

State of New York
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL NOMINATION
CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS

1979 TO PRESENT

(Names in bold represent the candidate selected by the Governor or Governor-Elect)

Vacancy #1 **Chief Judge Charles D. Breitel (1979)**

1. Harold Birns, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
2. **Lawrence H. Cooke, Assoc. Judge, Court of Appeals¹**
3. Dominick Gabrielli, Assoc. Judge, Court of Appeals
4. Louis Greenblott, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department
5. Matthew J. Jasen, Assoc. Judge, Court of Appeals
6. Bernard S. Meyer, Former Justice, Supreme Court, 10th Jud. District
7. Richard D. Simons, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department

Vacancy #2 **Associate Judge Lawrence H. Cooke (1979)**

1. Harold Birns, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
2. Mary Johnson Lowe, U.S. District Judge, SDNY
3. Joseph M. McLaughlin, Dean, Fordham Law School
4. **Bernard S. Meyer, Former Justice, Supreme Court, 10th Jud. District¹**
5. Richard D. Simons, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department

Vacancy #3 **Associate Judge Matthew Jasen (1981)**

1. James H. Boomer, Justice, Supreme Court, 7th Jud. District
2. **Matthew J. Jasen, Assoc. Judge, Court of Appeals¹**
3. Richard D. Simons, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department

Vacancy #4 **Associate Judge Dominick Gabrielli (1983)**

1. Bertram R. Gelfand, Surrogate, Bronx County
2. Joseph M. McLaughlin, U.S. District Judge, EDNY
3. **Richard D. Simons, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department²**
4. Vito J. Titone, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department

Vacancy #5

Associate Judge Jacob D. Fuchsberg (1983)

1. Betty Weinberg Ellerin, Dep. Chief Administrative Judge
2. Bertram R. Gelfand, Surrogate, Bronx County
3. Stewart F. Hancock, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department
4. **Judith S. Kaye, Attorney in private practice²**
5. Leon D. Lazer, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
6. Abraham D. Sofaer, U.S. District Judge, SDNY
7. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department

Vacancy #6

Chief Judge Lawrence H. Cooke (1985)

1. Bertram R. Gelfand, Surrogate, Bronx County
2. Neal P. McCurn, U.S. District Judge, NDNY
3. E. Leo Milonas, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
4. Milton Mollen, Presiding Justice, 2nd Department
5. Abraham D. Sofaer, U.S. District Judge, SDNY
6. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
7. **Sol Wachtler, Assoc. Judge, Court of Appeals²**

Vacancy #7

Associate Judge Hugh R. Jones (1985)

1. **Fritz W. Alexander, II, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department²**
2. Richard A. Brown, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
3. Bertram R. Gelfand, Surrogate, Bronx County
4. Stewart F. Hancock, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department
5. William E. Hogan, Professor, NYU School of Law
6. Leon D. Lazer, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
7. Howard A. Levine, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department
8. Neal P. McCurn, U.S. District Judge, NDNY
9. Joseph M. McLaughlin, U.S. District Judge, SDNY
10. Abraham D. Sofaer, U.S. District Judge, SDNY
11. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department

Vacancy #8

Associate Judge Sol Wachtler (1985)

1. Richard A. Brown, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
2. William E. Hogan, Professor, NYU School of Law
3. Leon D. Lazer, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
4. Howard A. Levine, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department
5. Neal P. McCurn, U.S. District Judge, NDNY
6. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
7. **Vito J. Titone, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department²**

Vacancy #9

Associate Judge Matthew J. Jasen (1986)

1. Richard J. Bartlett, Dean, Albany Law School
2. Bertram R. Gelfand, Surrogate, Bronx County
3. Carolyn Gentile, Attorney in private practice
4. **Stewart F. Hancock, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department²**
5. William E. Hogan, Professor, NYU School of Law
6. Howard A. Levine, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department
7. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department

Vacancy #10

Associate Judge Bernard S. Meyer (1987)

1. **Joseph W. Bellacosa, Chief Administrative Judge²**
2. Richard A. Brown, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
3. William E. Hogan, Professor, NYU School of Law
4. Carolyn Gentile, Attorney in private practice
5. Howard A. Levine, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department
6. Joseph M. McLaughlin, U.S. District Judge, SDNY
7. Norman Redlich, Dean, NYU School of Law

Vacancy #11

Associate Judge Fritz W. Alexander, II (1992)

1. Carmen B. Ciparick, Justice, Supreme Court, 1st Jud. District
2. Lewis L. Douglass, Judge, Court of Claims, Supreme Court, Kings County
3. William E. Hellerstein, Professor, Brooklyn Law School, and pro bono counsel to law firm
4. Lewis A. Kaplan, Attorney in private practice
5. Howard A. Levine, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department
6. **George Bundy Smith, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department²**
7. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department

Vacancy #12

Chief Judge Sol Wachtler (1993)

1. William E. Hellerstein, Professor, Brooklyn Law School, and pro bono counsel to law firm
2. Lewis A. Kaplan, Attorney in private practice
3. **Judith S. Kaye, Assoc. Judge, Court of Appeals²**
4. Howard A. Levine, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department
5. E. Leo Milonas, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
6. Richard D. Simons, Assoc. Judge, Court of Appeals
7. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department

Vacancy #13

Associate Judge Judith S. Kaye (1993)

1. Myriam J. Altman, Justice, Supreme Court, 1st Jud. District
2. John Carro, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
3. Samuel L. Green, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department
4. William E. Hellerstein, Professor, Brooklyn Law School, and pro bono counsel to law firm
5. **Howard A. Levine, Assoc. Justice, 3rd Department²**
6. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department

Vacancy #14

Associate Judge Stewart F. Hancock, Jr. (1993)

1. Myriam J. Altman, Justice, Supreme Court, 1st Jud. District
2. **Carmen B. Ciparick, Justice, Supreme Court, 1st Jud. District²**
3. Samuel L. Green, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department
4. William E. Hellerstein, Professor, Brooklyn Law School, and pro bono counsel to law firm
5. Sylvia A. Law, Professor, NYU School of Law
6. Albert M. Rosenblatt, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
7. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department

Vacancy #15

Associate Judge Richard D. Simons (1997)

1. Myriam J. Altman, Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department
2. Samuel L. Green, Assoc. Justice, 4th Department
3. Albert M. Rosenblatt, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department
4. Guy Miller Struve, Esq., Attorney in private practice
5. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
6. **Richard C. Wesley, Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department³**
7. G. Robert Witmer, Jr., Esq., Attorney in private practice

Vacancy #16

Associate Judge Vito J. Titone (1998)

1. Richard T. Andrias, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
2. George B. Daniels, Justice, Supreme Court, NY County
3. Michael J. Hutter, Jr., Prof. of Law, Albany Law School of Union University
4. **Albert M. Rosenblatt, Assoc. Justice, 2nd Department³**
5. Guy Miller Struve, Esq., Attorney in private practice
6. Joseph P. Sullivan, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
7. James A. Yates, Justice, Supreme Court, NY County

Vacancy #17

Associate Judge Joseph W. Bellacosa (2000)

1. Richard T. Andrias, Assoc. Justice, 1st Department
2. Juanita Bing-Newton, Judge, Court of Claims and Deputy Chief Admin. Judge, NY County
3. Stephen G. Crane, Justice, Supreme Court, NY County
4. Steven W. Fisher, Justice, Supreme Court, NY County
5. **Victoria A. Graffeo, Additional Justice, Appellate Division, 3rd Department³**
6. James C. Moore, Attorney in private practice
7. Susan P. Read, Presiding Judge, New York State Court of Claims

Vacancy #18

Associate Judge Howard A. Levine (2002)

1. Steven W. Fisher, Justice, Supreme Court, Queens County
2. Helen E. Freedman, Justice, Supreme Court, NY County
3. L. Priscilla Hall, Justice, Supreme Court, Kings County
4. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr., Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Department
5. **Susan P. Read, Presiding Judge, New York State Court of Claims³**
6. Guy Miller Struve, Esq., Attorney in private practice
7. James A. Yates, Justice, Supreme Court, NY County

Vacancy #19

Associate Judge Richard Wesley (2003)

1. Daan Braverman, Professor of Law of Syracuse University College of Law
2. Steven W. Fisher, Justice, Supreme Court, Queens County
3. Helen E. Freedman, Justice, Supreme Court, New York County
4. Steven J. Friedman, Attorney in private practice
5. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr., Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
6. **Robert S. Smith, Attorney in private practice³**
7. Guy Miller Struve, Attorney in private practice

Vacancy #20

Associate Judge George Bundy Smith (2006)

1. Richard T. Andrias, Justice, Supreme Court, Nassau County
2. James M. Catterson, Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
3. Steven W. Fisher, Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department
4. Thomas E. Mercure, Justice, Appellate Division, 3rd Department
5. **Eugene F. Pigott, Jr., Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department³**
6. A. Gail Prudenti, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department
7. George Bundy Smith, Judge, State of NY Court of Appeals

Vacancy #21

Chief Judge Albert M. Rosenblatt (2006)

1. Richard T. Andrias, Justice, Supreme Court, Nassau County
2. Juanita Bing-Newton, Judge, Court of Claims
3. George F. Carpinello, Attorney in private practice
4. Steven W. Fisher, Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department
5. **Theodore T. Jones, Justice, Supreme Court, Kings County⁴**
6. Thomas E. Mercure, Justice, Appellate Division, 3rd Department
7. James A. Yates, Supreme Court Justice, Supreme Court, New York County

Vacancy #22

Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye (2007)

1. Richard T. Andrias, Justice, Supreme Court, Nassau County
2. George F. Carpinello, Attorney in private practice
3. Jeh C. Johnson, Attorney in private practice
4. **Judith S. Kaye, Chief Judge, Court of Appeals⁵**
5. Steven C. Krane, Attorney in private practice
6. Thomas E. Mercure, Justice, App. Division, 3rd Department
7. David A. Schulz, Attorney in private practice

Vacancy #23

Associate Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick (2007)

1. George F. Carpinello, Attorney in private practice
2. **Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, Associate Judge, Court of Appeals⁵**
3. Jeremy G. Epstein, Attorney in private practice
4. Helen E. Freedman, Justice, Supreme Court, New York County
5. Steven C. Krane, Attorney in private practice

Vacancy #24

Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye (2008)

1. George F. Carpinello, Attorney in private practice
2. Evan A. Davis, Attorney in private practice
3. Steven W. Fisher, Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department
4. Theodore T. Jones, Jr., Associate Judge, Court of Appeals
5. **Jonathan Lippman, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department⁶**
6. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr., Associate Judge, Court of Appeals
7. Peter L. Zimroth, Attorney in private practice

Vacancy #25

Associate Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick (2012)

1. Sheila Abdus-Salaam, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
2. Rolando T. Acosta, Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
3. Kathy H. Chin, attorney in private practice
4. Eugene M. Fahey, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
5. **Jenny Rivera, Professor of Law, CUNY School of Law⁷**
6. Margarita Rosa, Executive Director, Grand Street Settlement
7. David A. Schulz, attorney in private practice

Vacancy #26

Associate Judge Theodore T. Jones, Jr. (2013)

1. **Sheila Abdus-Salaam, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department⁷**
2. Eugene M. Fahey, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
3. John M. Leventhal, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department
4. Dianne T. Renwick, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
5. David A. Schulz, attorney in private practice
6. Maria T. Vullo, attorney in private practice
7. Rowan D. Wilson, attorney in private practice

Vacancy #27

Associate Judge Victoria A. Graffeo (2014)

1. Daniel S. Alter, General Counsel, New York State Department of Financial Services
2. Preeti D. Bansal, Visiting Scholar, Harvard Law School and Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, MIT Media Lab
3. Eugene M. Fahey, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
4. Victoria A. Graffeo, Senior Associate Judge, New York Court of Appeals
5. **Leslie E. Stein, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 3rd Department⁷**
6. Maria T. Vullo, attorney in private practice
7. Rowan D. Wilson, attorney in private practice

Vacancy #28

Associate Judge Robert S. Smith (2014)

1. Kathy Chin, attorney in private practice
2. **Eugene M. Fahey, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department⁷**
3. Hector Gonzalez, attorney in private practice
4. Erin M. Peradotto, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
5. Mary Kay Vyskocil, attorney in private practice
6. Rowan D. Wilson, attorney in private practice
7. Stephen P. Younger, attorney in private practice

Vacancy #29

Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman (2015)

1. **Hon. Janet DiFiore, Westchester County District Attorney**⁷
2. Carey R. Dunne, Esq., attorney in private practice
3. Michael J. Garcia, Esq., attorney in private practice
4. Caitlin J. Halligan, Esq., attorney in private practice
5. A. Gail Prudenti, Esq., Executive Director, Center for Children, Families and the Law, Hofstra Law School
6. Rowan D. Wilson, Esq., attorney in private practice
7. Stephen P. Younger, Esq., attorney in private practice

Vacancy #30

Associate Judge Susan P. Read (2015)

1. **Michael J. Garcia, attorney in private practice**⁷
2. Hon. Judith J. Gische, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
3. Caitlin J. Halligan, Esq., attorney in private practice
4. Hon. Erin M. Peradotto, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
5. Benjamin E. Rosenberg, Esq., General Counsel, New York County District Attorney's Office
6. Rowan D. Wilson, Esq., attorney in private practice
7. Stephen P. Younger, Esq., attorney in private practice

Vacancy #31

Associate Judge Eugene F. Pigott, Jr. (2016)

1. Eric O. Corngold, Esq., attorney in private practice
2. Hon. Judith J. Gische, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
3. Caitlin J. Halligan, Esq., attorney in private practice
4. Hon. Erin M. Peradotto, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
5. Benjamin E. Rosenberg, Esq., General Counsel, New York County District Attorney's Office
6. Robert A. Spolzino, Esq., attorney in private practice
7. **Rowan D. Wilson, Esq., attorney in private practice**⁷

Vacancy #32

Associate Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam (2017)

1. Eric O. Corngold, Esq., attorney in private practice
2. **Hon. Paul G. Feinman, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department**
3. Hon. Judith J. Gische, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
4. Hon. Rosalyn H. Richter, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
5. Hon. Mary Kay Vyskocil, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York
6. Hon. Troy Karen Webber, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
7. Hon. Gerald J. Whalen, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department

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- 1 **Appointed by Governor Hugh L. Carey**
 - 2 **Appointed by Governor Mario M. Cuomo**
 - 3 **Appointed by Governor George Pataki**
 - 4 **Appointed by Governor-elect Eliot Spitzer**
 - 5 **Appointed by Governor Eliot Spitzer**
 - 6 **Appointed by Governor David Paterson**
 - 7 **Appointed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo**