

STATE OF NEW YORK  
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**LAWRENCE K. MARKS**

Chief Administrative Judge

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District Administrative Judge

**VITO C. CARUSO**

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge  
Courts Outside New York City

**CHRISTY Q. BASS**

Acting District Executive



2021 ASSIGNMENT BOOK

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, in consultation with and by agreement of the Honorable Elizabeth A. Garry, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department, on behalf of her court, I hereby designate the following judges as Acting Justices of the Supreme Court in the Third Judicial District, effective January 1, 2021:

**Hon. George R. Bartlett III**

**Hon. Catherine Cholakis**

**Hon. Gerald W. Connolly**

**Hon. James Ferreira**

**Hon. Denise A. Hartman**

**Hon. Richard M. Koweek**

**Hon. Susan M. Kushner**

**Hon. Roger D. McDonough**

**Hon. Anthony McGinty**

**Hon. Mark M. Meddaugh**

**Hon. Marianne O. Mizel**

**Hon. Jonathan D. Nichols**

**Hon. Paul V. Morgan, Jr.**

**Hon. Kimberly A. O'Connor**

**Hon. Richard M. Platkin**

**Hon. Richard Rivera**

**Hon. Keri Savona**

**Hon. Adam W. Silverman**

**Hon. David A. Weinstein**

**Hon. Debra J. Young**

**Hon. Henry F. Zwack**

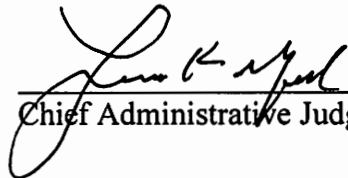
I hereby further designate the following, effective January 1, 2021, as Acting County Court Judge:

**Hon. Christopher T. Maier**

I hereby further designate the following, effective January 1, 2021, as Acting Family Court Judge:

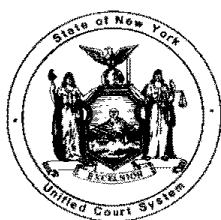
**Hon. Jill Kehn**

These assignments shall be in addition to the assignees' other assignments and duties, shall be subject to further order, and shall otherwise remain in effect until December 31, 2021.

  
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Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: December 29, 2020

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**TO:** Justices and Judges  
Court Employees  
Members of the General Public

**FROM:** Hon. Gerald W. Connolly, Administrative Judge

**RE:** **2021 Judicial Assignments**

This booklet contains the following information:

1. 2021 holidays and 2021 uniform trial term dates;
2. 2021 Inter-District assignments;
3. 2021 Intra-District assignments;
4. 2021 District-wide judicial assignments for the Supreme Courts, County-level Courts, City Courts and temporary assignments;
5. 2021 Supervising Judges
6. 2021 Judicial Assignments by County
7. List of Superior Court Judges designated to hear applications pursuant to County Law § 701 and 22 NYCRR 200.15;
8. Assignments pursuant to § 1194(3)(d)(6) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and § 49-a (8)(d)(1) of the Navigation Law;
9. List of Judges designated to hear Judicial Diversion Cases;
10. List of Supreme Court Justices designated to hear applications for involuntary isolation and quarantine of persons with communicable diseases pursuant to Public Health Law § 2120 and 10 NYCRR 22;
11. 2021 Judges Designated as Full-Time Acting Supreme Court Judges
12. 2021 Supreme Court IAS assignments by county
13. 2021 Supreme Court trial term assignments
14. 2021 Mental Hygiene Hearing Calendar
15. 2021 Article 78 Calendar Dates
16. 2021 Supreme Court IAS Rules\*

If you have any questions or desire additional information, feel free to contact me or our administrative office.

\* District rules only. Individual chambers rules may be available on court website.

## 2021 Holidays

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day of the Week</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
January 1, 2021	Friday	New Year's Day
January 18, 2021	Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 12, 2021	Friday	Lincoln's Birthday
February 15, 2021	Monday	President's Day
May 31, 2021	Monday	Memorial Day
June 18, 2021	Friday	Juneteenth
July 5, 2021	Monday	Independence Day (observed)
September 6, 2021	Monday	Labor Day
October 11, 2021	Monday	Columbus Day
November 2, 2021	Tuesday	Election Day
November 11, 2021	Thursday	Veterans Day
November 25, 2021	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
December 24, 2021	Friday	Christmas Day
December 31, 2021	Friday	New Year's Day (observed)

Jurors shall be summoned to appear as directed by the Judge scheduled to preside. Grand jurors shall be summoned to appear on the opening day of the terms so designated and shall continue until the day preceding the commencement of the next succeeding grand jury term, unless otherwise specified herein or directed by the Justice or Judge presiding at such term.

The District Administrative Judge may establish local calendar rules consistent with the Rules of the Chief Administrator for the timely administration of justice.

**2021 INTER-DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

<b>TERM</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>ASSIGNED TO:</b>
1 -13	Gerald W. Connolly*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	James H. Ferreira*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	Denise A. Hartman*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	Roger D. McDonough*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	Kimberly A. O'Connor*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	Richard M. Platkin*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	Adam W. Silverman*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	David A. Weinstein*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
1-13	Henry F. Zwack*	Supreme Court Third Judicial District
As Designated on Albany County Article 78 Special Term Calendar	W. Brooks DeBow** Catherine E. Leahy-Scott**	Supreme Court Third Judicial District

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\*Acting Supreme Court Justice assigned solely for Terms in the Albany County Article 78 Special Term Calendar

**ASBESTOS LITIGATION** – The Hon. Erin Gall, Supreme Court Justice, is assigned from January 1, 2021 through December 24, 2021, to hear and determine all asbestos litigation, including all pending litigation, within the Third Judicial District.

**2021 INTRA-DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>CROSS-ASSIGNED TO:</b>
<b>A L B A N Y</b>	<b>Andra L. Ackerman County Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia County Court</li> <li>3. Greene County Court</li> <li>4. Rensselaer County Court</li> <li>5. Schoharie County Court</li> <li>6. Sullivan County Court</li> <li>7. Ulster County Court</li> </ol>
	<b>William A. Carter County Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia County Court</li> <li>3. Greene County Court</li> <li>4. Rensselaer County Court</li> <li>5. Schoharie County Court</li> <li>6. Sullivan County Court</li> <li>7. Ulster County Court</li> </ol>
	<b>Stacy L. Pettit Surrogate Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>3. Greene County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>4. Rensselaer County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>5. Schoharie County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>6. Sullivan County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>7. Ulster County &amp; Family Courts</li> </ol>
	<b>Sherri J. Brooks-Morton Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>3. Greene County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>4. Rensselaer County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>5. Schoharie County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>6. Sullivan County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>7. Ulster County &amp; Family Courts</li> </ol>
	<b>Amy E. Joyce Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>3. Greene County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>4. Rensselaer County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>5. Schoharie County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>6. Sullivan County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>7. Ulster County &amp; Family Courts</li> </ol>

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<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>CROSS-ASSIGNED TO:</b>
<b>A L B A N Y</b>	<b>Susan M. Kushner Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia Family Court</li> <li>3. Greene Family Court</li> <li>4. Rensselaer Family Court</li> <li>5. Schoharie Family Court</li> <li>6. Sullivan Family Court</li> <li>7. Ulster Family Court</li> <li>8. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Richard Rivera Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia Family Court</li> <li>3. Greene Family Court</li> <li>4. Rensselaer Family Court</li> <li>5. Schoharie Family Court</li> <li>6. Sullivan Family Court</li> <li>7. Ulster Family Court</li> <li>8. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Joshua L. Farrell Helena Heath William G. Kelly John J. Reilly Holly A. Trexler  City Court Judges</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>2. Cohoes &amp; Watervliet City Courts</li> </ol>
	<b>Thomas Marcelle Eric Galarneau  City Court Judges</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany &amp; Watervliet City Courts</li> </ol>
	<b>Thomas E. Lamb Susan B. Reinfurt  City Court Judges</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany &amp; Cohoes City Courts</li> </ol>



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<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>CROSS-ASSIGNED TO:</b>
<p align="center"><b>C O L U M B I A</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Jonathan D. Nichols County, Family &amp; Surrogate Judge</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany, County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Greene County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>3. Rensselaer County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>4. Schoharie County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>6. Ulster County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>7. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<p align="center"><b>Richard M. Koweeck County, Family &amp; Surrogate Judge</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Greene County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>3. Rensselaer County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>4. Schoharie County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>6. Ulster County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>7. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<p align="center"><b>John Connor, Jr. Brian Herman  City Court Judges</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kingston City Court</li> </ol>
<p align="center"><b>G R E E N E</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Charles M. Tailleir County, Family &amp; Surrogate Judge</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>3. Rensselaer County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>4. Schoharie County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>6. Ulster County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> </ol>
	<p align="center"><b>Terry J. Wilhelm County, Family &amp; Surrogate Judge</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albany County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>3. Rensselaer County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>4. Schoharie County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>6. Ulster County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> </ol>

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<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>CROSS-ASSIGNED TO:</b>
<b>R E N S S E L A E R</b>	<b>Jennifer G. Sober County Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rensselaer Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Albany County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>3. Columbia County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>4. Greene County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Schoharie County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>6. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>7. Ulster County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> </ol>
	<b>Debra J. Young County Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rensselaer Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Albany County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>3. Columbia County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>4. Greene County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Schoharie County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>6. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>7. Ulster County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>8. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Paul V. Morgan, Jr. Surrogate</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rensselaer County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>2. Albany County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>3. Columbia County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>4. Greene County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>5. Schoharie County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>6. Sullivan County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>7. Ulster County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>8. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Catherine Cholakis Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rensselaer County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Albany Family Court</li> <li>3. Columbia Family Court</li> <li>4. Greene Family Court</li> <li>5. Schoharie Family Court</li> <li>6. Sullivan Family Court</li> <li>7. Ulster Family Court</li> <li>8. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Elizabeth M. Walsh Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rensselaer County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Albany Family Court</li> <li>3. Columbia Family Court</li> <li>4. Greene Family Court</li> <li>5. Schoharie Family Court</li> <li>6. Sullivan Family Court</li> <li>7. Ulster Family Court</li> </ol>

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<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>CROSS-ASSIGNED TO:</b>
R E N S S E L A E R	Jill Kehn Christopher T. Maier  City Court Judges	1. Rensselaer County & Family Court 2. Rensselaer City Court
	Matthew J. Turner City Court Judge	1. Rensselaer City Court
	Kathleen Leahey Robichaud Linda Blom Johnson  City Court Judges	1. Troy City Court
S C H O H A R I E	George R. Bartlett III County, Family and Surrogate Court Judge	1. Albany County, Family & Surrogate's Courts 2. Columbia County, Family & Surrogate's Courts 3. Greene County, Family & Surrogate's Courts 4. Rensselaer County, Family & Surrogate's Courts 5. Sullivan County, Family & Surrogate's Courts 6. Ulster County, Family & Surrogate's Courts 7. Supreme Court Third Judicial District
S U L L I V A N	E. Danielle Jose-Decker County & Surrogate Court Judge	1. Sullivan Family Court 2. Ulster County, Family & Surrogate's Courts
	Mark M. Meddaugh Family Court Judge	1. Sullivan County & Surrogate's Courts 2. Ulster Family & Surrogate's Courts 3. Supreme Court Third Judicial District
	James R. Farrell County & Surrogate Court Judge	1. Sullivan Family Court 2. Ulster County, Family & Surrogate's Courts

**2021 INTRA-DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>CROSS-ASSIGNED TO:</b>
<b>U L S T E R</b>	<b>Bryan E. Rounds County Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ulster Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>3. Rensselaer Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>4. Albany County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Columbia County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>6. Greene County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>7. Schoharie County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> </ol>
	<b>Anthony McGinty Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ulster County Court</li> <li>2. Albany Family Court</li> <li>3. Columbia Family Court</li> <li>4. Greene Family Court</li> <li>5. Rensselaer Family Court</li> <li>6. Schoharie Family Court</li> <li>7. Sullivan Family Court</li> <li>8. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Marianne O. Mizel Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ulster County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia Family Court</li> <li>3. Greene Family Court</li> <li>4. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Keri E. Savona Family Court Judge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ulster County &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>2. Columbia Family Court</li> <li>3. Greene Family Court</li> <li>4. Sullivan County, Family &amp; Surrogate's Courts</li> <li>5. Supreme Court Third Judicial District</li> </ol>
	<b>Sara W. McGinty Surrogate</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ulster County Court</li> <li>2. Columbia County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>3. Greene County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>4. Sullivan County &amp; Family Courts</li> </ol>
	<b>Lawrence E. Ball Philip W. Kirschner City Court Judges</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ulster County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>2. Sullivan County &amp; Family Courts</li> <li>3. Hudson City Court</li> </ol>

# 2021 DISTRICT-WIDE SUPREME COURT ASSIGNMENTS

**Vito C. Caruso\***

**Supreme Courts in all counties comprising the Third Judicial District**

\*Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the Courts outside the City of New York and Justice of the Supreme Court

<p><b>2021 COUNTY, FAMILY AND SURROGATE’S COURT JUDGES ELIGIBLE FOR ASSIGNMENTS TO SUPREME COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT</b></p>
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In addition to the specific assignments set forth in this annual order, the following County, Family and Surrogate’s Court Judges are designated pursuant to article VI, section 26 of the New York State Constitution and 22 NYCRR Parts 22 and 121, as eligible for being selected by the District Administrative Judge for temporary assignments to Supreme Court during the calendar year 2021. These assignments are not to exceed 20 days without the approval of the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge and Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGES</b>
<b>Albany County</b>	<b>William A. Carter Stacy L. Pettit</b>
<b>Greene County</b>	<b>Charles M. Tailleir Terry J. Wilhelm</b>
<b>Rensselaer County</b>	<b>Jennifer Sober Elizabeth M. Walsh</b>
<b>Ulster County</b>	<b>Sara W. McGinty</b>

**2021 CITY COURT JUDGES ELIGIBLE FOR TEMPORARY  
ASSIGNMENTS TO COUNTY OR FAMILY COURTS**

The following City Court Judges are designated pursuant to Article VI, Section 26, of the New York State Constitution as eligible for being selected by the District Administrative Judge for temporary assignments to County or Family Courts within his or her county of residence or any adjoining county during the calendar year 2021. These assignments are not to exceed five working days without the approval of the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge and the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, unless the assignment is to a particular case taking more than five days which may be handled until completion.

<b>County</b>	<b>Judge</b>
<b>Albany County</b>	<b>Joshua L. Farrell*</b> <b>Helena Heath</b> <b>William G. Kelly</b> <b>John J. Reilly**</b> <b>Holly A. Trexler</b>
<b>Rensselaer County</b>	<b>Christopher T. Maier***</b> <b>Jill Kehn****</b>
<b>Ulster County</b>	<b>Lawrence E. Ball*****</b> <b>Philip W. Kirschner*****</b>

**\*Assigned as an Albany County Court Judge on an as-needed basis for the purpose of presiding over the Domestic Violence Part in Albany City Court.**

**\*\*Assigned as an Albany County Court Judge on an as-needed basis for the purpose of presiding over the Regional Drug Treatment Part in Albany City Court.**

**\*\*\*Assigned as a Full-Time Acting County Court Judge for the Third Judicial District.**

**\*\*\*\*Assigned as a Full-Time Acting Family Court Judge for the Third Judicial District.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Assigned as an Ulster County Court Judge on an as-needed basis for the purpose of presiding over the Regional Drug Treatment Part in Kingston City Court.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Assigned as an Ulster County Court Judge on an as-needed basis for the purpose of presiding over the Domestic Violence Part in Kingston City Court.**

**2021 Judicial Assignments  
Third Judicial District**

**SUPERVISING JUDGES**

<b><u>JUDGE</u></b>	<b><u>COURT</u></b>
Anthony McGinty Family Court Judge	Supervising Family Court Judge Third Judicial District
Debra J. Young County Court Judge	Supervising County Court Judge Third Judicial District
Christopher T. Maier City Court Judge	Supervising City Court Judge Third Judicial District
Richard Rivera Family Court Judge	Supervising Judge for Domestic Violence Parts and U-Can Courts Third Judicial District

# ALBANY COUNTY

## 2021 Judicial Assignments

### SUPREME COURT – IAS JUDGES

Gerald W. Connolly\*  
 Justin O. Corcoran  
 James H. Ferreira\*  
 Denise A. Hartman\*  
 Susan M. Kushner\*

Peter A. Lynch  
 Michael Mackey  
 Roger D. McDonough\*  
 Paul V. Morgan, Jr.\*\*  
 Kimberly A. O'Connor\*  
 Richard M. Platkin\*

Richard Rivera\*  
 Christina Ryba  
 Margaret T. Walsh  
 David A. Weinstein\*  
 Adam W. Silverman\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\*Acting Supreme Court Justice with MHL Art. 81 Guardianship Part

### Acting Supreme Court Justices Trial Term Assignments

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Part</u>	<u>Terms Assigned</u>
James H. Ferreira	Trial Part	Terms 1-2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-13
Denise A. Hartman	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
Roger D. McDonough	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
Kimberly A. O'Connor	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
Richard M. Platkin	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
David A. Weinstein	Trial Part	Terms 3-4, 7-8, 12-13

### Terms of the Supreme Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries\*

Term 1	Tuesday January 26, 2021	Peter A. Lynch
Term 3	Tuesday March 2, 2021	Michael Mackey
Term 5	Tuesday May 4, 2021	Kimberly A. O'Connor
Term 7	Tuesday July 6, 2021	David A. Weinstein
Term 9	Tuesday September 7, 2021	Kimberly A. O'Connor
Term 11	Tuesday November 9, 2021	Christina Ryba

\*This submission reflects truncated Grand Jury Scheduling in compliance with current safety protocols in light of the ongoing public health pandemic.



# ALBANY COUNTY – Continued

## 2021 Judicial Assignments

### ALBANY COUNTY COURT JUDGES

Andra L. Ackerman  
William A. Carter

#### Terms of the County Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries\*

Term 2	Wednesday February 3, 2021	William A. Carter
Term 4	Wednesday April 7, 2021	Andra L. Ackerman
Term 6	Wednesday June 2, 2021	William A. Carter
Term 8	Wednesday August 4, 2021	Andra L. Ackerman
Term 10	Wednesday October 6, 2021	William A. Carter

\*This submission reflects truncated Grand Jury Scheduling in compliance with current safety protocols in light of the ongoing public health pandemic.

### ALBANY FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Sherri J. Brooks-Morton

Susan M. Kushner\*

Amy E. Joyce

Richard Rivera\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

### ALBANY SURROGATE'S COURT

Stacy L. Pettit

### CITY COURTS – COUNTY OF ALBANY

Court	Judges
Albany City – Criminal Part	Joshua L. Farrell John J. Reilly Holly A. Trexler
Albany City – Civil & Traffic Part	Helena Heath William G. Kelly
Cohoes City	Thomas Marcelle Eric Galarneau
Watervliet City	Thomas E. Lamb Susan B. Reinfurt

# COLUMBIA COUNTY

## 2021 Judicial Assignments

### SUPREME COURT -- IAS JUDGES

Andrew G. Ceresia

Paul V. Morgan, Jr.\*\*

Jonathan D. Nichols\*

Richard M. Koweek\*

Richard L. Mott

Henry Zwack\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\*Acting Supreme Court Justice with MHL Art. 81 Guardianship Part

### Acting Supreme Court Justices Trial Term Assignments

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Part</u>	<u>Terms Assigned</u>
Richard M. Koweek	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
Jonathan D. Nichols	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
Henry Zwack	Trial Part	Term 7
Andrew G. Ceresia	Trial Part	Term 10

### COUNTY, FAMILY & SURROGATE'S COURTS JUDGES

Jonathan D. Nichols\*

Richard M. Koweek\*

Jill Kehn\*\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\*Acting Family Court Judge

### Terms of the County Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries

Term 1	Wednesday January 6, 2021	Richard M. Koweek
Term 3	Wednesday March 3, 2021	Jonathan D. Nichols
Term 5	Wednesday May 5, 2021	Richard M. Koweek
Term 7	Wednesday July 7, 2021	Jonathan D. Nichols
Term 9	Wednesday September 1, 2021	Richard M. Koweek
Term 11	Wednesday November 3, 2021	Jonathan D. Nichols

### CITY COURT – COLUMBIA COUNTY

Hudson City Court	John Connor, Jr. Brian Herman
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# GREENE COUNTY

## 2021 Judicial Assignments

### SUPREME COURT – IAS JUDGES

Lisa M. Fisher  
Adam W. Silverman\*  
Paul V. Morgan, Jr.\*\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\*Acting Supreme Court Justice with MHL Art. 81 Guardianship Part

### COUNTY, FAMILY & SURROGATE'S COURTS JUDGES

Charles M. Tailleur  
Terry J. Wilhelm

#### Terms of the County Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries

Term 1	Thursday January 28, 2021	Charles M. Tailleur
Term 3	Thursday March 4, 2021	Terry J. Wilhelm
Term 7	Thursday May 27, 2021	Charles M. Tailleur
Term 9	Thursday August 19, 2021	Terry J. Wilhelm
Term 13	Thursday December 9, 2021	Charles M. Tailleur

#### Acting Supreme Court Justices Trial Term Assignments

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Part</u>	<u>Terms Assigned</u>
Adam W. Silverman	Trial Part	Terms 6, 8, 11

# RENSSELAER COUNTY

## 2021 Judicial Assignments

### SUPREME COURT -- IAS JUDGES

Andrew G. Ceresia      Patrick J. McGrath      Paul V. Morgan, Jr.\*\*      Debra J. Young\*  
Catherine Cholakis\*      Richard J. McNally      Adam W. Silverman\*      Henry F. Zwack\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justices

\*\*Acting Supreme Court Justice with MHL Art. 81 Guardianship Part

### Acting Supreme Court Justices Trial Term Assignments

Judge	Part	Terms Assigned
Catherine Cholakis	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
Adam W. Silverman	Trial Part	Term 1-5, 7, 9-10, 12
Henry F. Zwack	Trial Part	Terms 1-4, 6, 8-13

### Terms of the Supreme Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries

Term 3A	Tuesday March 2, 2021	Andrew G. Ceresia
Term 8A	Tuesday July 20, 2021	Adam W. Silverman
Term 12A	Tuesday November 9, 2021	Richard J. McNally

### RENSSELAER COUNTY COURT JUDGES

Jennifer G. Sober  
Debra J. Young\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

### Terms of the County Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries

Term 1	Tuesday January 26, 2021	Debra J. Young
Term 5	Tuesday April 27, 2021	Jennifer G. Sober
Term 7	Tuesday June 22, 2021	Debra J. Young
Term 10	Tuesday September 14, 2021	Jennifer G. Sober

# RENSELAER COUNTY – Continued

## 2021 Judicial Assignments

### RENSELAER FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Catherine Cholakis\*

Elizabeth M. Walsh

Jill Kehn\*\*

\* Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\* Acting Family Court Judge

### RENSELAER COUNTY SURROGATE’S COURT

Paul V. Morgan, Jr.\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

### CITY COURTS – COUNTY OF RENSELAER

Rensselaer City Court	Kathleen Leahy Robichaud Linda Blom Johnson
Troy City Court	Jill Kehn Christopher T. Maier Matthew J. Turner

**SCHOHARIE COUNTY**  
**2021 Judicial Assignments**

**SUPREME COURT -- IAS JUDGES**

George R. Bartlett III\*

James H. Ferreira\*\*

Paul V. Morgan, Jr.\*\*\*

\*Full-time Acting Supreme Court Justice assigned to Integrated Domestic Violence Part

\*\*Full-time Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\*\*Acting Supreme Court Justice with MHL Art. 81 Guardianship Part

**Acting Supreme Court Justices Trial Term Assignments**

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Part</b>	<b>Terms Assigned</b>
George R. Bartlett III	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
James H. Ferreira	Trial Part	Terms 3, 7, 11

**COUNTY, FAMILY & SURROGATE'S COURTS JUDGE**

George R. Bartlett III\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

**Terms of the County Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries**

Term 1	Friday January 22, 2021	George R. Bartlett III
Term 4	Friday April 2, 2021	George R. Bartlett III
Term 7	Friday July 9, 2021	George R. Bartlett III
Term 10	Friday October 1, 2021	George R. Bartlett III

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**2021 Judicial Assignments**

**SUPREME COURT IAS JUDGES**

Stephan Schick  
Julian Schreibman  
Mark M. Meddaugh\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

**Acting Supreme Court Justice Trial Term Assignments**

Mark M. Meddaugh	Trial Part	Terms 1-13
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**SULLIVAN COUNTY & SURROGATE'S COURTS**

James R. Farrell  
E. Danielle Jose-Decker

**Terms of the County Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries\***

Term 1	Monday January 4, 2021	James R. Farrell
Term 3	Monday March 1, 2021	James R. Farrell
Term 5	Monday April 26, 2021	E. Danielle Jose-Decker
Term 7	Monday June 21, 2021	James R. Farrell
Term 9	Monday August 16, 2021	E. Danielle Jose-Decker
Term 11	Tuesday October 12, 2021	James R. Farrell
Term 13	Monday December 6, 2021	E. Danielle Jose-Decker

\*This submission reflects truncated Grand Jury Scheduling in compliance with current safety protocols in light of the ongoing public health pandemic.

**SULLIVAN FAMILY COURT**

Mark M. Meddaugh\*  
E. Danielle Jose-Decker

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

**ULSTER COUNTY**  
**2021 Judicial Assignments**

**SUPREME COURT – IAS JUDGES**

Christopher E. Cahill  
 James P. Gilpatric  
 Lisa M. Fisher  
 Richard Mott  
 Anthony McGinty\*  
 Marianne O. Mizel\*  
 Keri Savona\*  
 Julian Schreibman

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

**Acting Supreme Court Justices Trial Term Assignments**

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Part</u>	<u>Terms Assigned</u>
Denise Hartman	Trial Part	Term 10
Adam W. Silverman	Trial Part	Term 13

**Terms of the Supreme Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries**

Term 5	Tuesday April 27, 2021	Julian Schreibman
Term 8	Tuesday July 20, 2021	Christopher E. Cahill
Term 10	Tuesday September 14, 2021	James P. Gilpatric
Term 12	Tuesday November 9, 2021	Julian Schreibman

**ULSTER COUNTY COURT**

Bryan E. Rounds

**Terms of the County Court for the Empaneling of Grand Juries**

Term 1	Tuesday January 26, 2021	Bryan E. Rounds
Term 3	Tuesday March 2, 2021	Bryan E. Rounds
Term 7	Tuesday June 22, 2021	Bryan E. Rounds
Term 9	Tuesday August 17, 2021	Bryan E. Rounds



**ULSTER COUNTY -- Continued**  
**2021 Judicial Assignments**

**ULSTER FAMILY COURT**

Anthony McGinty\*  
Marianne O. Mizel\*  
Keri E. Savona\*

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

**ULSTER SURROGATE'S COURT**  
Sara W. McGinty

**CITY COURT – COUNTY OF ULSTER**

Kingston City Court	Lawrence E. Ball Philip W. Kirschner
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**2021 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES  
DESIGNATED TO HEAR APPLICATIONS FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PROSECUTORS PURSUANT TO  
COUNTY LAW SECTION 701 AND 22 NYCRR 200.15**

Albany County	William A. Carter Andra L. Ackerman Roger D. McDonough* Gerald W. Connolly**
Columbia County	Jonathan D. Nichols* Richard M. Koweek* Richard L. Mott Gerald W. Connolly**
Greene County	Charles M. Tailleir Terry J. Wilhelm Lisa M. Fisher Gerald W. Connolly**
Rensselaer County	Debra J. Young* Jennifer G. Sober Andrew G. Ceresia Gerald W. Connolly**
Schoharie County	George R. Bartlett III* James Ferreira* Gerald W. Connolly**
Sullivan County	James R. Farrell Stephan Schick Gerald W. Connolly**
Ulster County	Bryan E. Rounds Christopher E. Cahill James P. Gilpatric Gerald W. Connolly**

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\*Administrative Judge, Third Judicial District

**2021 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS OF JUDGES  
 AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BLOOD SEIZURE ORDERS  
 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1194(3)(d)(6) OF THE VEHICLE AND  
 TRAFFIC LAW AND SECTION  
 49(4)(d)(10) OF THE NAVIGATION LAW**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>JUDGE(S)</b>	<b>BACK-UP JUDGE</b>
Albany	William A. Carter <u>or</u> Andra L. Ackerman	Gerald W. Connolly*
Columbia	Jonathan D. Nichols <u>or</u> Richard M. Koweek	Richard L. Mott
Greene	Charles M. Tailleux <u>or</u> Terry J. Wilhelm	Lisa M. Fisher
Rensselaer	Debra J. Young <u>or</u> Jennifer G. Sober	Andrew G. Ceresia
Schoharie	George R. Bartlett III	James Ferreira**
Sullivan	James R. Farrell	Stephan Schick
Ulster	Bryan E. Rounds	Christopher E. Cahill <u>or</u> Julian Schreibman

If none of the assigned judges is available, appropriate application may be made to any Supreme Court Justice or County Judge within the judicial district.

\*Administrative Judge, Third Judicial District

\*\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

**2021 THIRD DISTRICT JUDGES DESIGNATED TO HEAR  
JUDICIAL DIVERSION  
CASES PURSUANT TO CPL 216**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>
Albany	Superior Court for Drug Treatment Pursuant to part 143	Gerald W. Connolly*
Columbia	Superior Court for Drug Treatment Pursuant to part 143	Jonathan D. Nichols
Greene	Superior Court for Drug Treatment Pursuant to part 143	Charles M. Tailleir
Rensselaer	Superior Court for Drug Treatment Pursuant to part 143	Debra J. Young
Schoharie	Superior Court for Drug Treatment Pursuant to part 143	George R. Bartlett, III
Sullivan	Superior Court for Drug Treatment Pursuant to part 143	Stephan Schick
Ulster	Superior Court for Drug Treatment Pursuant to part 143	Lawrence E. Ball

\*Administrative Judge, Third Judicial District and Acting Supreme Court Justice in charge of the Albany County HUB Drug Treatment Court.

**2021 THIRD DISTRICT SUPREME COURT JUSTICES  
DESIGNATED TO HEAR  
APPLICATIONS FOR INVOLUNTARY ISOLATION AND  
QUARANTINE OF PERSONS WITH COMMUNICABLE  
DISEASES  
PURSUANT TO 10 NYCRR § 2.2**

Albany County	Kimberly O'Connor* Christina Ryba Peter A. Lynch
Columbia County	Richard L. Mott Jonathan Nichols*
Greene County	Lisa M. Fisher Adam W. Silverman*
Rensselaer County	Adam W. Silverman* Henry Zwack* Richard McNally
Schoharie County	George R. Bartlett III* James H. Ferreira*
Sullivan County	Stephan Schick Julian Schreibman
Ulster County	Christopher E. Cahill James P. Gilpatric Julian Schreibman

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

If none of the assigned judges is available, appropriate application may be made to any Supreme Court Justice.

## 2021 JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS – THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

### **FULL-TIME ACTING SUPREME COURT JUSTICES**

George R. Bartlett, III  
Catherine Cholakis  
Gerald W. Connolly  
James Ferreira  
Denise A. Hartman  
Richard M. Koweek  
Susan M. Kushner  
Roger D. McDonough  
Anthony McGinty  
Mark M. Meddaugh  
Marianne O. Mizel  
Jonathan D. Nichols  
Paul V. Morgan, Jr.  
Kimberly A. O'Connor  
Richard M. Platkin  
Richard Rivera  
Keri Savona  
Adam W. Silverman  
David A. Weinstein  
Debra J. Young  
Henry F. Zwack

### **FULL-TIME ACTING FAMILY COURT JUDGES**

Jill Kehn

### **FULL-TIME ACTING COUNTY COURT JUDGES**

Christopher T. Maier

**SUPREME COURT – THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**2021 IAS CASE DISTRIBUTION**

**ALBANY**

<b>IAS Cases</b>	
Hartman*	11%
Corcoran	11%
Lynch, P.	11%
O'Connor*	11%
Ryba	11%
Walsh*	11%
Ferreira*	7%
McDonough***	7%
Platkin*	5%
Mackey	2%
Weinstein*	7%
Kushner *	3%
Rivera*	3%
<b>Tax Certiorari</b>	
Walsh	100%
<b>CVA Cases</b>	
Mackey	100%
<b>Commercial Division</b>	
Platkin	100%
<b>Article 81 Guardianships</b>	
Morgan	100%

**COLUMBIA**

<b>IAS Cases</b>	
Zwack*	30%
Ceresia	30%
Nichols*	14%
Koweeek*	14%
Mott	12%
<b>Article 81 Guardianships</b>	
Morgan*	100%

**GREENE**

<b>IAS Cases</b>	
Fisher	30%
Silverman	70%
<b>Article 81 Guardianships</b>	
Morgan*	100%

## RENSSELAER

<b>IAS Cases</b>	
McGrath	28%
McNally***	28%
Zwack*	18%
Ceresia	18%
Silverman	5%
Cholakis* - Matrimonials & Rensselaer IDV	3%
<b>Article 81 Guardianships</b>	
Morgan*	100%

## SUPREME COURT – THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT 2021 IAS CASE DISTRIBUTION

### SCHOHARIE

<b>IAS Cases</b>	
Ferreira*	60%
Bartlett*	40%
<b>Article 81 Guardianships</b>	
Morgan* - Article 81 Guardianship Part	100%

### SULLIVAN

<b>IAS Cases</b>	
Schick	60%
Schreibman	30%
Meddaugh	10%
<b>Article 81 Guardianships</b>	
Meddaugh*	100%

### ULSTER

Cahill	25%
Gilpatric	25%
Mott	15%
Fisher	15%
Schreibman	10%
Mizel* - IAS Matrimonials	5%
Savona* - IAS Matrimonials	5%
<b>Article 81 Guardianships</b>	
Savona	100%

\* Acting Supreme Court Justice

\*\* Acting Supreme Court Justice assigned to the Albany County Drug Court

\*\*\* Handles assorted criminal matters



**SUPREME COURT – ALBANY COUNTY**  
**2021 MENTAL HYGIENE HEARING (THURSDAY) ASSIGNMENTS**

**Term 1**

Week 1 – (January 7)  
Week 2 – (January 14)  
Week 3 – (January 21)  
Week 4 – (January 28)

**Term 2**

Week 1 – (February 4)  
Week 2 – (February 11)  
Week 3 – (February 18)  
Week 4 – (February 25)

**Term 3**

Week 1 – (March 4)  
Week 2 – (March 11)  
Week 3 – (March 18)  
Week 4 – (March 25)

**Term 4**

Week 1 – (April 1)  
Week 2 – (April 8)  
Week 3 – (April 15)  
Week 4 – (April 22)

**Term 5**

Week 1 – (April 29)  
Week 2 – (May 6)  
Week 3 – (May 13)  
Week 4 – (May 20)

**Term 6**

Week 1 – (May 27)  
Week 2 – (June 3)  
Week 3 – (June 10)  
Week 4 – (June 17)

**Term 7**

Week 1 – (June 24)  
Week 2 – (July 1)  
Week 3 – (Wednesday, July 8)  
Week 4 – (July 15)

**Term 8**

Week 1 – (July 22)  
Week 2 – (July 29)  
Week 3 – (August 5)  
Week 4 – (August 12)

**Term 9**

Week 1 – (August 19)  
Week 2 – (August 26)  
Week 3 – (September 2)  
Week 4 – (September 9)

**Term 10**

Week 1 – (September 16)  
Week 2 – (September 23)  
Week 3 – (September 30)  
Week 4 – (October 7)

**Term 11**

Week 1 – (October 14)  
Week 2 – (October 21)  
Week 3 – (October 28)  
Week 4 – (November 4)

**Term 12**

Week 1 – (Wednesday November 10)  
Week 2 – (November 18)  
Week 3 – (Wednesday November 24)  
Week 4 – (December 2)

**Term 13**

Week 1 – (December 9)  
Week 2 – (December 16)  
Week 3 – (December 23)  
Week 4 – (December 30)

\*Acting Supreme Court Justice

**SUPREME COURT - ALBANY COUNTY**  
**2021 ARTICLE 78 SPECIAL TERM (FRIDAY) DATES**

**Term 1**

Week 1 - January 8  
Week 2 - January 15  
Week 3 - January 22  
Week 4 - January 29

**Term 2**

Week 1 – February 5  
Week 2 – Thursday February 11  
Week 3 - February 19  
Week 4 - February 26

**Term 3**

Week 1 – March 5  
Week 2 - March 12  
Week 3 - March 19  
Week 4 - March 26

**Term 4**

Week 1 – April 2  
Week 2 – April 9  
Week 3 - April 16  
Week 4 - April 23

**Term 5**

Week 1 – April 30  
Week 2 - May 7  
Week 3 - May 14  
Week 4 - May 21

**Term 6**

Week 1 - May 28  
Week 2 – June 4  
Week 3 - June 11  
Week 4 - June 18

**Term 7**

Week 1 - June 25  
Week 2 – July 2  
Week 3 – July 9  
Week 4 - July 16

**Term 8**

Week 1 – July 23  
Week 2 - July 30  
Week 3 – August 6  
Week 4 - August 13

**Term 9**

Week 1 - August 20  
Week 2 - August 27  
Week 3 – September 3  
Week 4 - September 10

**Term 10**

Week 1 - September 17  
Week 2 - September 24  
Week 3 – October 1  
Week 4 - October 8

**Term 11**

Week 1 - October 15  
Week 2 - October 22  
Week 3 - October 29  
Week 4 – November 5

**Term 12**

Week 1 – November 12  
Week 2 – November 19  
Week 3 - November 26  
Week 4 – December 3

**Term 13**

Week 1 - December 10  
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Hon. George R. Bartlett, III	Hon. Mark M. Meddaugh
Hon. Christopher E. Cahill	Hon. Marianne O. Mizel
Hon. Andrew G. Ceresia	Hon. Paul V. Morgan, Jr.
Hon. Catherine Cholakis	Hon. Richard L. Mott
Hon. Gerald W. Connolly	Hon. Jonathan D. Nichols
Hon. Justin Corcoran	Hon. Kimberly A. O'Connor
Hon. James H. Ferreira	Hon. Richard M. Platkin
Hon. Lisa M. Fisher	Hon. Richard Rivera
Hon. James P. Gilpatric	Hon. Christina L. Ryba
Hon. Denise Hartman	Hon. Keri Savona
Hon. Richard M. Koweek	Hon. Stephan Schick
Hon. Susan Kushner	Hon. Julian Schreibman
Hon. Peter A. Lynch	Hon. Adam W. Silverman
Hon. Roger D. McDonough	Hon. Margaret T. Walsh
Hon. Patrick J. McGrath	Hon. David A. Weinstein
Hon. Michael F. McGuire	Hon. Debra J. Young
Hon. Richard J. McNally, Jr.	Hon. Henry F. Zwack
Hon. Michael Mackey	

\*Individual Chambers rules are available on the  
Third Judicial District website

A. CASE INITIATION AND ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

A litigant shall first pay for an index number and a request for judicial intervention in the County Clerk's Office in the county of the venue of the case and then file the request for judicial intervention in the Supreme Court Clerk's Office. The Chief Clerk shall assign a consecutive number to each request for judicial intervention. This will become the case identification number. The index number, the request for judicial intervention number and the assigned justice's name shall appear on all subsequent papers filed with the Court. With the exception of those matters specified for Special Assignments, all contested matters will be assigned to an IAS Justice. If there is any question, the Clerk shall refer the matter to a justice for determination.

The District Administrative Judge will:

- a) Make case assignments when judges are disqualified;
- b) Reassign cases if IAS Justice will be absent for a lengthy period;
- c) Assign cases to Acting Justices of the Supreme Court and Judicial Hearing Officers; and
- d) Adjust assignment patterns to insure equal distribution of cases.

B. MOTION PRACTICE

Motion Filing Fee: In general, any filing subsequent to the commencement of an action which is designated as a motion or cross-motion requires the payment of a filing fee to the County Clerk's Office prior to submission to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office for referral to the assigned justice. The fee is assessed regardless of whether an application is made by notice of motion, order to show cause or ex parte. No fee will be charged upon the filing of a motion for poor person status in conjunction with an application which serves to commence an action or special proceeding. In the event a motion is received by the court unaccompanied by proof of payment to the County Clerk, the Supreme Court Clerk's Office will contact the submitting party to advise that the application will be held pending receipt of the filing fee only until the return date of the motion. If proof of payment is not submitted to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office by the return date (ex parte applications will be held ten days), the papers will be returned by mail with a notification that the motion has been removed from the court's calendar and that it must be re-noticed and re-filed with the court along with the requisite filing fee. Inquiries concerning the applicability of the motion fee to a proposed filing may be directed to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

All motions shall be returnable before the assigned justice. Supreme Court Justices are sitting at "All Purpose Terms of Court" at all times, therefore, all motions, except for certain matters in Albany County as specified below, brought on by notice of motion or by order to show cause will be made returnable on any day, Monday through Friday, as chosen by the movant in compliance with the CPLR. Parties shall submit all papers in a timely fashion as required by the CPLR by delivering them or mailing them directly to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office (see Section 202.8 of Uniform Rules for Supreme and County Courts [22 NYCRR 202.8]), except that motions and other applications subject to a filing fee shall first be presented to the County Clerk's Office for payment of the requisite fee and then subsequently filed with the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

All motions made returnable in a county other than the county of the venue of the case shall be forwarded by the Chief Clerk of that court to the Chief Clerk of the county of the venue of the case to be submitted to the justice assigned to the case as herein provided, except that where a motion is brought pursuant to CPLR 5221(a)(4) seeking the enforcement of a judgment (i.e., contempt of court) in a county in which the judgment debtor resides, is employed, or has a place of business, which is a county other than that where the judgment was initially entered, the motion shall be put on a county court motion calendar of the county where it was made returnable, provided an index number and RJI number have been obtained in the county of original venue. Upon determination of the application, all papers will be returned for filing to the county of original venue and the case remitted for further proceedings as may be necessary.

All motions are deemed “submitted” on the return date and no appearances are required by the parties. A party may request oral argument on a motion by indicating such request on the first page of the notice of motion, order to show cause, or answering papers in the area across from the caption of the action/proceeding. In the event oral argument is requested, the parties should not appear on the return date. At the discretion of the assigned Judge and upon the granting of a request for oral argument, the parties will be notified by Chambers of the scheduled time and place at which argument will be heard. Where a motion is brought on by order to show cause, the court may set forth in the order that appearances and/or oral argument are required on the return date of the motion.

An application for the issuance of an order to show cause to punish for contempt shall be made directly to the assigned justice or judge who signed the judgment or order which is the subject of the contempt application. In a situation where there is no assigned justice or judge, the Chief Clerk shall, upon receipt of a request for judicial intervention (if one is required), assign a justice or judge and the applicant shall then make the application directly to the assigned justice or judge. If the assigned justice or judge is unavailable, any other justice or judge may issue the Order to Show Cause, returnable before the assigned justice or judge, at a date and time when the assigned justice or judge will be available.

Prior to submitting an order to show cause which contains an application for temporary injunctive relief, an applicant must comply with section 202.7 (f) of the Uniform Civil Rules for Supreme and County Courts [22 NYCRR 202.7 (f)]. A justice or judge who signs an order to show cause which contains a stay or temporary restraining order may, if appropriate, require a hearing on short notice to determine if the stay or TRO should be continued until the return date before the assigned justice or judge.

Prior to the submission of a notice of motion relating to disclosure or a bill of particulars, the parties must make a good faith effort to resolve the matter in question and submit an affirmation attesting to this good faith effort. The affirmation of good faith effort to resolve the issues raised by the motion shall indicate the time, place and nature of the consultation and the issues discussed and any resolutions, or shall indicate good cause why no such conferral with counsel for opposing parties was held. An assigned justice or judge may dismiss a motion for failure to demonstrate that such effort was made with leave to renew the motion after such effort has been demonstrated.

C. PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AND CERTAIN SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

1. For actions that do not involve residential foreclosures, see Section 202.12 of Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme and County Courts [22 NYCRR 202.12].
2. For actions regarding residential foreclosures, see Section 202.12-a of Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme and County Courts [22 NYCRR 202.12-a].

D. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Any available Supreme Court justice present may perform the following functions. The Chief Clerk's office will assist in the referral of these matters to the appropriate justice or judge.

- a) Hold mental health hearings (except for Albany County);
- b) Impanel Supreme Court Trial and Grand Juries and receive Grand Jury Reports;
- c) Entertain orders to show cause;
- d) Entertain temporary restraining orders;
- e) Hear requests for emergency medical services;
- f) Entertain infant settlements;
- g) Entertain bail applications;
- h) Handle Writs of Habeas Corpus;
- I) Perform marriages;
- j) Handle emergency-type matters.

In any county, during periods when no Supreme Court trial term is in session in that county, any county-level judge may perform such functions if permitted by law.

E. ALBANY COUNTY SUPREME COURT-COMMERCIAL DIVISION

The Commercial Division of the Albany County Supreme Court exercises jurisdiction over selected business and commercial disputes in which the amount at issue generally involves damage claims in a minimum amount of \$50,000.00 as well as claims for unspecified amounts where the value of the commercial asset(s) in dispute exceeds \$50,000.00. A separate publication promulgating the rules and criteria relating to the filing and management of Commercial Court cases in this part may be obtained from the Albany County Supreme Court Clerk's Office. A section of the Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme Court and County Court sets forth statewide rules.

F. ALBANY MOTION TERMS

There shall be a Mental Hygiene Calendar each Thursday and a Motion Term on each Friday in the Supreme Court, Albany County. The Friday Motion Term shall include all Article 78 Proceedings involving New York State and proceedings commenced pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (including applications for injunctive relief made pursuant to section 209-a of the Civil Service Law). All non-State Article 78 proceedings commenced in Albany County shall be assigned at random on the "wheel" to the IAS Justices to whom Albany County cases are assigned. Generally, parties will be granted only one adjournment for the Friday Motion Term. Requests for an adjournment of the proceeding or an extension of time in which to submit papers must be made in writing to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office for referral to the assigned justice or judge for consideration. Upon the request and consent of all parties to an Article 78 proceeding, a petition may be "marked off" the calendar and re-noticed for a subsequent

motion term. When a motion to dismiss the petition in an Article 78 is denied by the assigned justice or judge, the matter shall be re-noticed to be heard before the same assigned justice or judge.

G. ALL ELECTION LAW CASES

All proceedings commenced pursuant to Article 16 of the Election Law shall be made returnable in the county in which the decision sought to be reviewed was made. In the event a hearing is required to determine a proceeding under the Election Law, the IAS Justice may, in the exercise of discretion, transfer the matter to a trial term in the county in which the proceeding is pending.

All orders to show cause bringing on a proceeding under the Election Law shall be made returnable within ten (10) days (or sooner if necessary) and all arguments, hearings and decisions shall be expedited to insure that appeals from the trial court can be heard in a timely fashion according to the schedule set annually by the Appellate Division, Third Department.

H. TRIAL ACTIVITY

1. Day Certain Assignment Process\*

An IAS assigned justice shall manage all cases assigned to the point of trial readiness at which time a note of issue shall be filed indicating that the case is ready for trial. The note of issue shall be forwarded to the IAS Justice who shall set the matter down for a conference and give the matter a day certain. The IAS Justice shall inform the Chief Clerk that the matter has been certified for trial which letter shall also confirm the day certain. In determining the particular day certain, the IAS Justice shall first ascertain the availability of the specific date from the Chief Clerk's Office which shall maintain a calendar for the purpose of scheduling days certain. In Albany County, the maximum number of days certain scheduled shall be ten (10) jury cases on Mondays, six (6) jury cases on Tuesdays and four (4) non-jury cases on Wednesdays. In Ulster County the maximum number of days certain shall be ten (10) jury cases on Mondays, and four (4) non-jury cases on Wednesdays. In Rensselaer County, the maximum number of days certain shall be six (6) jury cases on Mondays, and three (3) non-jury cases on Wednesdays. In Sullivan County, the maximum number of days certain shall be four (4) jury cases on Mondays and three (3) non-jury cases on Wednesdays. In Greene County, the maximum numbers of days certain shall be four (4) jury cases on Mondays and two (2) non-jury cases on Wednesdays during each trial term. In Columbia and Schoharie Counties, the maximum number of days certain shall be four (4) jury cases on Mondays and two (2) non-jury cases on Wednesdays during each trial term.

Prior to the beginning of each trial term, the Chief Clerk shall prepare the day certain calendar for that particular term setting forth all appropriate information including the name of the case, date of trial and attorneys representing the various parties. Said calendar shall be provided to the Part 1 Justice at least one day prior to the calendar call.

Applications for adjournment of a scheduled trial date shall be addressed to the IAS Justice until the commencement of the trial term for which the case has been set down for trial. Once a trial term has commenced, applications for adjournment of the trial of a case, scheduled to be tried during that trial term, shall be addressed to the Part I Trial Justice only.

\*The scheduling of jury trials shall be superseded by emergency Administrative Orders or Protocols issued as a result of the public health pandemic.

2. Part I Justice

The Part I Justice/Judge assigned to each respective county is the duty judge for that particular term. In addition to conferencing each case assigned for trial in advance of the day certain, the Part I Justice/Judge shall keep in close communication with the Chief Clerk and the Commissioner of Jurors so as to ensure that only the necessary number of prospective jurors are called in.

Every effort should be made to have the attorneys involved consider non-jury trials, if appropriate, and the use of Judicial Hearing Officers, as available. The back-up trial justices/judges assigned to each term will be assigned as needed to trials by the Part I Justice. Once the list of back-up trial justices/judges assigned to that term has been exhausted, the Part I Justice/Judge shall communicate with the other Part I Justices/Judges in the District, or in the alternative, the District Administrative Judge, so as to utilize every available back-up trial justice/judge for any particular trial need in the District. Where the need arises and their schedules permit, Part I Justices are also expected to try cases on their Part I calendar. If, after all of the aforesaid options are exhausted, the Part I Justice still cannot find an available trial justice, the District Administrative Judge should be consulted so that all available resources can be considered, including, but not limited to, the use of available county level judges as Acting Supreme Court Justices on a case-to-case basis.

All ex parte matters, orders to show cause in unassigned cases, and other miscellaneous matters (including welcoming trial jurors) should be referred by the Chief Clerk's office to the Part I Justice.

The Part I Justice/Judge, in the event a particular case assigned a day certain is not ready for trial, shall either give the matter a future day certain or shall strike the note of issue and return the case to the assigned IAS Justice/Judge, whichever procedure is appropriate in the Part I Justice's opinion. Under no circumstances will a case be marked over the term without a new day certain. Furthermore, no case with a day certain shall be put over the term due to the unavailability of a trial justice without consultation with the District Administrative Judge. In the event the case is returned to the IAS Justice, that Justice shall approve the filing of a new note of issue, without costs, when the case is ready for trial and shall assign a new day certain. If a jury fee was paid, it will not be required to be paid again.

All preference cases shall be appropriately designated and the preference shall be honored by the Part I Justice.

All motions made after a case has been assigned a day certain shall be referred to the IAS Justice unless the motion is returnable during the term in which the matter has been assigned a day certain, in that event, the matter will be referred to the Part I Justice for that particular term who may entertain the motion or refer such motion to the IAS Justice. Under those circumstances, the Part I Justice shall decide whether or not to strike the note of issue or assign the matter a new day certain.



3. Jury Selection in Civil Cases

The Part I Justice assigned to each county, or a justice/judge or Judicial Hearing Officer designated by the Part I Justice shall preside at the commencement of the voir dire and determine, in his or her discretion, whether in-court supervision should continue over all or a portion of the remainder of the voir dire.

The Part I Justice, or a justice/judge or Judicial Hearing Officer designated by the Part I Justice, shall determine, in his or her discretion, after consultation with the attorneys for the parties where appropriate, the period of time to be afforded each party for jury selection.

The attorneys conducting the voir dire shall utilize juror questionnaires furnished by the Commissioner of Jurors prior to the commencement of the voir dire.

All prospective jurors (six plus the agreed upon number of alternates) will be selected at random from the panel and seated in the jury box. Unless there is consent of all parties and the presiding justice/judge to designate alternates, the jurors selected will not be designated. The attorney for plaintiff will first examine these prospective jurors followed by the attorney for defendant. If there are additional parties, each party will examine the potential jurors in the order they are named in the pleadings.

After the prospective jurors have been examined by counsel for all parties, counsel will advise the clerk of the court or the court of any peremptory challenges on an alternating basis, in the same order as was followed for the examination. (For example, if there are two parties, plaintiff makes the first challenge, then defendant makes the second challenge, then plaintiff makes the third challenge, defendant makes the fourth challenge, etc.). If a party fails to make a peremptory challenge when it is that party's turn to do so, that party may not thereafter make a peremptory challenge as to that group of jurors.

Once a party has stated that a juror is satisfactory or has failed to exercise a peremptory challenge after having the opportunity to do so, the party cannot exercise a peremptory challenge as to that prospective juror. Challenges for cause may be made at any time.

Any seats vacated because of the exercise of peremptory challenges will then be filled, and the examination of peremptory challenge procedure will be repeated as to the newly seated prospective jurors only. The process will continue until a complete jury has been selected.

After all parties state that the jurors then seated are satisfactory, the jury will be sworn and the trial will commence.

4. Trial Rules and Special Directives

- a. Prior to jury selection, marked pleadings, copies of the bills of particular and the demands therefor, discovery responses and the demands therefor, and expert reports shall be presented to the court.
- b. Prior to jury selection, a list (without the charge) of Pattern Jury Instructions ("PJI") jury requests citing the section numbers and title of the PJI jury charge should be available to the court.

Other requests shall be typed on separate sheets with appropriate sources or citations. A charge conference will be held prior to summations.

- c. Prior to jury selection, each party shall provide the court and opposing counsel with a one-page statement of the party's contentions and a list of witnesses to be called at trial.
- d. Experts who testify at trial must bring with them to court their entire file and all documents considered in arriving at their opinion(s).
- e. All motions *in limine* should be in writing and should be prepared and filed at the earliest possible time to the extent that the basis for these motions are known by a party and will arise during the trial of the action.
- f. Exhibits should be pre-marked by the court reporter. Counsel shall also confer prior to trial to determine if the admission into evidence of any exhibits will be stipulated, and advise the court of that prior to trial.
- g. Trial briefs are suggested if intricate evidentiary or trial issues are anticipated.
- h. Verdict sheets: Counsel shall cooperate to prepare an agreed upon verdict sheet. If that is not possible, then the parties shall submit separate proposed verdict sheets following the suggested forms in the PJI (see PJI Supplement Vol. 1B, 2:275 and 2:301). Each question shall be on a separate page.
- i. For good cause shown, and in the interest of justice, the court in which an action or proceeding is pending may waive compliance with any of these rules unless prohibited by doing so by statute or a Rule of the Chief Judge.

## I. EXPERT DISCLOSURE RULE

Except as otherwise directed by the court, a party who has the burden of proof on a claim, cause of action, damage or defense shall serve its response to an expert demand pursuant to CPLR 3101(d) on or before the filing of the note of issue. Such party has until the filing of the note of issue to serve such response regardless of how early the demand is made. Any opposing party shall serve its answering response pursuant to CPLR 3101(d) within 60 days after the filing of the note of issue. Any amended or supplemental expert disclosure shall be allowed only with the permission of the court. Unless the court directs otherwise, a party who fails to comply with this rule is precluded from offering the testimony and opinions of the expert for whom a timely response has not been given.

The statutory stay for disclosure [CPLR 3214(b)] upon the service of a dispositive motion under CPLR 3211 shall not apply to the service of these expert responses.

The word "expert" shall include, but is not limited to, any physician, dentist, chiropractor, psychiatrist, psychologist, other health care provider of any specialty, economist, engineer, architect, lawyer, accountant, appraiser, rehabilitation counselor or other person who will testify concerning his/her qualifications and give opinions concerning the issues in the case. However, "expert" shall not include a treating physician or other treating health care provider whose record(s), and report(s) have been timely provided and whose testimony is limited solely to the contents of the records or reports provided. In the event that a treating physician or other treating health care provider is intending to testify as to matters not within the contents of the records or reports provided, then disclosure as an "expert" is required.

Any motion by a party to preclude, or limit expert testimony under this rule, must be made as soon as practicable but no later than forty-five (45) days after the party's receipt of the expert disclosure or the motion will be waived.

This rule does not apply to matrimonial actions.

J. PROCEEDINGS UNDER ARTICLE 81 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW

All applications for orders to show cause bringing on a proceeding for the appointment of a guardian pursuant to the Mental Hygiene Law shall be accompanied by a request for judicial intervention and shall be made returnable before the IAS Justice/Judge assigned to that proceeding.