, and harassment actions.	JI-205
	SUPREME CIVIL Serious Injury Threshold - Part 2 Hon. Bianka Perez, Hon. Christina L. Ryba, Prof. Michael Hutter	Lecture Hall
	SURROGATE’S Guardianships (MHL Article 81 vs. SCPA Article 17-A) and Supported Decision-Making - Part 2 Hon. Kristin Booth Glen (Ret.), Hon. David H. Guy, Hon. Peter J. Kelly	Library
3:45 - 4:00	Break	



In-Person DAY 3

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

4:00 - 5:00	CRIMINAL Right to a Speedy Trial Hon. Eric Sachs In New York, a defendant's right to a speedy trial derives from both the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 30.30 of the Criminal Procedure Law. This session will focus on the mechanics of "30.30" and will provide a framework for deciding motions in which a defendant alleges the right to a speedy trial has been violated.	O-101
	FAMILY Hearing the Youth Voice Hon. Anne Marie Jolly (Moderator), Dr. Alexandria Connally, Kiki Jimenez, Jose Perez, Melanie Thompson This session will offer a view of the child welfare, juvenile justice and mental health systems through the lens of lived experience experts. There are countless benefits concerning magnifying youth voice and informed choice, and having lived experience experts work with those currently involved with youth serving systems, including youth guided and driven policy, planning, program evaluation and development. By uplifting youth voice and informed choice, lived experience experts work together with experienced professionals to create better outcomes for children, youth and families resulting in fortifying robust and safe communities of resilience.	O-G01
	MATRIMONIAL Equitable Distribution and Discovery Hon. La Tia Martin, Elena Karabatos Esq., Rosalia Baiamonte, Esq. Judges will discuss discovery obligations and considerations with regard to the division of marital assets during a divorce.	JI-305
	SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL, HOUSING & SURROGATE'S Decision Writing Hon. Mark C. Dillon This session will provide an analytical framework for organizing, preparing, and delivering written decisions that are clear, concise, and credible.	Lecture Hall
5:30 - 7:00	Dinner	Tudor Room



In-Person DAY 4

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast	Omni Room
	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i>	
9:00 - 10:30	CRIMINAL Pre-Trial Hearings Hon. Efrain Alvarado (Ret.), Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres This presentation will cover the substantive and procedural requirements for suppression and other common pre-trial hearings. Judges will leave this session with a framework for conducting these hearings and issuing the court's decision on the issues raised.	O-101
	FAMILY FCA Articles 4 and 5 Hon. Gregory Gliedman, Thomas Gordon, Esq. This session will cover child support calculations under CSSA, legal standards governing modifications, COLA adjustments, enforcement and willfulness hearings. The session will also provide a basic overview of paternity proceedings and defenses.	O-G01
	MATRIMONIAL Presiding Over Matrimonial Trials Hon. Jeffrey Sunshine, Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein, Hon. Mary Slisz This session will provide judges with practical guidance for managing hearings and trials in matrimonial matters.	JI-305
	NYC CIVIL, CITY & DISTRICT Small Claims Proceedings Hon. Gerald Lebovits This session will provide an overview of the substantive and procedural law applicable to Small Claims Court and practical guidance for presiding over Small Claims cases.	O-G02
	NYC HOUSING NYC Housing Court Motions Hon. Diane E. Lutwak, Hon. Julie Poley This session will provide new judges a framework and practical suggestions for efficiently resolving motions frequently seen in New York City Housing Court.	JI-205
	SUPREME CIVIL Construction Accident Litigation: Labor Law §§ 200, 240(1), 241(6) Hon. Debra Silber, Brian J. Shoot, Esq. The speakers will provide an overview of Labor Law §§ 200, 240(1), and 241(6), and will also provide a framework for presiding over these cases, including deciding motions.	Lecture Hall
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 11:45	CITY & DISTRICT Landlord-Tenant Law and Practice - Part 1 Hon. Stephen L. Ukeiley This session will provide an overview of the substantive and procedural law applicable to summary proceedings in landlord-tenant cases. The speaker will discuss practical ways to address issues that arise frequently during appearances, settlement conferences, hearings, and trials.	JI-305



In-Person DAY 4

Thursday, January 11, 2024

CRIMINAL | Presiding Over a Criminal Trial, Part 1 O-101

Hon. Gary C. Hobbs, Hon. Meredith Vacca, Hon. Kerry Ward

During this session judges will discuss topics including managing jury selection, instruction and deliberation; taking evidence and testimony; and ensuring fair and efficient trials that are free from reversible error.

FAMILY & MATRIMONIAL | In Camera Interviews in Custody/Visitation Proceedings - Part 1 O-G01

Hon. Ellen Gesmer, Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Hon. Richard Rivera,
Goetz L. Vilsaint Esq., Tammi D. Pere, Esq., Zenith Taylor, Esq., Lee Rosenberg, Esq.

Utilizing an in-camera demonstration and debriefing, this session is aimed at engaging judges in an assessment of the effectiveness of questions and techniques designed to gather relevant information when interviewing children.

NYC CIVIL, CITY & DISTRICT | Commercial Landlord-Tenant Law O-G02

Hon. Gerald Lebovits

This session will cover procedures and pleadings in holdover proceedings, nonpayment proceedings, and illegal-lockout proceedings.

NYC HOUSING | Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) JI-205

Hon. John S. Lansden, Hon. Diane E. Lutwak

This session will provide an overview of ERAP, examining, eligibility criteria, documents/information required, conditions agreed to by landlords when ERAP funds are received, and court decisions that address lifting the automatic ERAP stay.

SUPREME CIVIL | Foreclosure Proceedings - Part 1 Lecture Hall

Hon. Doris M. Gonzalez, Hon. Cassandra A. Johnson, Steven J. Helfont, Esq.

This session will provide an overview of the foreclosure process and the attendant issues judges frequently encounter in court. The speakers will provide an analytical framework for addressing and deciding motions for summary judgment in foreclosure cases.

11:45 - 12:00 Break

12:00 - 1:15 CITY & DISTRICT | Landlord-Tenant Law and Practice - Part 2 JI-305

Hon. Stephen L. Ukeiley

CRIMINAL | Presiding Over a Criminal Trial - Part 2 O-101

Hon. Gary C. Hobbs, Hon. Meredith Vacca, Hon. Kerry Ward

FAMILY & MATRIMONIAL | In Camera Interviews
in Custody/Visitation Proceedings - Part 2 O-G01

Hon. Ellen Gesmer, Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Hon. Richard Rivera,
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In-Person DAY 4

Thursday, January 11, 2024

NYC CIVIL | Infant Compromise Proceedings in Civil Court: What to Know and Expect

O-G02

Hon. Matthew Parker-Raso

This session will provide an analytical framework for managing an infant's compromise proceeding. The speaker will discuss: (1) the rules and statutes applicable to this proceeding, (2) reviewing the petition (or motion if the matter is pending), including the documents required to be submitted in this proceeding, (3) holding the hearing, and (4) post-hearing and order applications for the release of funds.

NYC HOUSING | Illegal Lock-Out Proceedings

Jl-205

Hon. Clifton A. Nembhard, Hon. Enedina P. Sanchez

This session will provide an analytical framework for managing illegal lock-out proceedings and determining whether/when restoration to possession is appropriate.

SUPREME CIVIL | Foreclosure Proceedings - Part 2

Lecture Hall

Hon. Doris M. Gonzalez, Hon. Cassandra A. Johnson, Steven J. Helfont, Esq.

1:15 - 2:15

Lunch

Omni Room

2:15 - 3:30

CRIMINAL | Violating a Plea Agreement: Implications, Penalties and Remedies

O-101

Hon. Philip Goglas

Once a plea is entered pursuant to a plea agreement, the parties are bound by the agreement and failure to comply with its terms constitutes a breach. What a judge should do when there is a question about whether a breach has occurred and what remedies, if any, are appropriate are the focus of this session.

FAMILY | Ex Parte Applications in Family Court

O-G01

Hon. Wayne Humphrey, Lisa Aschkenasy, Esq., Allison E. Burke, Esq

This session will provide practical tips for judges handling ex-parte emergency applications.

MATRIMONIAL | Multi-jurisdictional and Multi-hatter Courts

Jl-305

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Hon. Stephen Cass

The objective of this session is to provide an introduction and general overview of what to expect when presiding over matrimonial actions for those judges who do not have a dedicated matrimonial part. Judges currently presiding over diverse calendars will offer practical advice and suggestions for managing a mixed caseload.

SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL, HOUSING & SURROGATE'S | Fiduciary Appointments

Lecture Hall

Meredith R. Jones, Esq; Brian Balmes

This session will provide an overview of the fiduciary appointment process as well as judges' duties and obligations under Parts 26 and 36 of the Rules of the Chief Judge. The speakers will emphasize the great care a judge must take in making a fiduciary appointment.



DAY 4

Thursday, January 11, 2024

3:45 - 5:15	<p>PLENARY Recognizing and Dealing with Cases Involving Claims of Domestic Violence</p> <p>Hon. Tamiko Amaker, Hon. Andrew A. Crecca, Hon. Audrey E. Stone, Sheila A. Schwanenkamp, Esq., Sylvia Lederman, Esq.</p> <p>The discussion of domestic violence in this session is intended to educate judges about the dynamics of abuse in intimate partner relationships. Judges will examine the significance of these principles to cases involving claims of domestic violence.</p>	Lecture Hall
5:30 - 7:00	Dinner	Tudor Room



In-Person DAY 5

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast	Omni Room
9:00 - 10:30	CRIMINAL DUI Hon. Joseph McCormack, Hon. Jessica Segal In this session, the speakers will cover all aspects of presiding over DUI and DWI cases from arraignment through disposition.	O-101
	FAMILY FCA Article 8 - Domestic Violence Considerations Cindy J. Kanusher, Esq. (Moderator), Hon. Andrew Crecca, Patti Reyes D'Agostino, Anna Maria Diamante, Esq., Sheila Schwanenkamp, Esq. This session will provide an overview of FCA Article 8, including orders of protection, burden of proof, the judicial guide to risk and lethality factors, and will discuss the impact of domestic violence on children among other issues.	O-G01
	MATRIMONIAL Custody and Visitation Hon. Bruce Wagner (Ret.) In this session, the presenter will discuss custody and parental access cases and how the "best interests standard" is applied to actual cases.	JI-305
	NYC HOUSING, CITY & DISTRICT Managing Landlord-Tenant Trials - Part 1 Hon. Maija Dixon, Hon. William Hohausser, Hon. Kisha L. Miller, Hon. Julie Poley, Hon. Remy Smith, Hon. Jack Stoller This highly interactive session will provide a framework for presiding over landlord-tenant trials. Tips and best practices for managing all aspects of the trial will be discussed throughout the session.	O-G02
	SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL Presiding Over Civil Trials - Part 1 Hon. Erika Edwards, Hon. Gregory Gilbert, Hon. Walter Rivera, Hon. Saliann Scarpulla, Hon. Leonard Steinman, Anthony Pirrotti, Jr. Esq. This session will provide an overview of key stages of a civil trial and issues that may arise during each of those stages including, pre-trial matters, jury selection, motions in limine, managing evidence, charge conferences, verdict sheets, and protecting the record.	Lecture Hall
	SURROGATE'S The Surrogate's Court Program - Part 1 Hon. Stephen W. Cass, Hon. Peter J. Kelly, Hon. Acea M. Mosey This session will provide an overview of the role of the Surrogate, including the relationship between the court and the Public Administrator, and the myriad legal and practical issues that arise in Surrogate's Court.	Library
10:30 - 10:45	Break	



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10:45 - 11:45	CRIMINAL Putting it into Practice Hon. Joseph McCormack, Hon. Jessica Segal Judges will work through factual scenarios to practice applying the concepts and principles addressed throughout the week.	O-101
	FAMILY Role of the AFC in Family Court Hon. Dean Kusakabe (Moderator), Judith Gerber, Esq., Dawne A. Mitchell, Esq., Hal Silverman, Esq. This session will present an overview of the role of the AFC in family court cases from the perspective of panel and agency AFCs.	O-G01
	MATRIMONIAL Contempt Hon. Mark Cohen (Ret.) This session will outline the definition and essential elements for a contempt of court finding.	Jl-305
	NYC HOUSING, CITY & DISTRICT Managing Landlord-Tenant Trials - Part 2 Hon. Maija Dixon, Hon. William Hohausser, Hon. Kisha L. Miller, Hon. Julie Poley, Hon. Remy Smith, Hon. Jack Stoller	O-G02
	SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL Presiding Over Civil Trials - Part 2 Hon. Erika Edwards, Hon. Gregory Gilbert, Hon. Walter Rivera, Hon. Saliann Scarpulla, Hon. Leonard Steinman, Anthony Pirrotti, Jr. Esq.	Lecture Hall
	SURROGATE'S The Surrogate's Court Program - Part 2 Hon. Stephen W. Cass, Hon. Peter J. Kelly, Hon. Acea M. Mosey	Library
11:45 - 12:00	Break	
12:00 - 1:15	CRIMINAL Getting to Know New York's Sentencing Laws Jarrod Sanford, Esq. The objective of this session is to familiarize new judges with statutory sentencing guidelines. Judges will define and discuss key concepts and terminology and will identify the most common sentencing errors.	O-101
	FAMILY Family Court Matters & The Impact of Education Advocacy Hon. Ronald Richter (Ret.), Judith Gerber, Esq., Jackie Boissonault, LMSW A practical guide to the interplay between education and child welfare law and its implications for family court proceedings and outcomes. This session will introduce judges to the federal and state laws and guidance regarding such topics as school attendance, school stability for children placed in out-of-home care or in unstable housing, and access to special education programs and services.	O-G01



DAY 5

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MATRIMONIAL | Tax Implications of Divorce: What Judges Need to Know JI-305
Hon. Victor Grossman, Mike Raymond, Esq.
This session will address the tax consequences in the context of the personal assets of divorcing parties as well as those considerations related to divorcing business owners.

NYC HOUSING, CITY & DISTRICT | Managing Landlord-Tenant Trials - Part 3 O-G02
**Hon. Maija Dixon, Hon. William Hohausser, Hon. Kisha L. Miller,
Hon. Julie Poley, Hon. Remy Smith, Hon. Jack Stoller**

**SUPREME CIVIL, CITY, DISTRICT,
NYC CIVIL | Presiding Over Civil Trials - Part 3** Lecture Hall
**Hon. Erika Edwards, Hon. Gregory Gilbert, Hon. Walter Rivera,
Hon. Saliann Scarpulla, Hon. Leonard Steinman, Anthony Pirrotti, Jr. Esq.**

SURROGATE'S | The Surrogate's Court Program - Part 3 Library
Hon. Stephen W. Cass, Hon. Peter J. Kelly, Hon. Acea M. Mosey

1:15 - 2:30

Working Lunch

**CRIMINAL | Wrongful Convictions: Things New Judges Should Know
at the Start of Their Judicial Career** O-101
**Hon. Adam D. Perlmutter (Moderator), Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Barry C. Scheck, Esq.,
Hon. Dr. Yusef Salaam, Prof. Martin Tankleff, Esq., Earl Walters, Antonio Yarbough**
This session will provide an overview of New York exonerations, how wrongful convictions occur, and the role of the New York State Justice Task Force in eliminating wrongful convictions. In addition, several exonerees will discuss the circumstances of their wrongful convictions.

**SUPREME CIVIL, CITY & DISTRICT, NYC CIVIL, HOUSING, FAMILY,
MATRIMONIAL & SURROGATE'S | Alternate Dispute Resolution** Lecture Hall
**Lisa M. Courtney, Esq. (Moderator), Hon. Acea M. Mosey,
Hon. Gary A. Rosa, Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Kamella English, Esq.**
This session will provide an overview of the forms of ADR in New York State trial courts and Court-Connected ADR programs.



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