

The Honorable Kathy J. King Justice, Supreme Court, Kings County

The Honorable Kathy J. King is a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County. Justice King was elected to the Civil Court in 2003. In 2009, she was appointed to serve as an Acting Supreme Court Justice and presided in Civil Court, where she presided in a guardianship part. In 2014, Justice King was elected to Supreme Court. She was appointed to the Committee on Fiduciary Appointments by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippmann in 2015. Throughout her tenure on the bench, Justice King has written extensively on a wide range of legal issues including the seminal decision, *In the Matter of Jane Doe, An Incapacitated Person*, a case of first impression under the Family Health Care Decisions Act. Her decisions have been published in the *New York Official Reports* and the *New York Law Journal*.

Justice King began her legal career in the NYS Unified Court System in 1989, where she was a Court Attorney to the late Civil Court Judge Ralph W. Sparks. Thereafter, she was assigned to Richmond County Civil Court as Counsel to the Self-Represented. From 1992-1998, Justice King served as General Counsel, where she supervised litigation and provided legal counsel to the Commissioners of Elections. As the Chief Compliance Officer for the Board of Elections, she was responsible for enforcing the Voting Rights Act in the City of New York. Justice King was in private practice for several years specializing in trusts and estates, real estate and consumer rights. She returned to public service in 2000 where she worked as Deputy Clerk to the New York City Board of Elections, Brooklyn office, and, along with the agency's Chief, managed election operations for the largest voting constituency in New York State.

Justice King is committed to ensuring diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, and is a lifetime member of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), an organization that serves as the leading voice for women in the judiciary. She is presently a District Director representing the states of New York, Connecticut and Vermont, and co-chair of NAWJ's membership committee. Justice King is a former Past President of NAWJ's NY chapter (2015), and previously served as Secretary (2016) and Treasurer (2017) of the organization. Justice King also serves as a mentor to aspiring lawyers and rising high school students with professional career aspirations. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of Imagine Me Charter Leadership School from 2009-2012, and helped developed best practices in educating the next generation of African-American male leaders. In 2018, Justice King became a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Barnabas High School, an all girls high school in Bronx County, and presently serves as the Board's secretary. She is a member of numerous judicial and bar organizations including Judicial Friends and the Kings County Board of Justices, where she serves as Treasurer, and the Brooklyn Bar Association, Brooklyn Women's Bar, and NYS Academy of Trial Lawyers. She is the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of her accomplishments. Justice King graduated from the City College of the City University of NY, and obtained her Juris Doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.