



*Furthering Justice Through Education*

## AGENDA 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



**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



# DAY 1

8:00 am - 9:25 am	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; BREAKFAST</b>	Garden Terrace
9:30 am - 10:00 am	<p><b>PLENARY</b></p> <p><b>Welcome &amp; Address</b></p> <p><i>Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Dean, New York State Judicial Institute</i></p> <p><b>Remarks</b></p> <p><i>Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the State of New York</i></p> <p><i>Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York</i></p> <p><i>Hon. Norman St. George, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York</i></p>	Grand Ballroom
10:00 am - 10:20 am	<b>Reconnect with Leadership and Colleagues</b>	
10:20 am - 11:35 am	<p><b>CIVIL   FAMILY   LANDLORD &amp; TENANT   MATRIMONIAL   SURROGATE'S ADR Initiative Panel</b></p> <p><i>Lisa M. Courtney, Esq., Director, Division of ADR, OCA (Moderator)</i></p> <p><i>Hon. Norman St. George, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge</i></p> <p><i>Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge</i></p> <p><i>Hon. James P. Murphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge</i></p> <p><i>Hon. Doris M. Gonzalez, Judicial Co-Chair of the Statewide Advisory Committee on ADR</i></p> <p><i>Hon. Joseph E. Lamendola, Judicial Co-Chair of the Statewide Advisory Committee on ADR</i></p> <p>This panel will provide an update on the statewide ADR initiative, including the new Division of ADR, Part 160 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge, roll out of local plans and rules, and goals for the Statewide Advisory Committee on ADR</p>	Grand Ballroom
	<p><b>CRIMINAL</b></p> <p><b><u>A Wholistic Approach to Sentencing</u></b></p> <p><i>Hon. Michael Yavinsky (Moderator),</i></p> <p><i>Hon. Meryl Berkowitz, Hon. Matthew Doran &amp; Hon. Amy C. Martoche</i></p> <p>This session goes beyond the sentencing guidelines delineated in the penal law. A panel of senior trial judges will discuss the factors they consider in determining an appropriate sentence, whether research plays a role and to what extent, the mechanics and language used when pronouncing a sentence and how experience has shaped their view of the “art” of sentencing.</p>	Tarrytown Ballroom
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	<p><b>PLENARY</b></p> <p><b><u>Overcoming the Gender Credibility Gap in its Many Guises</u></b></p> <p><i>Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, Hon. Matthew J. D'Emic &amp; Judith E. White, Esq.</i></p> <p>This session will explore the “gender credibility gap” and how it can appear in the courts. Panelists will use vignettes to foster discussion about perceptions of credibility based on gender as well as how and when judges should address concerns with staff, counsel, witnesses, and juries.</p>	Grand Ballroom



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12:45 pm - 1:40 pm	<b>WORKING LUNCH</b> <i>Presentation by DeleteMe on Judicial Security</i>	Grand Ballroom
1:45 pm - 2:15 pm	<b>PLENARY</b> <b>Remarks from the DCAJs</b> <i>Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts</i> <i>Hon. James P. Murphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the Courts Outside NYC</i> <i>Hon. Edwina G. Richardson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives</i>	Grand Ballroom
2:20 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>PLENARY</b> <b><u>Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative:</u></b> <b><u>Behavioral Health Knowledge for All Judges</u></b> <i>Hon. Toko Serita, Hon. Marcia Hirsch, Hon. Juan M. Merchan &amp; Merrill R. Rotter, M.D.</i> This session will provide an overview of common mental health and substance use disorders judges encounter in the courtroom. Utilizing an interactive format, the speakers will present strategies for cases involving persons with mental health issues and discuss skills to help increase positive outcomes. Systemic issues related to mental health and substance use will be examined, including access to care, receiving the right level of care and intervention, equity, and evidence-based practices. An overview of approaches to improve a court system's responses to people with mental health conditions will be discussed.	Grand Ballroom
3:55 pm - 5:40 pm	<b>PLENARY</b> <b><u>The Legal and Ethical Implications of AI and GAI:</u></b> <b><u>What's in it for Judges?</u></b> <i>Hon. Timothy S. Driscoll, Hon. Ronald J. Hedges (Ret.) &amp; Dorothy R. Auth, Esq., Ph.D.</i> This session will provide an overview of artificial intelligence (AI) and generative AI (GAI). The speakers will discuss, among other topics, the nature of GAI and how it can be used, causes of action that might arise from GAI, discovery issues concerning GAI (i.e., what might be requested and produced, admissibility issues), how judges are addressing GAI, ethical implications of GAI use, and relevant legislation and legislative proposals.	Grand Ballroom
5:45 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>PLENARY</b> <b><u>UCS Advisory Groups</u></b> <i>Jordan Dressler, Esq.</i> This program will provide a brief introduction and overview of the Unified Court System's Advisory Groups, which provide input and guidance to judicial leadership and the Office of Court Administration on critical issues impacting the administration of justice in NYS courts.	Grand Ballroom
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	<b>DINNER RECEPTION</b>	Garden Terrace



## DAY 2

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. This class is designed for those new to yoga as well experienced practitioners.

7:45 am - 8:45 am **BREAKFAST** Garden Terrace

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Breakout Sessions:**

**FAMILY & MATRIMONIAL** Westchester Ballroom

**Evidence Practicum for Family and Matrimonial Judges**

*Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Hon. Richard Rivera & Stephen Gassman, Esq.*

This interactive hypo-driven session will address common (and not-so-common) evidentiary issues judges see in family court and matrimonial cases. Following each scenario, the faculty will facilitate discussion about the applicable evidentiary rules and concepts.

**CRIMINAL**

Grand Ballroom A-D

**Bail Data and Research**

*Karen Kane, Carolyn Cadoret, Jennifer Weintraub, Michael Rempel & René Ropac*

This session will focus on the online data sets and dashboards containing information about pretrial services and pretrial release across New York State that are assembled and maintained by the Office of Court Research.

**Part 1 - Bail Data at Your Fingertips:**

**What is it and how can you use it?**

In Part I, Karen Kane, Carolyn Cadoret and Dr. Weintraub will share examples from the Pretrial Release Data Dashboard and will familiarize judges with the bail data and research that are available as well as how that information can (and cannot) be utilized.

**Part 2 - Bail Reform, Public Safety, and Failure to Appear  
in New York: What do we know?**

In Part two, Michael Rempel and René Ropac will highlight what research has shown regarding the overall impact of bail reform on recidivism as well as variations between respective subgroups. The presenters will also review the major findings from a study released in June regarding current failure to appear (FTA) rates throughout the State, and the charge, criminal history, and demographic factors that do (and do not) signal a higher likelihood of FTA.

**SUPREME & LOCAL CIVIL**

Grand Ballroom E-H

**Pleadings Update & Discussion**

*Hon. Henry Nowak & Anthony Pirrotti, Jr., Esq.*

This session will provide a legal update on pleadings. The speakers will discuss 2023-2024 trial and appellate decisions and legislative developments affecting this area of the law.



## DAY 2

9:00 am - 10:00 am

### **SURROGATE'S**

Sleepy Hollow

#### **Latest New York Appellate Decisions Reviewing Surrogate's Courts Determinations**

*Andrew L. Martin, Esq.*

Using the holdings of opinions rendered by the Court of Appeals and the four Appellate Divisions in the last three years, the speaker will discuss pitfalls to avoid in Surrogate's Courts determinations.

### **LANDLORD & TENANT**

Tarrytown Salon 1-2

#### **RPAPL 746 and Settlement of Cases**

*Hon. William Hohausser, Hon. Sergio Jimenez & Hon. Christel F. Garland*

In 2022, the legislature amended RPAPL 746 to impose strict requirements on the way that judges allocate stipulations settling summary proceedings with pro se litigants. This session provides a framework to assist judges in navigating this new law and best practices for settling summary proceedings.

### **YOUTH & EMERGING ADULT JUSTICE**

Tarrytown Salon 3-4

#### **Raise the Age: Evolving Case Law and Statutory Amendments**

*Hon. Joan S. Kohout (Ret.) & Janet Fink, Esq.*

This session will provide an overview and analysis of statewide Raise the Age-related decisions and trends. The presenters will also discuss key statutory amendments and pending legislation.

10:15 am - 11:15 pm

### **Breakout Sessions:**

### **FAMILY & MATRIMONIAL**

Westchester Ballroom

#### **Evidence Practicum for Family and Matrimonial Judges - Part 2**

*Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Hon. Richard Rivera & Stephen Gassman, Esq.*

Continued.

### **CRIMINAL**

Grand Ballroom A-D

#### **Bail Unseen: How Administering New York's Bail Statute Impacts Calendar Management and Judicial Efficiency**

*Hon. Tamiko Amaker, Hon. Phillip Dabney, Jr., Hon. Carrie Phillips,*

*Hon. Ann Thompson & Hon. Marisol Martinez-Alonso*

From excessively long records to adhering to *Roundtree*, the implementation of bail reform has had an impact on the day-to-day operations and efficiency of criminal proceedings throughout the state. In this session, a panel of judges will look at some of the practical considerations that go hand-in-hand with making determinations regarding pre-trial release.



## DAY 2

### **SUPREME & LOCAL CIVIL**

**Grand Ballroom E-H**

#### **Trial Practice Update & Discussion**

*Hon. Milton A. Tingling (Ret.) & Anthony Pirrotti, Jr., Esq.*

This session will provide a legal update on Trial Practice. The speakers will discuss 2023-2024 trial and appellate decisions and legislative developments affecting this area of the law.

### **SURROGATE'S**

**Sleepy Hollow**

#### **Kinship Hearings**

*Sharon L. Wick, Esq.*

This session will cover the legal and procedural principles governing hearings held in Surrogate's Court to determine the identity of a decedent's distributees.

### **LANDLORD & TENANT**

**Tarrytown Salon 1-2**

#### **Warranty of Habitability and Rent Abatements**

*Hon. Elizabeth Donoghue, Josh B. Rosenblum, Esq. & Jennifer Rozen, Esq.*

This panel, which includes practitioners, will provide an overview of the law regarding the warranty of habitability, and rent abatements and address issues that frequently occur in the courts as well as some not so common issues.

### **YOUTH & EMERGING ADULT JUSTICE**

**Tarrytown Salon 3-4**

#### **All About Sentencing and Detention:**

#### **Challenges, Strategies and Best Practices for Court-Involved Youth**

*Hon. Bruna Di Biase, Dr. Nina Aledort, Karen Kane & Carolyn Cadoret*

Faculty will define and distinguish the various detention and placement facilities designated for youth, including detention options for adolescent offenders. Faculty will discuss data and trends and identify factors that judges should consider when making detention and placement decisions for juveniles and adolescents.

**11:30 am - 1:05 pm**

### **Breakout Sessions:**

### **FAMILY & MATRIMONIAL**

**Westchester Ballroom**

#### **Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases**

*Hon. Andrew Crecca*

This interactive session will educate judges about the dynamics of abuse in intimate partner relationships and will provide skills for judges handling cases involving claims of domestic violence.

### **CRIMINAL**

**Grand Ballroom A-D**

**11:30 am - 12:00 pm**

#### **Hate Crimes**

*Hon. Jill Konviser (Ret.)*

This session will provide an overview of the legislative history and statutory provisions of New York's Hate Crimes statute. The speaker will also discuss several key hate crimes decisions.



## DAY 2

- 11:30 am - 1:05 pm **CRIMINAL (conitnued)** Grand Ballroom A-D
- 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm  
**What has Bruen Wrought? The Impact of SCOTUS's Decision on New York Law**  
*Hon. Mark Dwyer (Ret.) & Hon. Barry Kamins (Ret.)*  
A discussion of Bruen and the impact it has begun to have on constitutional challenges to NY's gun licensing law, jury trials, and suppression hearings.
- SUPREME & LOCAL CIVIL** Grand Ballroom E-H  
**Evidence Update & Discussion**  
*Hon. Richard A. Dollinger (Ret.), Hon. David F. Everett & Bob Genis, Esq.*  
This session will provide a legal update on evidence. The speakers will discuss 2023-2024 trial and appellate decisions and legislative developments affecting this area of the law.
- SURROGATE'S** Sleepy Hollow  
**Alternate Investment Petitions:**  
**Practical Considerations to Bring SCPA 1708 into the 21st Century**  
*Eva-Marie Cusack, Esq. & Tara Anne Pleat, Esq.*  
The speakers will discuss Section 1708 of the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, the Prudent Investor Act, and the practical difficulties faced by the Surrogate's Court in determining petitions to invest infants' funds in alternate investment accounts.
- LANDLORD & TENANT** Tarrytown Salon 1-2  
**Lockouts**  
*Hon. Clifton Nembhard & Hon. Julie Poley*  
This session will provide an overview of the law regarding lockouts, and an analytical framework for managing illegal lockout proceedings and determining whether/when restoration to possession is appropriate.
- YOUTH & EMERGING ADULT JUSTICE** Tarrytown Salon 3-4  
**Emerging Adults in the Justice System:**  
**Using Science to Inform Decision Making**  
*Hon. Ellen Biben, Hon. Jared Rice, Hon. John Zhuo Wang  
Joe Barrett, Michelle Pelan & Lael E. H. Chester*  
This session will describe what it means to be an "Emerging Adult" and address how brain science unique to this age group can impact their choices and behavior. Judges will also learn how to effectively interact with this age group and how to incorporate programming to promote positive sustainable outcomes.
- 1:05 pm - 1:55 pm **LUNCH** Garden Terrace



## DAY 2

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Breakout Sessions:

### **FAMILY**

Westchester Ballroom B

#### Legislative & Case Law Updates

*Janet Fink, Esq. & Amy Schwartz-Wallace, Esq.*

This session will explore recent decisions and legislative changes impacting substantive and procedural issues in family court matters.

### **MATRIMONIAL**

Westchester Ballroom A

#### What would you do? Ethical Issues Faced in Matrimonial Matters

*Hon. Jeffery Goodstein (Moderator)*

*Hon. Richard Dollinger (Ret.) & Rosemary Garland-Scott, Esq.*

This panel will conduct a roundtable discussion about handling ethical issues related to the conduct of litigants and attorneys and the ethical obligations of the judge in matrimonial proceedings.

### **CRIMINAL**

Grand Ballroom A-C

#### Search and Seizure Issues Related to Gun Arrests

*Hon. Thomas Farber (Ret.), Hon. JaHarr Pridgen & Hon. Dineen Riviezzo*

This session will review the most recent Court of Appeals cases discussing suppression issues and the four levels of DeBour in the context of street encounters and vehicles stops. Other topics include inventory searches, roadblocks, canine searches, and VTL infractions as the basis of stopping vehicles.

### **CITY CRIMINAL**

Grand Ballroom D

#### Discovery and Certificates of Compliance post Bay

*Hon. Phillip Dabney, Jr., Hon. Nichelle A. Johnson & Hon. Karen T. Beltran*

This panel of city/district court judges will delve into the ongoing issues surrounding discovery and Certificates of Compliance (COC's). In particular, they will discuss statements of readiness, "illusory" COC's and the court's obligations under *Bay*.

### **CIVIL/SURROGATE'S**

Grand Ballroom F-H

#### America's Lawyerless Courts: Panel Discussion

*Hon. Edwina G. Richardson (Moderator)*

*Dean/Prof. Colleen F. Shanahan & Prof. Alyx Mark*

This session will explore the disconnect between what state civil courts were designed to do, i.e. solve legal disputes through lawyer-driven, adversarial litigation, and what these courts are asked to do today. Our modern courts are tasked with ensuring access to justice for people without lawyers as they navigate complex social, economic, and interpersonal challenges that are deeply tied to structural inequality. Drawing on the speakers' recent research, the session will focus particularly on the role of judges and other court actors in lawyerless courts.





## DAY 2

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### **SUPREME CIVIL**

**Grand Ballroom E**

#### **Medical Malpractice Update & Discussion**

*Hon. Genine D. Edwards & Leslie Kelmacher, Esq.*

This session will provide a legal update on medical malpractice. The speakers will discuss 2023-2024 trial and appellate decisions and legislative developments affecting this area of the law.

### **LANDLORD & TENANT**

**Tarrytown Salon 1-2**

#### **How Foreclosure Issues Impact a Landlord/Tenant Practice**

*Candace Carponter, Esq. & Christopher Newton, Esq.*

Both prior owners of houses, condominiums, and cooperative apartments who have been foreclosed upon and non-regulated residents of foreclosed properties are subject to eviction. Not only do such eviction proceedings entail their own procedures, but parties who have been foreclosed upon frequently seek to challenge those procedures, which has an impact on the eviction proceeding. The goal of this training is to give judges an overview of both judicial and non-judicial foreclosure procedures and the proceedings necessary to obtain possession according to the RPAPL.

### **YOUTH & EMERGING ADULT JUSTICE**

**Tarrytown Salon 3-4**

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

#### **Understanding Mental Health Concerns with Court Involved Youth**

*Hon. Peter Passidomo & Dr. Karen Cort*

This session will provide an overview of the concept of “mental health,” and how to understand what a psychiatric diagnosis is. The presenters will describe the various types of evaluations pertaining to juvenile delinquency proceedings and demystify the process of how a forensic evaluation is conducted, including review of different types of recommendations.

3:10 pm - 4:30 pm

### **Breakout Sessions:**

#### **FAMILY**

**Westchester Ballroom B**

#### **The Intersection of Family Law & Federal Immigration Law**

*Hon. Lisa Bloch Rodwin, Denise Kronstadt, Esq., & Terry Lawson, Esq.*

This session will explore the intersection of the NYS Family Court Act and Federal Immigration law. State Court decisions impact immigrants both positively and negatively. Panelists will discuss how family court dispositions can render an immigrant deportable, trigger an immigration detainer or impair an immigrant’s ability to successfully obtain a green card or naturalization certificate. It will also review what legal remedies are available to immigrants who are survivors of violence or witnesses to crime, and to young people who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned.



## DAY 2

### **MATRIMONIAL**

**Westchester Ballroom A**

#### **The Intersection of Bankruptcy and Matrimonial Law**

*Hon. Cheryl Josphe (Moderator)*

*Hon. Melanie Cyganowski (Ret.) & David Doyaga, Esq.*

With bankruptcy filings continuing to rise, matrimonial judges will likely encounter cases that also have a bankruptcy component. In this session, judges will discuss the basics of chapters 7, 11, and 13 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code as they relate to divorce proceedings.

### **CRIMINAL**

**Grand Ballroom A-C**

**3:10 pm - 4:00 pm**

#### **The Rape is Rape Act and Other Issues in Sex Offense Cases**

*Hon. Susan Eagan & Hon. Paul McDonnell*

The *Rape is Rape Act*, signed into law earlier this year, expands the definition of rape in the Penal Law to include additional forms of nonconsensual, forced sexual conduct. In this session, judges will review and discuss the language of the *Act* and other issues that arise in sex offense cases.

**4:00 - 5:00 pm**

#### **Strategies for Moving Difficult Cases to Resolution**

*Eric Washer, Esq. (Moderator)*

*Hon. Donna-Marie E. Golia & Hon. Daniel Conviser*

There are a host of reasons, many beyond the courts' direct control, why criminal cases get delayed. Still, the responsibility for expeditiously and justly resolving cases ultimately lies with the courts. In this session, Judge Golia will discuss some case management strategies that have proved to be effective for overcoming common sources of delay. Additionally, Judge Conviser will discuss moving cases forward when attorneys are the cause of intolerable delay, including when it is permissible to remove a defense attorney over the defendant's objection, and when the court has the authority to deny the People's request for an adjournment and direct them to proceed trial.

### **LOCAL CIVIL**

**Grand Ballroom F-H**

#### **Recurring Legal Issues in the Local Civil Courts**

*Hon. Gregory J. Amoroso, Hon. Robert Helbock & Hon. Dweynie Paul*

This session will examine legal issues that frequently recur in the local civil parts including, but not limited to, consumer credit, no fault insurance, Small Claims, and commercial landlord/tenant matters.

### **SUPREME CIVIL**

**Grand Ballroom E**

#### **Premises Liability Update & Discussion**

*Hon. Tracy Catapano-Fox & Josh Silber, Esq.*

This session will provide a legal update on premises liability. The speakers will discuss 2023-2024 trial and appellate decisions and legislative developments affecting this area of the law.



## DAY 2

3:10 pm - 4:30 pm

### **SURROGATE'S**

Sleepy Hollow

#### **Supplemental Needs Trust Administration and Litigation**

*Tara Anne Pleat, Esq. & Edward V. Wilcenski, Esq.*

The establishment and administration of First-Party and Third-Party Supplemental Needs Trusts (SNTs) in Surrogate's Court as well as the challenges and disputes that can arise during the administration of these trusts will be discussed in this session. The unique responsibilities of fiduciaries in charge of SNTs will also be addressed.

### **LANDLORD & TENANT**

Tarrytown Salon 1-2

#### **Proper Respondents in Summary Proceedings and the Use of Aliases**

*Carlos Perez-Hall, Esq. & Jeremiah Schlotman, Esq.*

In 2019, the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act was amended to change the requirements as to the proper parties to name in a summary proceeding. Not only does such a requirement raise questions about the proper respondents to be named, but petitioners in these proceedings frequently do not know everyone who resides in the premises for which possession is sought and so they protectively name hypothetical or unknown parties with aliases. The training aims to clarify who should be named, the effect of failing to name an occupant, the use of aliases, and the impact of naming parties as far as tenant screening bureaus.

### **YOUTH & EMERGING ADULT JUSTICE**

Tarrytown Salon 3-4

3:25 pm to 5:05 pm

#### **Let's talk about it!**

#### **Hearings, removals, sentencing and decision making in Youth Parts**

*Hon. Victoria Campbell, Hon. Brenda Freedman & Hon. Craig Walker*

The panel of experienced Youth Part Judges will lead an interactive discussion and analysis of recurring legal issues involving Adolescent and Juvenile Offenders, including extraordinary circumstances motions, 6-day reviews, removals and sentencing. Through facilitated discussions, judges will be invited to share their day-to-day experiences, insights and strategies for interacting with court involved youth.

4:40 pm - 5:55 pm

### **Breakout Sessions:**

### **FAMILY**

Westchester Ballroom B

#### **The Heart of Justice:**

#### **Understanding Child Welfare Through Lived Stories**

*Hon. Anne-Marie Jolly (Moderator),*

*Ariqwe Dross III, Esq., Ivory Bennett & Teyora Graves-Ferrell*

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.



## DAY 2

### **MATRIMONIAL**

Westchester Ballroom A

#### **Matrimonial Legal Update**

*Bruce Wagner, Esq.*

This program will provide matrimonial judges with the most recent developments and trends in law and practice.

### **CRIMINAL**

Grand Ballroom D

#### **Wrongful Convictions 2.0:**

#### **Looking Forward and Backward at Potential Innocence Cases**

*Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Hon. Adam D. Perlmutter, Bryce Benjet, Esq., Barry C. Sheck, Esq., Huwe Burton & Derrick Hamilton*

This session will provide an overview of New York exonerations and how wrongful convictions occur. The speakers will provide some practical tips for dealing with CPL 440 motions and useful information about working with conviction integrity units. In addition, exonerees will discuss certain critical events that drove their wrongful convictions.

### **LOCAL CIVIL**

Grand Ballroom F-H

#### **Presiding Over Pro-Se Bench Trials:**

#### **Best Practices for Efficient and Meaningful Proceedings**

*Hon. Matthew Parker-Raso & Hon. John J. Reilly*

This session focuses on ways in which judges can complete a bench trial involving a pro se litigant. It will provide tips for organizing the trial process without crossing into the territory of offering legal advice to any party, or prematurely cutting off a party's presentation. Both pretrial and day-of-trial tips and practices will be covered.

### **SUPREME CIVIL**

Grand Ballroom E

#### **Motor Vehicle Update & Discussion**

*Hon. Lewis Lubell & Nicholas Timko, Esq.*

This session will provide a legal update on motor vehicle law. The speakers will discuss 2023-2024 trial and appellate decisions and legislative developments affecting this area of the law.

### **SURROGATE'S**

Sleepy Hollow

#### **Effective Releases in Surrogate's Court Practice:**

#### **Please Release Me, Let Me Go**

*Lori A. Sullivan, Esq.*

The speaker will discuss the nature of releases in the Surrogate's Court, including the factors used to determine whether a release will effectively discharge a fiduciary from liability.



## DAY 2

4:40 pm - 5:55 pm

### **LANDLORD & TENANT (NYC)**

Rockland

#### **Recent Developments in the Law**

*Zara G. Friedman, Esq.*

This session will examine recent decisions and legislative changes impacting substantive and procedural issues in landlord-tenant cases.

### **LANDLORD & TENANT (Outside NYC)**

Tarrytown Salon 1-2

#### **The Tenant Dignity & Safe Housing Act (RPAPL 797)**

*Hon. LaToya S. Lee, Mark Muoio, Esq. & Lily Sarkisian, Esq.*

Since taking effect at the end of 2023, the Tenant Dignity and Safe Housing Act (RPAPL 797) allows tenants to obtain a court order directing repairs of their rental property. More and more, tenants living in property of disrepair will use RPAPL 797 to seek judicial intervention against owners, landlords, and, in some cases, even the public housing authority. This training will assist judges in courts outside NYC to handle this new cause of action, including the requirements for commencement, the petition, service requirements, the court's notice obligations, granting and enforcing appropriate relief.

6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

**DINNER**

Garden Terrace



## DAY 3

- 7:00 am - 7:45 am**      **YOGA with JULIE BROGLIN**      **Westchester Ballroom B**  
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- 7:30 am - 8:25 am**      **BREAKFAST**      **Garden Terrace**
- 8:30 am - 9:50 am**      **PLENARY**      **Grand Ballroom**  
**THE FUTURE IS NOW:**  
**An Update from the Court Modernization Action Committee**  
*Hon. Craig Doran (Moderator)*  
*Hon. Edwina Richardson, Hon. Raymond Rodriguez, Hon Alicea Elloras-Ally, William Silverman, Esq., Ani Dave, Christine Sisario, Jeanna Savage & Jessica Simon*  
In the wake of the pandemic, virtual proceedings are increasingly used to handle court business that does not require in-person attendance. This panel, organized by the Court Modernization Action Committee, will present the latest research on the effectiveness of virtual proceedings, and include a discussion among several judges regarding how and when they use virtual proceedings and their practical tips for making them work effectively. The session will also include a sneak peek at a new virtual proceedings platform being piloted by the Unified Court System.
- 10:00 am - 11:20 am**      **PLENARY**      **Grand Ballroom**  
**Shopping to Starbucks and Fortnite to Fentanyl:**  
**How the Addicted Brain Works and Why It Matters?**  
*Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein, Hon. Cheryl Joseph & Dr. Stephen L. Dewey*  
Whether you hear matters that involve drug or alcohol abuse, excessive debt or pornography use, this session is for you. If you drink coffee daily or have a child who is constantly engaged in online gaming, this session is still for you!  
Renowned neuroscientist, Dr. Stephen Dewey will offer a captivating and comprehensive analysis of the process of addiction. Highlighting PET scan studies, Dr. Dewey shares science-based, objective evidence of how addiction impacts brain function, structure and development from adolescence to adulthood. The presentation will provide judges with invaluable insight as to how addiction impacts all types of litigation from civil to surrogates and criminal to family.



11:30 am - 12:50 pm **PLENARY** **Grand Ballroom**

**2024 Judicial Ethics: Timely Reminders and Case Studies**

*Hon. Margaret Walsh (Ret.), Hon. Ben Darvil, Hon. Joanne Quiñones & Laura Smith, Esq.*

Under the Judiciary Law, actions a judge takes “in accordance with findings or recommendations contained in an advisory opinion issued by” the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics “shall be presumed proper for the purposes of any subsequent investigation by the state commission on judicial conduct.” Here, some of the Advisory Committee’s voting members and its chief counsel will explore a variety of recurring ethics issues with some case studies to help illuminate sometimes obscure but important aspects of the rules.

12:50 pm - 1:05 pm **WORKING LUNCH** **Grand Ballroom**

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**ALL FAMILY COURT JUDGES REGISTERED FOR THE FACILITY TOURS  
SHOULD DEPART OR REPORT TO THE PARKING LOT OUTSIDE OF THE  
GARDEN TERRACE AT 1:00 pm SHARP**

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1:05 pm - 2:05 pm **PLENARY** **Grand Ballroom**

**Judicial Health: The Mind-Heart-Body Connection**

*Patrick W. Thomas, M.D., MBA, FACC, FAHA & Daniel T. Lukasik, Esq.*

This session will explore the connection between mental well-being and cardiovascular health and provide valuable strategies for preventing heart disease.

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm **PLENARY** **Grand Ballroom**

**Raising the Red Flag:**

**Implications of ERPOS in Supreme Court and Beyond**

*Hon. Robert DiBella (Moderator)*

*Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres, Sherry Levin Wallach, Esq. & Ryan Belka, Esq.*

While an application for an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) or a Temporary ERPO (TERPO) is a civil process, the issuance of ERPOs/TERPOs can have collateral implications with respect to other court proceedings. In this session, a panel will discuss the use of these Orders in New York and some of the common issues that judges encounter when considering whether to grant these applications.