

HON. LAWRENCE KNIPEL
Administrative Judge for Civil Matters
Second Judicial District
New York State Supreme Court - Kings
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Personal Data: Born November 12, 1952. Married since 1979 to Lori Citron Knipel. Two children, Richard and Rachel.

Education: New York University Law School (LLM in Taxation - 1979).
University of Seattle Law School (JD - 1977).
SUNY at Cortland (BA - 1974) (full New York State Regents Scholarship).

Work History: Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, Second Judicial District (2013 - Present).
Justice of Supreme Court - Kings Civil Term (2002 - 2012).
Justice of Supreme Court, Kings Criminal Term (1998-2002).
Judge of NYC Civil Court, Kings Civil Court (1991 - 1997).
(assigned to Criminal Court, 6 months in 1995)
Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice Jules Spodek - Kings (1982 - 1990).
Law Clerk to Civil Court Judge Martin Schneier - Kings (1980 - 1982).
Van Ginkel & Benjamin (1978 - 1979), Associate in Tax Law.
Nassau County Legal Aid Society, Civil Division (1976 - 1977), Intern.

Judicial

Experience: At the Civil Court presided in both Housing and Civil Trial Parts. Also, supervised trial assignments while assigned to the Trial Assignment Part (TAP).

At the Supreme Court, Criminal Term, presided in a "Non Aligned" Part over Murder and High Profile trials.

At the Supreme Court, Civil Term, presided in most every part of the courthouse, eventually presiding in a Medical Malpractice Trial Part. During these years I rendered various high profile decisions (favorably noted in the media) in SEQRA, Toxic Tort and Employment Discrimination matters. Also beaded a pilot Medical Malpractice Early Settlement Program.

As Administrative Judge supervised perhaps the busiest Supreme Courthouse in New York State. I also preside in a Commercial Part. In 2019, during an outbreak of Measles, rendered an opinion which received favorable reviews, worldwide. During the current COVID emergency, Kings County has successfully completed as many (or more) jury trials than all the other counties in NYC combined.

**Activities
and Honors**

- 2015 Distinguished State Jurist Award, Defense Association of New York.
- 2013 Cardozo Award - Jewish Lawyers Guild.
- 2013 Ecumenical Award - Catholic Lawyers Guild.
- 2013 Brooklyn Bar Association Award.
- 2001 Honoree of New York County Lawyers Association Tort Law Section.
- Vice President (former Treasurer) of New York City Board of Supreme Court Justices.
- Frequent lecturer at various Bar Associations (including the City Bar, Brooklyn Bar, Columbian Lawyers, Bay Ridge Lawyers, Defense and Med Mal Defense Bar Associations).
- Guest presenter at National Business Institute Judicial Forum (May 11, 2010).
- Mediation and Conflict Resolution Workshop@ training sponsored by New York State Judicial Institute and the Office of ADR Programs.
- Author, "Adverse Consequences Arising from State Medical Indemnity Fund, New York Law Journal, November 15, 2011.
- Panelist of Federal and State Judges to Conferences on Economics (2009) and Civil Justice (2010) sponsored by Northwestern University School of Law (Chicago, Ill.)

- Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication (ASTAR) trained expert.
- Former President of Reform Synagogue, Beth Emeth of Flatbush.



Honorable Cenceria P. Edwards is Acting Justice of the Supreme Court Civil Term presiding in the Foreclosure Part-1, Kings County. Justice Edwards has the distinct privilege of holding two accomplished professional licenses in New York State. In addition to her law license, Justice Edwards is also a Certified Public Accountant.

She was elected in November 2014 to a ten- year term to the New York City Civil Court, Kings County where she presided over trials and matters involving commercial real estate, personal injury, no-fault medical claims, consumer debt disputes and small claims. She also presided over trials from the NYS Supreme Civil Court pursuant to CPLR 325D (2017-2021). She served her first two years in Kings County Criminal Court.

She is the author of “A View from the New York City Bench: Vacating Default Judgments – The Self-Represented Litigant” and co-author of the article, “Consumer Credit Fairness Act-S153(2021), Impact on the New York State Judiciary,” release date February 2022.

Prior to her judicial career, she managed the Law Firm of Cenceria Edwards, PLLC, which focused on complex litigation and transactional matters for real property. As a trial attorney, Justice Edwards argued intricate motions throughout the New York State Supreme Civil Courts and argued cases before the Appellate Division Second Judicial Department.

She is well versed in business and transactional matters for fortune 500 companies. In her capacity as a tax lawyer, Justice Edwards advised businesses regarding the structure of acquisitions, mergers, and dispositions of its assets for compliance with federal, state, and local tax laws. She wrote tax opinions for international and domestic banks at some of the largest global companies, USA Network Inc., KPMG, LLP, and Deloitte & Touche, LLP. Early in her accounting career, at Arthur Andersen, LLP, she audited financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and prepared annual reports, 10K and 10Q filings for Securities and Exchange Commission clients.

Because of her distinguished legal and judicial career, she was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Currently, she serves on the board of the NYC Civil Court Judges Association. She is the immediate past Chair of The Judicial Council of the National Bar Association and previously she served as Director of District 2 of the National Association of Women Judges (2017-2019 representing New York, Connecticut, and Vermont).

Justice Cenceria P. Edwards holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Bernard M. Baruch College, City University of New York, and a Juris Doctor from New York Law School. She is licensed to practice law in the New York State Courts, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, United States Supreme Court and United States Tax Court.

Justice Cenceria P. Edwards also serves as a speaker on judicial panels. She is the recipient of numerous awards for her contributions to the judiciary and the bar.

HON. WILLIAM A. HOHAUSER

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EMPLOYMENT:

**NASSAU COUNTY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
2016-present**

Elected to preside over both civil and criminal matters, including both jury and non-jury criminal trials. Representative criminal trials include driving while intoxicated, assault, harassment, menacing and stalking matters. Preside over criminal suppression hearings involving evidentiary issues. Sat in arraignments on entire panoply of criminal matters, from misdemeanors through homicides. Civil matters include presiding over, but are not limited to, landlord-tenant, personal injury, breach of contract, insurance defense, omnibus commercial claims and fraud matters.

**MORGAN STANLEY, Executive Director, Legal & Compliance
1987-2015**

Responsible for litigation of large-scale arbitrations and trials for Morgan Stanley. Served as lead counsel of record in more than 150 published decisions, also as supervisor of outside counsel in thousands of matters. Substantive areas of practice have included securities law, corporate law, employment law, RICO, real estate law, UCC claims, tort claims and complex commercial litigation practice. Within the securities law field, topics have included many primary areas of securities fraud, operational and sales practice issues, unauthorized, insider and manipulative trading, margin issues, private placements, alleged misappropriation, selling away, unauthorized business activity, and supervision.

Represented the firm and its advisors in numerous regulatory and enforcement matters, including serving as lead in-house counsel before FINRA, the SEC, the CFTC, as well as state investigations and audits. Prepared and defended witnesses for OTRs at all principal self-regulatory organizations.

Participated in firm-wide Compliance working groups to review and harmonize policies and procedures manuals; Legal & Compliance trainer for newly and recently-hired registered representatives.

**SCHNADER, HARRISON, SEGAL & LEWIS, Associate
1986-7**

General litigation practice, including conducting trials, motion practice in federal and state court, primarily in relation to securities, contracts and general commercial claims.

**PARKER CHAPIN FLATTAU & KLIMPL, Associate
1984-6**

Responsibilities included motion practice, depositions, drafting and legal research.

CALHOUN SCHOOL

Varsity Basketball Coach, 1983-4

EDUCATION:

Columbia University Law School J.D., 1984
Moot Court Executive Committee
Director, Jerome Michaels Jury Trials

Harpur College, SUNY-Binghamton B.S., B.A. 1981
Dual Major: Economics, Mathematics
Phi Beta Kappa (junior); High Honors (Economics)
Teaching Assistant: Economics, Mathematics, Chemistry

ADMISSIONS: New York State

POLITICAL: Legislative District Leader, Nassau County Democratic Party
Treasurer, Former NY State Senator Craig Johnson
Treasurer, Nassau County Legislator Wayne Wink

ASSOCIATIONS: College Council Member, SUNY Old Westbury (Gubernatorial app't)
American Corporate Counsel Association
Vice President, Port Washington Board of Education (2009-2015)
FINRA Arbitrator (Chair)
NYSE Arbitrator & Hearing Board Officer

Tracy Catapano-Fox is a Supreme Court Justice in the Eleventh Judicial District. She graduated *magna cum laude* from St. John's University with a double Bachelor of Arts in Government/Politics and History, and a minor in Philosophy of Law. In 1997, she received her Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School. Judge Catapano-Fox began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney with the Queens District Attorney's Office, and later became a senior associate at the law firm of Ross, Suchoff, Hankin, Maidenbaum, Handwerker and Mazel, P.C., handling federal and state civil and criminal litigation. In 2002, she entered the court system as court attorney to the Honorable Augustus C. Agate, and in 2007, was selected as the Executive Assistant to Administrative Judge Jeremy S. Weinstein. In 2010, she was appointed as the first female Chief Clerk for Queens Supreme Court, Civil Term. Judge Catapano-Fox was appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg as the Executive Director of the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board in June 2013, where she was responsible for overseeing the independent civilian agency which investigated, reviewed, and recommended police discipline for violations of the NYPD Patrol Guide. In October 2014, she returned to Queens Supreme Court as a court attorney referee, handling civil and matrimonial trials in addition to foreclosure matters. In 2017, she was elected to Queens Civil Court, and in 2020, was appointed as Supervising Judge of Queens Civil Court. Judge Catapano-Fox was elected to Queens Supreme Court in 2020, where she currently presides over the City calendars and Compliance Conference Part. Judge Catapano-Fox was selected to create the Foreclosure Settlement Conference Part in Queens Supreme Court in 2008 and oversaw the first mandatory settlement conference part in New York State. She has lectured extensively on foreclosure matters in state and federal court on behalf of the Unified Court System and has been a part of the UCS Foreclosure Working Group since its inception.

Brief Bio/Pic AJ Desmond A. Green



Justice Desmond A. Green is the Administrative Judge for Civil and Criminal terms in Richmond County Supreme Court, appointed in January 2018 by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and noted by Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks as an “exemplary public servant, representing a wealth of talent and expertise, and possessing the leadership, vision and collegiality for success” in his critical new role.

Justice Green has been on the bench for seventeen years having first been elected to the Civil Court in 2004, and assigned to the Criminal Court where he served both on Staten Island and in Brooklyn. He was subsequently elevated to Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2010 and elected to the Supreme Court bench in Kings County in 2014.

He formerly served as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County as well as subsequently entered private practice in both criminal and civil law, before joining the bench.

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HON. ROBERT F. QUINLAN, Justice of the NYS Supreme Court, Suffolk County

Admitted to practice in 1974, Justice Quinlan spent the first thirty-two years of his legal career in private practice representing clients in criminal and personal injury cases as a trial attorney for the Suffolk County Legal Aid Society, Siben & Siben and as a partner in Long, Tuminello, Besso, Seligman, Quinlan & Werner. He left private practice in 2006 serving as the Town Attorney for the Town of Brookhaven (2006-08, 2010-13), and for the Town of Islip (2008-10). Prior to taking the bench in January 2016, he served as Principal Law Clerk to the Suffolk County District Administrative Judge C. Randall Hinrichs. He is a member of the NYS Unified Court System Foreclosure Working Group, he has been a panelist and presenter at UCS seminars on foreclosure practice, he has lectured on foreclosure practice for the NYSBA and the Suffolk Academy of Law, as well as being a panelist at seminars on Supreme Court practice for the National Business Institute.

Justice Quinlan is a Past President (2005-06) of the Suffolk County Bar Association; as well as a Past President (1984-86) of the Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association. A member the NYS Bar Association, he has served as a member of the House of Delegates (2003-06), as well as on the NYSBA Special Committee to Ensure Quality Mandated Representation (2004-09). He is a past member of the NYS Trial Lawyers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (1970) and Villanova University School of Law (1973).