

The Honorable Mimi Tsankov  
Immigration Judge  
New York Immigration Court

Mimi Tsankov is an Immigration Judge at the New York Federal Plaza Immigration Court. In the past 15 years presiding at Immigration Courts in New York, Colorado, and California, she has held a variety of national leadership roles including Pro Bono Liaison Judge, contributing editor to the Immigration Judge Benchbook, Attorney Discipline Adjudicator, Chair, Immigration Court - Board of Immigration Appeals Precedent Committee, Mentor Judge, and Juvenile Docket Best Practices Committee Chair. She is currently active in a variety of roles in the National Association of Immigration Judges (NAIJ), including Eastern Regional Vice President, and chairing committees addressing gender equality issues and vulnerable populations cases.

In her personal capacity, she has been elected to the Federal Bar Association (FBA) Board of Directors, and serves as President of the FBA Southern District of New York (SDNY) Chapter. She is a prior Chair of the FBA national International Law Section. Presently she serves on the Board of the Judicial Division and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. In Fall 2020, she is chairing a national law student three-part webinar program entitled, *Racial Equality and the SDGs: A Certificate Training Program for Law Students*. This program will be accessible to all law students, nationwide.

Judge Tsankov is co-chair of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) Immigration Law Committee, and a member of the NAWJ Technology Committee. At the American Bar Association (ABA), she is currently serving on a presidential appointment to the Commission on Immigration, and is a member of the Executive Board of the Judicial Division, National Conference of Administrative Law Judiciary.

Judge Tsankov serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Fordham Law School in New York. She publishes regularly and in the past few months has published articles in the California Western Law Review, the International Bar Association Immigration Law Journal, and the ABA Human Rights Magazine. She speaks regularly before members of the immigration law community at international, national, and regional conferences.