AI Challenges and Opportunities for the Judiciary

The session will provide an overview of the of the work of the Thomson Reuters Institute/National Center for State Courts AI Policy Consortium on Law and Courts, including the purpose, progress to date and future plans. The panelists will discuss the results of a recent extensive survey of court issues conducted with assistance by the AI Policy Consortium on Law and Courts and then we will have a moderated discussion on the challenges AI presents to courts and the ways it could improve delivery of court services and access to justice with thoughtful implementation.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the objectives and current work of the AI Policy Consortium on Law and Courts, including insights from their recent survey on court issues related to artificial intelligence implementation.

2. Identify specific challenges AI presents to judicial proceedings at both trial and appellate levels, including concerns about reliability, bias, transparency, and ethical considerations for both state and federal courts.

3. Explore potential opportunities for AI to enhance judicial efficiency, improve access to justice for underrepresented litigants, and develop appropriate policy frameworks and guardrails for responsible AI adoption.

Speakers:

Hon. Elizabeth Clement

Hon. Angela Iannacci

Hon. Angela Iannacci has served as an Associate Justice in the Appellate Division, Second Department since her May 20 I 7 appointment to this mid-level appellate bench, which hears civil and criminal appeals from trial cou11s in New York City, the Tenth .Judicial District (Long Island), and the Ninth Judicial District (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties), an area containing some 50 percent of the State's population. She previously served as Acting Presiding Justice and as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term in the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts. She first began her judicial career upon her 2004 election to the Nassau County Family Court. Later that year, she was appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice and in 2006 was elected to Nassau County's Supreme Court bench. Justice lannacci first joined the court system as a Principal Court Attorney to Appellate Term Associate Justice Allan L. Winick.

Previously, she managed her own law practice. She began her legal career as a litigation associate, employed by law firms in Long Island and Manhattan.

With her special training as a certified Science and Technology Resource Judge, Justice lannacci was appointed as co-chair of the NY Court System Artificial Intelligence Task Force, as co-chair of the Appellate Division, Second Department Artificial Intelligence Task Force and as a member of the NYC Bar Association Presidential Task Force on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies, Access to Justice Committee. Justice lannacci was also elected as a Board Member of'the National Courts and Sciences Institute.

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Zach Warren leads technology and innovation content and research for the Thomson Reuters Institute. Zach has been writing and speaking on tech and innovation for more than a decade, charting the future of professional services industries such as legal, tax, and corporate risk & fraud. With the Institute, Zach has helmed multiple research projects on technology in professional services, including a series of Generative AI reports for the legal and tax industries, and aided TRI's partnership with the National Center for State Courts on AI education for the judiciary. Before TRI, Zach was the editor-in-chief of ALM's Legaltech News and regularly featured on Law.com and The American Lawyer.

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