

Justice Ellen M. Spodek

Justice Ellen Spodek, a native of Brooklyn, New York, began her legal career in the Torts Division of the New York City Corporation Counsel's Office and later worked as a private practitioner. In 2002, she was elected to the Civil Court of Kings County where she served for several years before being appointed to Family Court. Justice Spodek was subsequently appointed Supervising Judge of Civil Court, where she served until her appointment, and later election, to Supreme Court in 2008. In April 2021, Justice Spodek was temporarily appointed as the Acting Administrative Judge for Kings County Supreme Court, Civil Term. She continues to serve as an elected Supreme Court Justice.

Justice Spodek has been a member of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics since January 2014, and currently serves as a member of its Subcommittee, the Judicial Campaign Ethics Center. Previously, she served as the Co-President of Judges & Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert, (JALBCA), a bar association which is dedicated to promoting awareness of breast cancer and education of the diagnosis, treatment, and cure of the disease, and continues to serve on JALBCA's Board. Justice Spodek is a proud recipient of the Brooklyn Bar Association's Annual Recognition Award as well as the Volunteer Lawyer's Project Terri and Nick Letica Award. She was also a recipient of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association's Sybil Hart Kooper Award, as well as the Catholic Lawyers Guild Ecumenical Award. Justice Spodek is a graduate of SUNY Albany and Fordham Law School.