

Tanya R. Kennedy

Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Supreme Court of the State of New York



Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy was appointed in July 2020 by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, of the New York State Supreme Court. Prior to her appointment, Justice Kennedy served as a Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, commencing in January 2016, after election in November 2015. She was elected to Civil Court in November 2005 and thereafter served in Criminal Court, Civil Court, Family Court, as Acting Supreme Court Justice, and as Supervising Judge of Civil Court, New York County. She is also a former adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law, where she taught a

Juvenile Justice seminar for ten years.

Justice Kennedy is a former President of the National Association of Women Judges. She is also a life member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and a former board member of the Association; member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Bar Association; an Executive Committee member of the Women in Law Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA); Secretary of NYSBA's Judicial Section; member of the Board of Overseers of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she received her law degree; and an Advisory Board Member of Penn State Law.

A frequent speaker at various conferences, Justice Kennedy has received numerous professional awards, including the 2022 Award of Recognition from the New York Women's Bar Association and the 2022 Champion for Justice Award from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Justice.