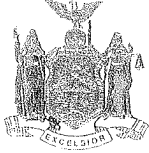


*Chief Judge of the State of New York*



*Janet DiFiore*

Remarks from Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, March 17, 2020:

As we begin session in these extraordinary times, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the Judges and court staff -- and the attorneys, both in the public and private sectors -- who have continued to provide exemplary service to New Yorkers under very difficult circumstances. The business of the New York courts must and will continue during this national crisis as we provide essential services to the best of our abilities, while safeguarding the health and safety of our work force, our families and the public.

Thank you for your dedication to the rule of law.