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Presiding Justice Elizabeth A. Garry



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- On January 1, 2018, was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo as the 16th Presiding Justice of the Third Department.
- Appointed to the Third Department effective March 19, 2009.
- Graduated from Alfred University and Albany Law School, with honors.
- Served as Confidential Law Clerk to the Hon. Irad S. Ingraham, Justice of the Supreme Court, 1990-1994.

- Engaged in private practice with the Joyce Law Firm in central New York, 1995-2006.
- Served on the Planning Board for the Town of New Berlin, Chenango County, 1999-2001.
- Elected as Town Justice in the Town of New Berlin in 2001 and reelected to a second term in 2005.
- Elected Supreme Court Justice for the Sixth Judicial District in 2006 and re-elected in 2020.
- Current Commissioner and inaugural Co-Chair of the Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York Courts.
- Has served on various boards and professional associations including: Albany Law School, Trustee, 2022-present; Del-Chen-O Chapter of Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, founding member; Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal (CCJSCA), Communications Committee, Chair, 2024-2025; International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges, Director, 2015-2025; International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges Foundation, President, 2024-2025; New York State Bar Association Committee on LGBT People and the Law, 2011-2019; Albany Law School, National Alumni Association Board, 2011-2019; New York State Bar Association Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, 2013-2018; New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, member, 2012-2015; Third Department CLE Committee, Chair, 2010-2014; Association of Justices of Supreme Court of New York State, Treasurer, 2012-2015, 6th District Representative 2008-2016, Bench Book Committee, 2011-2013.
- Has been recognized with a number of honors and awards including:
 - The Cannataro LGBTQ+ Access to Justice Judicial Leadership Award (Ninth Judicial District Access to Justice, LGBTQ+ Sub-Committee, 2025)
 - Robert L. Haig Award (Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, 2024)
 - Betty Weinberg Ellerin Mentor Award (Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, 2024)
 - Ruth M. Miner Leadership Award (Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, 2024)
 - Anthony V. Cardona Award (Italian American Bar Association, 2023)
 - President's Award (New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2022)



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Justice Lisa M. Fisher



Justice Lisa M. Fisher

- Appointed to the Third Department effective January 4, 2022.
- Admitted to practice of law in 1994.
- Began her legal career as a solo general practitioner from 1994 through 2013.
- Served as part-time court attorney at the Office of Court Administration from 1999 to 2007 and part-time Ulster County assistant public defender from 1995-1999.
- Served as full time Ulster County assistant public defender from 2011 through 2014.

- Elected to the Supreme Court for the Third Judicial District in 2014.
- Recipient of the 2022 Hon. Judith Kaye Distinguished Attorney Award from the Capital District Women's Bar Association.
- Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee, Chair 2021-2024.
- 2015-2021 Member of the Third Department Attorney for the Child Advisory Panel.
- 2020-2022 Third Department Vice President of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges.
- 2023-2025 Third Department Vice President of the New York Women Judges Association.
- Ulster County Bar Association Board member.
- Member of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court State of New York, 3rd Judicial District Director 2017-2022, Capital District Women's Bar Association, Greene and Albany County Bar Associations.

- Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare (New York State Bar Association, 2022)
- President's Award (International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges, 2022)
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg Vanguard Award Program Recognition (New York State Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section, 2020)
- Humanitarian Achievement Award (Inaugural, Albany Law School, 2019)
- Capital District Women's Bar Association LGBT Committee Award (2019)
- Marilyn R. Menge Award (Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, 2018)
- Felix J. Aulisi Award (NYS Trial Lawyers Association, 2015)
- Kate Stoneman Award (Albany Law School, 2012)



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Justice L. Michael Mackey



Justice L. Michael Mackey

- Appointed to the Third Department effective August 21, 2023.
- Graduated from Siena College and Albany Law School.
- Served as Confidential Law Clerk to the Hon. John J. Clyne, Albany County Court Judge, from 1981 to 1984.
- Engaged in the private practice of law from 1984 to 2016.

- Served as New Scotland Town Attorney from 2004 to 2011.
- Served as a member of the Albany County Legislature from 2012 to 2016.
- Served on the Board of Directors of the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation Committee from 2012 to 2016.
- Elected Supreme Court Justice for the Third Judicial District in 2016.



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Justice Justin O. Corcoran



Justice Justin O. Corcoran

- Appointed to the Third Department effective October 30, 2025.
- Graduated from Binghamton University and Albany Law School.
- Engaged in the private practice of law from 1995 to 2016.
- From 2017-2019, served as Principal Law Clerk to Justice L. Michael Mackey.

- Served as a member of the Albany County Legislature from 2012 to 2015.
- Served as Chair of the Albany County Ethics Commission.
- Elected Supreme Court Justice for the Third Judicial District in 2019.



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Justice Christina L. Ryba



Christina L. Ryba

- Appointed to the Third Department effective March 4, 2026.
- Graduated from Skidmore College and Albany Law School.
- Elected to the Supreme Court for the Third Judicial District in 2015.
- Appointed Administrative Judge for the Third Judicial District in May 2025.
- Also served as Supervising Judge of the Supreme Court in the Third Judicial District.

- Currently serves as Co-Chair of the Permanent Commission on Access to Justice.
- Served as Special Projects Counsel to the Presiding Justice of the Third Department and Special Projects Counsel to the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside of New York City.
- Before working with the judiciary, she was an Associate at Nixon Peabody.
- Began her career in public service, which included a position as a New York State Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Bureau as well as appointments in the City of Albany Community Development Agency and the City of Albany Corporation Counsel's Office.
- Is President-Elect of the New York State Supreme Court Justices Association as well as past-president of both the Albany County Bar Foundation and the Albany County Bar Association.
- Member of the New York Women Judges Association, the Judicial Friends Association and the American Bar Association.
- Chair of the Third Department Judicial Hearing Officer Selection Advisory Committee.
- Emeritus Trustee of Albany Law School.