

Justice Ann T. Mikoll passed away on April 10, 2025.

Justice Ann T. Mikoll served as a Justice of the Third Department from 1977 until her retirement in 1999. A true trailblazer, Justice Mikoll was the first woman to have been appointed and served on the Third Department, and she and Justice Dolores Denman were the first women to have been appointed and served on the Appellate Division, as they were both appointed on May 19, 1977 (Justice Denman was appointed to the Fourth Department). Having served 22 years on the Court, Justice Mikoll was one of the longest serving jurists on the Third Department.

Justice Mikoll was appointed a Buffalo City Court Judge at age 27 in 1957 after two years as an Assistant City Corporation Counsel. She subsequently won election to the City Court and reelection in 1967. Her election to the Supreme Court in 1971 made her the first woman ever elected to that position outside of New York City; she was reelected in 1985. She obtained both her undergraduate (1951) and law (1954) degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

A link to Justice Mikoll's obituary can be found [here](#).



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