The Historical Society *of the* New York Courts

2013 GALA DINNER

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New York State Court of Appeals Women Jurists

Judith S. Kaye ◆ Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick

Victoria A. Graffeo ◆ Susan Phillips Read ◆ Jenny Rivera

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The Historical Society *of the* New York Courts

The Society was launched in 2002 as a not-for-profit organization with the mission of preserving the legal history of the State of New York. It seeks to educate students and foster scholarly understanding and public appreciation of the rich legacy of the New York courts and the legal profession.

Annual Series & Occasional Lectures

The Society holds lectures each year at the New York City Bar as well as other forums across the State. The programs feature guest lecturers who are prominent lawyers, jurists and scholars, experts in their fields.

2003
- The Framing of the Constitution: New York's Role

2004
- Chancellor James Kent and the Origins of Law Reporting and Legal Education

2005
- David Dudley Field and the Code Concept
- An Empire of Reason — The History of Federalism in America

2006
- The Scales of Justice: A Reargument of Palsgraf v. Long Island R.R. Co.
- Frontier Justice: Western New York Blazes a Trail on the Underground Railroad and Down the Erie Canal. (Buffalo, New York)
- Encore Presentation of The Scales of Justice: A Reargument of Palsgraf v. Long Island R.R. Co. (White Plains, New York)

2007
- The New York Court of Appeals: A Biographical, Pictorial, Jurisprudential History with Dramatic Readings
- Encore Presentation of The Scales of Justice: A Reargument of Palsgraf v. Long Island R.R. Co. (Nassau County Bar Association)
- Inaugural Stephen R. Kaye Memorial Program *Alexander Hamilton: The Anchoring of American Law*

2008
- Courtrooms and Courthouses: What do they say? How do they say it?
- Inaugural Society Gala: 80th Anniversary of the New York County Courthouse & 40th Anniversary of the Hon. Norman Goodman, County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court
- Stephen R. Kaye Memorial Program 2008 *The Founding of the Republic: Has History Given New York its Due?*
- Ladies of Legend: The First Generation of American Women Attorneys, a joint program with the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society

2009
- 2009 Society Gala: Honoring the Legacy of Judith S. Kaye
- Stephen R. Kaye Memorial Program 2009 *Before New York There Was New Netherland: Our Dutch Heritage 1609 - 2009*

2010
- 2010 Society Gala: Honoring Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman
- Law, Justice & the Holocaust: Lessons for the Courts Today
- Stephen R. Kaye Memorial Program 2010 *Robert H. Jackson: Lawyer, Justice, Nuremberger...New Yorker*

2011
- 2011 Society Gala: Honoring Roy L. Reardon
- Nominated From New York: The Empire State's Contribution to the Supreme Court Bench *John Jay: A Family Affair*
- Stephen R. Kaye Memorial Program 2011 *Lincoln, the Civil War, and Freedom of the Press: New York Divided*

2012
- 2012 Society Gala: Honoring the NYS Bar Association
- Nominated From New York: The Empire State's Contributions to the Supreme Court Bench *Thurgood Marshall: "Mr. Civil Rights"*
- Scales of Justice: *An Evening of Live Music & Copyright Law*
- The Bartlett Commission, Reshaping the Law: *A 50 Year Retrospective and an Enduring Legacy*

2013
- PRO BONO *New York Lawyers and Public Service*

Website

The Society launched its new website in 2013. Its access and tools are cutting edge and user friendly. It includes a virtual library of legal history, education resources, an expanded digital library of images, and links to our social networking sites. www.nycourts.gov/history

New York Court of Appeals Lecture Series

The Society co-sponsors the NYS Court of Appeals lecture series held in Albany. This represents the first time this important building has been open to the public as well as Society members for an educational lecture series.

2006
- NY Times v. Sullivan and its Times: The Press and the Community
- Dreiser's "An American Tragedy:" The Law and the Arts
- The Shape of Justice: Law and Architecture

2007
- Democracy: A lecture by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer
- Geoffrey Canada: The Courts and Children
- Jeffrey Toobin: The Courts and the Media

2008
- David J. Stern: On Courts and Sports
- Owen Pell & Monica Dugot: Stolen Art
- Woodstock: The Music of the First Amendment

2010 • The Hudson: Yesterday & Today

2011 • The Hellhounds of Wall Street

2012 • Shakespeare and the Law

Scholarly Publication

The Society publishes twice yearly ***Judicial Notice***, a literary publication of articles of historical substance and scholarship, including writings by distinguished historians, attorneys and other presenters.

Book Publications

The Society has published the following:

2013 - Opening Statements: Law, Jurisprudence, and the Legacy of Dutch New York. Explores the influence of Dutch law and jurisprudence in colonial America. SUNY Press.

2007 - The Judges of the New York Court of Appeals: A Biographical History edited by Albert M. Rosenblatt with foreword by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, providing a comprehensive guide to 160 years of the legal legacy of the NYS Court of Appeals. Fordham University Press.

2006 - Historic Courthouses of the State of New York: A Study in Postcards by Julia and Albert Rosenblatt., featuring rare postcard images of county courthouses throughout New York State with accompanying text.

2006 - Court of Appeals Lecture Series: Compendium of three lectures comprising the 2006 Court of Appeals Lecture Series

Oral History

The Society is recording the oral histories of prominent retired judges and other legal luminaries of NYS to preserve the living record of their experiences. Transcripts are being made available on the website. We have captured all of the oral histories of the living retired Judges of the NYS Court of Appeals, including those of New York's two Former Chief Judges, Judith S. Kaye and Sol Wachtler. We are also developing the oral histories of members of the New York Bar who stand as legal luminaries.

David A. Garfinkel Essay Contest

The annual David A. Garfield Essay Contest invites CUNY & SUNY community college students from across the State to write an original essay on specified topics of legal history. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners.

2008 • The Courts and Human Rights in NY: The Legacy of the Lemmon Slave Case

2009 • The New Netherland Legal System and the Law of 21st Century New York

2010 • The Evolution of Justice Along the Erie Canal

2011 • The Legal Legacy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire

2012 • The Blue and the Gray: New York During the Civil War

2013 • Cyberspace and the Law: *What Are Our Rights and Responsibilites?*

Education Initiatives

The Society has provided grants to Bard High School Early College, a public school with campuses in Manhattan and Queens, to develop classroom curriculum and to teach its students about the role of the courts in a civil society...how to administer justice and preserve the rule of law. It is designed to reach a diverse population of New York City public students in middle and high schools. ■

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NYS CHIEF JUDGE JONATHAN LIPPMAN

VIDEO PRESENTATION

CLOSING REMARKS

Judith S. Kaye

Associate Judge 1983-1993, Chief Judge 1993-2008

Judith S. Kaye joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as Of Counsel in February 2009. Before joining the firm, for 25 years, three months and 19 days, she served on the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, having been appointed in 1983 by Governor Mario M. Cuomo as an Associate Judge and then in 1993 as Chief Judge. She was the first woman appointed to the Court, and served as Chief Judge for 15 years.

Before appointment to the bench, Judge Kaye was associated with Sullivan & Cromwell, IBM, and Olwine, Connelly, Chase, O'Donnell & Weyher, where she became that firm's first female partner. Her practice was essentially in the area of commercial litigation, always supplemented by bar association and pro bono activities. She is a 1962 graduate of New York University School of Law (cum laude), a 1958 graduate of Barnard College and a 1954 graduate of Monticello High School (at age 15). She was born and grew up in Monticello, New York.

Judge Kaye wrote notable decisions on a wide array of constitutional, statutory and common law issues. As Chief Judge she also led efforts to improve the jury system, establish a Commercial Division of the State Supreme Court, streamline procedures for permanency for children, and develop "problem-solving courts" to deal constructively with repeat drug offenses, domestic violence and people in need of mental health services. She is the author of more than 200 publications, including articles on legal process, state constitutional law, women in law and professional ethics.

Her current Board service includes Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the American Arbitration Association, The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution ("CPR"), Volunteers of Legal Services, the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Robert Jackson Foundation. She chairs the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. She is a Founder and current Trustee of The Historical Society of the New York Courts.

Judge Kaye has received numerous awards such as the New York State Bar Association's Gold Medal, the ABA Justice Center's John Marshall Award, the National Center for State Courts' William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Adoption Excellence Award. ■

Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick

Associate Judge 1994-2012

Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick was born in New York City on New Year's Day in 1942. Reared in the Washington Heights community of New York, she received her under graduate degree from Hunter College and, in 1967, was awarded a J.D. degree from St. John's University School of Law. A staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society from 1967 to 1969, she left that position to assume the responsibilities of Assistant Counsel for the Judicial Conference of the State of New York (the predecessor to the Office of Court Administration). In 1972, she was designated Chief Law Assistant of the Criminal Court of the City of New York and, in 1974, was named Counsel to the New York City Administrative Judge.

In 1978, Mayor Edward I. Koch appointed Judge Ciparick a Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York. In 1982, she was elected a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court. On December 1, 1993, Governor Mario M. Cuomo, announced the nomination of then Justice Ciparick for appointment to the NYS Court of Appeals as the Court's first Hispanic member. The nomination was confirmed by the New York State Senate, and on January 4, 1994, she took office. She was re-appointed by Governor Eliot Spitzer in November 2007 to serve until December 2012. She retired from the Court in December, 2012 and is now "Of Counsel" to the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

Judge Ciparick was a member of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct from 1985 through 1993 and is a past chair of the New York State-Federal Judicial Council. She is also a member of the New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law and of the Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York and co-chairs the New York Justice Task force that examines the causes of wrongful convictions. She now also serves as a Board Member of The Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the City Bar Justice Center, has been elected to the Boards of the Office of the Appellate Defender and the National Center for Law and Economic Justice, and recently became a Trustee of The Historical Society of the New York Courts.

Judge Ciparick was married to Joseph Damian Ciparick (now deceased) and is the proud mother of Roseanne and grandmother of Jacob, Joseph and Carla. ■

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Victoria A. Graffeo

Associate Judge 2000-present

Victoria A. Graffeo was born in Rockville Centre, New York but grew up in Lanesboro, Massachusetts and in Schenectady and Guilderland, New York. In 1974 she received her B.A. in Political Science from the State University College at Oneonta, along with a secondary social science teaching certificate. She also attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada. In 1977, she was awarded a J.D. degree from Albany Law School of Union University and was admitted to the New York State bar in 1978.

Judge Graffeo was an associate at a law firm in Colonie, New York, where she engaged in civil and criminal litigation, from 1978-1982. She entered government service in 1982, as assistant counsel to the New York State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. In 1984, she became counsel to Assembly Minority Leader Pro Tempore Kemp Hannon and served as floor counsel to the Assembly Minority conference in the State Legislature. She was appointed Chief Counsel for the Assembly Minority by Minority Leader Clarence D. Rappleyea, Jr. in 1989.

On January 1, 1995 she was appointed by Attorney General Dennis Vacco to serve as Solicitor General and Counsel to the Attorney General. She served in that position until she was appointed, in 1996, by Governor George E. Pataki to fill a vacancy in the State Supreme Court, Third Judicial District. After a highly-contested race, she was elected that November to a full term as Justice of the State Supreme Court. Governor Pataki elevated her to the Appellate Division, Third Department, in March 1998, where she served until her appointment to the New York Court of Appeals on November 29, 2000.

Judge Graffeo has been active in bar activities and civic associations. She is a member of the American Bar Association, and serves on the Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar section; the New York State Bar Association; the Albany County Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, past president of the Capital District Women's Bar Association; and vice-president of the Capital District Italian-American Bar Association. She is a member of the National Alumni Council of Albany Law School, served on the Alumni Board of the State University College at Oneonta and is a member of the Zonta Club of Albany.

In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Graffeo is the Court of Appeals' liaison to the State Board of Law Examiners. In 2012, Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman appointed her chair of the New York State-Federal Judicial Council and co-chair of the Advisory Committee on New York State Pro Bono Bar Admission Requirements for Law Students. She previously served on the Judicial Ethics Commission, the Unified Court System's Committee on Public Access to Court Records and the Judiciary Commission on Interbranch Relations. She is a contributor to the treatise, Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts. ■

Susan Phillips Read

Associate Judge 2003-present

Susan Phillips Read was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, a small town on the banks of the Ohio River, in the heart of Appalachia. As a child, Judge Read developed lifelong passions for classical music, swimming, spectator sports (particularly football) and the New York City Ballet, as regularly featured in those days on network television.

Judge Read pursued her undergraduate studies at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, from which she graduated in 1969. In 1972, Judge Read received her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, where she acquired a taste for legal scholarship. After marrying a devout upstate New Yorker, Judge Read moved to Albany, New York in 1973. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1974.

Judge Read was a staff attorney at the State University of New York from 1974 until 1977, when she left to work for the General Electric Company. She held a series of in-house counsel positions with GE businesses in Schenectady and Waterford, New York; from 1980 until mid-1985, Judge Read was GE's Chief Environmental Counsel nationwide and maintained offices in Schenectady and Fairfield, Connecticut. She departed GE in early 1988 for private practice at the Syracuse-based law firm of Bond, Schoeneck and King, where she was a resident partner in the firm's Albany office. In early 1995, Judge Read left private practice to serve as Deputy Counsel to the Governor in the Pataki Administration.

Governor George E. Pataki nominated Judge Read to the Court of Claims on April 14, 1998, and subsequently designated her the Presiding Judge. On January 6, 2003, Governor Pataki appointed Judge Read as an interim Judge of the Court of Appeals, and on January 8, 2003, he nominated her for a 14-year term as Associate Judge. The New York State Senate confirmed the nomination on January 22, 2003.

Judge Read is a longstanding member of the New York State Bar Association, and a member of the Rensselaer County Bar Association, the New York City Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She has been an active supporter of various arts organizations, including the New York City Ballet and its children's programs in the public schools, the School of American Ballet, Tanglewood and, especially, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, where she currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Judge Read and her husband of 40 years, Howard, reside in West Sand Lake and Saratoga Springs, New York. Judge Read has been a Trustee of The Historical Society of the New York Courts since 2010. ■

Jenny Rivera

Associate Judge 2013

Jenny Rivera was nominated by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and confirmed by the New York State Senate as an Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals in 2013.

From 1997 until her appointment to the bench, she was a faculty member of the City University of New York School of Law. She founded and served as Director of the Law School's Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality (CLORE). She is an elected member of the American Law Institute, former Reporter and member for the American Bar Association's Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities, and has served as a member of the National Board of Bar Examiners Diversity Issues Committee.

She is the author of several articles on civil and women's rights, and her scholarship has been published in legal journals and anthologies.

Prior to joining the CUNY Law School faculty, she worked as a Pro Se Law Clerk in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, a lawyer with the Homeless Family Rights Project of the Legal Aid Society, representing homeless families, and as an Associate Counsel for the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (renamed Latino Justice PRLDEF), a national civil rights organization. During her tenure at PRLDEF, she worked on diverse issues including education, housing, and employment discrimination, equity and testing issues, gender equality issues, and language rights discrimination.

In 1993, she clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, when she served on the Southern District of New York. From 1992 to 1993, she was an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Division for Human Rights, and from 2002 to 2007, she served on the New York City Commission on Human Rights. In 2007, New York State Attorney General Cuomo appointed her Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights. In this position she assisted in the development and implementation of the Attorney General's civil rights agenda, supervised the Civil Rights Bureau and organized and held statewide outreach sessions on civil rights issues.

Judge Rivera is a graduate of Princeton University and received her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was an articles editor for the Annual Survey of American Law, and a Root Tilden Scholar. In 1993, she received her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law, where she concentrated on Constitu-tional and Feminist Theory.

Among her most recent awards and recognitions are the 2013 Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, and the New York State Bar Associations 2012 Diversity Trailblazer Lifetime Achievement Award and 2010 Kay Crawford Murray Award. ■

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