

# THE CHIEF JUDGE'S 2025 HEARING ON CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES IN NEW YORK

Thursday, September 18, 2025 • 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Court of Appeals, Albany

Live Stream: <https://nycourts.gov/ctapps/civil.html>

## PRESENTERS

---

- **Chief Judge Nathan L. Hecht**  
*Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court (Ret.),  
Partner, Jackson Walker, Austin, Texas*
- **Christine M. Fecko, Esq.**  
*Executive Director, IOLA*
- **Nikole Nelson, Esq.**  
*Founding CEO, Frontline Justice*
- **Silvian Duran**  
*Client of Sanctuary for Families*  
**Simone Monasebian, Esq.**  
*Chief Program Officer, Sanctuary for Families*
- **April Frazier Camara, Esq.**  
*President and CEO, National Legal Aide &  
Defender Association*
- **Professor Carl Gershenson**  
*Lab Director, Eviction Lab, Princeton University*
- **Christopher Foxx**  
*Client of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley*  
**Rachel Chazin Halperin, Esq.**  
*CEO, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley*
- **Adam Nielsen**  
*Client of Empire Justice Center*  
**Kristin Brown, Esq.**  
*President and CEO, Empire Justice Center*
- **Matthew Adinolfi**  
*Client of The Legal Aid Society*  
**Adriene Holder, Esq.**  
*Chief Attorney, Civil Practice, The Legal Aid Society*
- **Marisol Estrada Cruz, Esq.**  
*on behalf of Client of Volunteer Lawyers Project of  
Central New York, Inc.*  
**Sal Curran, Esq.**  
*Executive Director, Volunteer Lawyers Project of  
Central New York, Inc.*
- **Eve A. Stotland, Esq.**  
*Program Director, The New York Community Trust*
- **Neil Steinkamp**  
*Managing Director, Stout Risius Ross, LLC (Stout)*

---

The Hearing will be recorded and published on the NYS Permanent Commission on Access to Justice's website: [nycourts.gov/accesstojusticecommission](https://nycourts.gov/accesstojusticecommission).