

# Commission to Reimagine the Future of New York's Courts

## Public Hearing

Thursday, October 6, 2022 • 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Old Erie County Hall, Ceremonial Courtroom, 92 Franklin Street, 2nd Floor, Buffalo, NY

Live Stream: <https://cmi.nycourts.gov/publichearing.html>

### Panelists:

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- **Hon. Craig Doran** (*Supreme Court Justice, Seventh Judicial District; Chair, Pandemic Practices Working Group, Commission to Reimagine the Future of New York's Courts*)
- **Hon. Edwina Mendelson** (*Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives*)
- **Hon. Craig Hannah** (*Supervising Judge, Buffalo City Court*)
- **Leanne Lapp** (*Ontario County Public Defender; President, Chief Defenders Association of New York*)
- **Porter Kirkwood** (*District Executive, Sixth Judicial District*)
- **Carolyn Nussbaum** (*Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP*)
- **Christine Sisario** (*Director of Technology, Office of Court Administration*)

### Witnesses: Morning Session • 9:30 am – 12:15 pm

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- **Joseph A. Gramaglia** (*Police Commissioner, Buffalo Police Department*)
- **Timothy Graber** (*President-Elect, Erie County Bar Association*)
- **Katie L. Kestel Martin** (*New York State Council on Divorce Mediation*)
- **Jamie Romeo** (*Monroe County Clerk*)
- **William Hart** (*President, CSEA Judiciary, Local 335*)
- **Kelly Buckley** (*Chief Clerk, Erie County Family Court*)
- **Donald C. Doerr** (*District Executive, Fifth Judicial District*)
- **Ann Dillon Flynn** (*Clerk of the Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department*)
- **Hon. Mary L. Slisz** (*Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District*)
- **Hon. Mark Saltarelli** (*Judge, Tonawanda City Court; President, New York State Association of City Court Judges*)
- **Hon. Paula Feroletto** (*Former Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District*)
- **Hon. Susan Egan** (*Supervising Criminal Court Judge, Eighth Judicial District, Erie County Court*)
- **Hon. Keith Kibler** (*Supervising Family Court Judge, Eighth Judicial District*)

## **Witnesses: Afternoon Session • 1:40 pm – 5:00 pm**

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- **Sarah Hedden** (*Supervising Attorney, Center for Elder Law & Justice*)
- **Michael Deal** (*Supervising Attorney, Criminal Defense Unit, Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo*)
- **Christine McMenamin** (*Housing Supervising Attorney, Erie County Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.*)
- **Prof. Kim Diana Connolly** (*Vice Dean for Advocacy and Experiential Education; Director of Clinical Legal Education, University at Buffalo School of Law*)
- **Lauren Breen** (*Executive Director, Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.*)
- **Adele Fine** (*Bureau Chief, Family Court Bureau, Monroe County Public Defender's Office*)
- **Brian Degnan** (*Attorney for the Child/18-B Attorney, Genesee County*)
- **Cavette Chambers** (*Corporation Counsel, City of Buffalo Law Department*)
- **Norman Effman** (*Wyoming County Public Defender*)
- **Claudette Newman** (*Associate Court Attorney to Hon. Frank B. Revoir, Chenango County Courts*)
- **Judith Osburn** (*Chief Clerk III, Broome County Supreme and County Courts*)
- **Joseph Cardone** (*Orleans County District Attorney*)
- **James Ritts** (*Ontario County District Attorney*)
- **Michelle Parker** (*Executive Director and Chief Defender, Assigned Counsel Program of Erie County*)
- **Brian Melber** (*President, New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers*)