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Two Cardozo Alumni Appointed to Appellate Division of Supreme Court of the State of N.Y.



Hon. Tanya Kennedy '92 and Hon. Martin Shulman '81

Justices Tanya R. Kennedy '92 and Martin Shulman '81 was named to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y. this week.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced four appointments to fill vacancies in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, in the First Department of New York State.

"New York State's courts have enormous impact on the laws that shape citizens' day-to-day lives, and their judges should display strong commitments to justice and fairness," Governor Cuomo said. "I am proud to appoint four individuals whose exemplary service qualifies them to serve in the Appellate Division of New York's Supreme Court and wish them well in their work for New Yorkers in Manhattan and the Bronx."

Honorable Tanya R. Kennedy '92

Justice Kennedy has served as a Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, since January 2016, after election in November 2015. She was elected to Civil Court in November 2005 and served in Criminal Court, Civil Court, Family Court), as Acting Supreme Court and as Supervising Judge of Civil Court. As an Acting Supreme Court Justice, Justice Kennedy presided over an integrated guardianship and landlord-tenant calendar and conducted bench hearings on a daily basis.

Before her election to Civil Court, Justice Kennedy was principal law clerk to Hon. Barry A. Cozier both while he was an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department and while he was a Justice in the Commercial Division, New York County. Before her clerkship with Justice Cozier, Justice Kennedy served in the Office of the Corporation Counsel, New York City Law Department, as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Bronx Family Court Division and in the Bronx Tort Division, where she was promoted to Assistant Deputy Chief.

Honorable Martin Shulman '81

Justice Shulman was first elected to the New York County Supreme Court in the First Judicial Department in 2005 with his term ending in 2019, and in 2019, was re-elected to the New York County Supreme Court for another 14-year term. At the First Judicial Department, he served as the Presiding Justice in the Appellate Term. From 1999 to 2004, he served as an Acting Justice. In addition to his time with the New York County Supreme Court, Justice Shulman was also a Judge at New York County's Civil Court from 1995 to 2014. Before becoming a Judge, Justice Shulman was an Associate, then Partner, at the real estate litigation firm of Shaw & Binder. Prior to Shaw & Binder, Justice Shulman held numerous positions at the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (Formerly New York City Conciliation and Appeals Board), including Deputy Chief of the Administrative Review Bureau, a Supervising Attorney and a Staff Attorney. He was also a Court Attorney for the Hon. Eugene L. Nardelli.