

New York State

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There are 11 members of the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Four are appointed by the Governor, three by the Chief Judge, and one each by the four leaders of the Legislature.

Appointing Authority	Commission Member	Expiration of Term
Governor	Hon. Frederick M. Marshall	March 31, 2004
Governor	Vacant	March 31, 2005
Governor	Christina Hernandez, MSW	March 31, 2002
Governor	Hon. Daniel F. Luciano	March 31, 2003
Chief Judge	Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman	March 31, 2004
Chief Judge	Hon. Frances A. Ciardullo	March 31, 2005
Chief Judge	Hon. Karen K. Peters	March 31, 2002
Senate President Pro Tem	Stephen R. Coffey, Esq.	March 31, 2003
Senate Minority Leader	Henry T. Berger, Esq.	March 31, 2004
Assembly Minority Leader	Alan J. Pope, Esq.	March 31, 2005
Assembly Speaker	Lawrence S. Goldman, Esq.	March 31, 2002

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Following are biographies of the current Commission members.

Henry T. Berger, Esq., *Chair of the Commission*, is a graduate of Lehigh University and New York University School of Law. He is in private practice in New York City, concentrating in labor law and election law. He is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Berger served as a member of the New York City Council in 1977.

Honorable Frederick M. Marshall, *Vice Chair of the Commission*, attended the University of Buffalo and is a graduate of its law school. He is admitted to practice in all courts of the State of New York as well as the Federal courts. He has served as Chief Trial Assistant in the Erie County District Attorney's office, Senior Erie County Court Judge, President of the New York State County Judges Association, Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York, and President of the State Association of Supreme Court Justices. Justice Marshall has served as Administrative Judge of the Eighth Judicial District and Administrative Justice of the Narcotics Court in the Fourth Judicial Department. In addition to his 30 year tenure in the judiciary, Justice Marshall has been an instructor in constitutional law at the State College at Buffalo, Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Political Science Program at Erie Community College, Chairman of the New York State Bar Association Judicial Section, and has been designated Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Buffalo News. In 1989 the Bar Association of Erie County presented Justice Marshall with the Outstanding Jurist Award. The University of Buffalo Alumni Association has conferred upon him its Distinguished Alumni Award. He served as a First Lieutenant in the Infantry in World War II. Justice Marshall and his wife have three sons and live in Orchard Park, New York, and Bradenton, Florida.

Honorable Frances A. Ciardullo received her B.A. from Cornell University and her J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law, where she was an Editor on the Law Review. She serves part-time as the Schroepfel Town Justice in Oswego County. She has practiced health law for the past 20 years, first as a partner in the law firm of Costello, Cooney & Fearon, LLP and presently as staff counsel with the firm of Fager & Amsler. Her areas of expertise include risk management services to health care providers, representation of providers in administrative proceedings before Federal and State agencies; compliance counseling; issues involving both governmental and nongovernmental payors; medical records and patient care issues; contract preparation and negotiation; and general civil litigation involving health care institutions and individual providers. Justice Ciardullo has served as an Adjunct Professor in Health Law for the Syracuse University College of Law, and has served on the teaching faculty for many educational institutions, including the New School for Social Research, Graduate

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School of Management in the Master's Degree Program in Health Care Administration, the State University of New York Health Science Center, and the Institute for Health Care Ethics in Syracuse, New York. She is a member of the teaching faculty for the New York State Office of Court Administration certification programs for town and village justices throughout the State. Justice Ciardullo is a past president of the Central New York Women's Bar Association and serves on the Board of Visitors of the Syracuse University College of Law.

Stephen R. Coffey, Esq., is a graduate of Siena College and the Albany Law School at Union University. He is a partner in the law firm of O'Connell and Aronowitz in Albany. He was an Assistant District Attorney in Albany County from 1971-75, serving as Chief Felony Prosecutor in 1974-75. He has also been appointed as a Special Prosecutor in Fulton and Albany Counties. Mr. Coffey is a member of the New York State Bar Association, where he serves on the Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee and lectures on Criminal and Civil Trial Practice, the Albany County Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the New York State Defenders Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Lawrence S. Goldman, Esq. is a graduate of Brandeis University and Harvard Law School. He is in private practice in New York City, concentrating in white-collar criminal defense. From 1966 through 1971, he served as an assistant district attorney in New York County. He has also been a consultant to the Knapp Commission and the New York City Mayor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Mr. Goldman is currently First Vice President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and former chairperson of its ethics advisory and white-collar committees, a member of the executive committee of the criminal justice section of the New York State Bar Association and a member of the advisory committee on the Criminal Procedure Law. He is a past president of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and a past president of the New York Criminal Bar Association. He has received the outstanding criminal law practitioner awards of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the New York State Bar Association, the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the New York Criminal Bar Association. He has lectured at numerous bar association and law school programs on various aspects of criminal law and procedure, trial tactics, and ethics. He is an honorary trustee of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in New York City. He and his wife Kathi have two children and live in Manhattan.

Christina Hernandez, MSW, is a Board Member of the New York State Crime Victims Board, appointed by Governor George E. Pataki in 1995 and again in 2001. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Buffalo State College, a Masters in Social Work Management from the School of Social Welfare, State University of New York at Albany and a Certificate of Graduate Study in Women and Public

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Policy from the Rockefeller College School of Public Affairs and Policy, State University of New York at Albany. At present she is in the doctoral program at the School of Social Welfare, pursuing a PhD in Social Work. Ms. Hernandez is a former Fellow of the Center for Women In Government. Her assignment as a Fellow was to serve as a Legislative Assistant at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and assist in the research and development of policy regarding environmental justice. Ms. Hernandez served as a Member of the New York State Commission on Domestic Violence Fatalities and the New York State Police Minority Recruitment Task Force. A native of New York City, she now resides in the Capital Region.

Honorable Daniel F. Luciano was educated in the public schools of the City of New York and attended Brooklyn College, from which he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. He thereafter attended Brooklyn Law School, earning a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1954. After serving in the United States Army in Europe, he entered the practice of law, specializing in tort litigation, real property tax assessment certiorari and general practice. He was engaged as trial counsel to various law firms in litigated matters. Additionally, he served as an Assistant Town Attorney for the Town of Islip, representing the Assessor in real property tax assessment certiorari from 1970 to 1982, and chaired the Suffolk County Board of Public Disclosure from 1980 to 1982. He was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court in 1982 and presided over a general civil caseload. In May 1991 he was appointed to preside over Conservatorship and Incompetency proceedings, later denominated Guardianship Proceedings in Suffolk County. He was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts, in April of 1993. On May 30, 1996, he was appointed by Governor George E. Pataki as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. Justice Luciano is one of the founders of the Alexander Hamilton Inn of Court and served as a Director of the Suffolk Academy of Law. He was the Presiding Member of the New York State Bar Association Judicial Section, as well as a Delegate to the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association. Justice Luciano is Chair of the Executive Committee of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Justice Luciano has held the positions of Director of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association, and President, First Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Additionally, he is a member of the Advisory Council of the Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center.

Honorable Karen K. Peters is a graduate of George Washington University and New York University School of Law. She was appointed a Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department, in 1994. In 1992, she became the first woman elected to the Supreme Court in the Third Department. Her judicial career began with her election to the Ulster County Family Court in 1983. Prior to

taking the bench, Justice Peters was in the private practice of law and served as an Assistant District Attorney in Dutchess County. She was counsel to the State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse from 1979 to 1983, when she became director of the State Assembly Government Operations Committee in 1983. She also served as an assistant professor at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Alan J. Pope, Esq. is a graduate of the Clarkson College of Technology (cum laude) and the Albany Law School. He is a member of the Broome County Bar Association, where he co-chairs the Environmental Law Committee; the New York State Bar Association, where he serves on the Insurance, Negligence and Compensation Law Section, the Construction and Surety Division, and the Environmental Law Section; and the American Bar Association, where he serves on the Tort & Insurance Practice Section and the Construction Industry Forum Committee. Mr. Pope is also an Associate Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the New York Chapter of the General Contractors Association of America, an Associate Member of the Building Contractors of Triple Cities, and a member of the Broome County Environmental Management Council.

Honorable Terry Jane Ruderman graduated cum laude from Pace University School of Law, holds a Ph.D. in History from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and Masters Degrees from City College and Cornell University. In 1995, Judge Ruderman was appointed to the Court of Claims and is assigned to the White Plains district. At the time she was the Principal Law Clerk to a Justice of the Supreme Court. Previously, she served as an Assistant District Attorney and Deputy County Attorney in Westchester County, and later she was in the private practice of law. Judge Ruderman is a member of the New York State Committee on Women in the Courts and Chair of the Gender Fairness Committee for the Ninth Judicial District, and she has served on the Ninth Judicial District Task Force on Reducing Civil Litigation and Delay. She is also Vice President of the New York State Association of Women Judges, Treasurer of the White Plains Bar Association, a board member and former Vice President of the Westchester Women's Bar Association and a former State Director of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. Judge Ruderman also sits on the Alumni Board of Pace University School of Law and the Cornell University President's Council of Cornell Women.

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