

MEDIA ADVISORY
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Leaders of the Bench and Bar Confirmed to Testify About Effects of Budget Cuts on State and Federal Courts

What: Public Hearing at the New York County Lawyers' Association on the Impact of Judicial Budget Cuts. Judges, senior court administrators, attorneys and not-for-profit advocates discuss the impact of the budget cuts on the public, families, the criminal justice system and State and Federal courts.

When: December 2, 2011
9: 00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Where: New York County Lawyers' Association
14 Vesey Street
New York, NY 10007

Who: Confirmed panelists include:

Impact of Budget Cuts on the State Courts

- Hon. Lawrence Marks, Administrative Director of the Office of Court Administration
- Ronald Younkens, Chief of Operations, Office of Court Administration

Impact of State Court Budget Cuts on Children, Families and the Public

- Hon. Laura Drager, Acting Justice of the NYS Supreme Court
- Hon. Kristin Booth Glen, Surrogate, NY County Former Dean, CUNY Law School
- Dennis R. Hawkins, Executive Director, Fund for Modern Courts
- Matthew J. Troy, Support Magistrate, NY Family Court
- Briana Denney, Co-Chair, NYCLA Matrimonial Law Section
- Dora F. Galacatos, Senior Counsel, Feerick Center for Social Justice, Fordham University School of Law
- Ira Salzman, Partner, Goldfarb Abrandt Salzman & Kutzin
- Louise Seeley, Executive Director, Housing Court Answers

Impact of State Court Budget Cuts on the Criminal Justice System

- Daniel R. Alonso, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Manhattan District Attorney's Office
- Lori Cohen, Partner, Cohen & Funk, PC
- Irwin Shaw, Attorney in Charge, New York County Criminal Defense Office, The Legal Aid Society
- William Gorta, Associate Metro Editor, *New York Post*

Impact of Budget Cuts on the Federal Courts

- Hon. Carol Bagley Amon, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- Hon. Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- Edward Friedland, District Executive, Southern District of New York
- Eileen Kelly, Chief U.S. Probation Officer, U.S. Probation Department, Eastern District of New York

Why: New York State Court's budgets were cut by \$170 million and Federal Court budget cuts raise serious concern. As a result of continuous budget cuts, the American Bar Association called on "bar associations to document the impact of funding cutbacks" on the judiciary.

NYCLA took action by compiling two [reports](#) on the effects of the cuts and [questionnaire](#) highlighting the effects of the judicial budget cuts. This hearing is part of NYCLA's on-going initiative to assess the repercussions of the budget cuts on the public, practitioners and court personal. More information about the impact of the budget cuts and the final schedule can be obtained at www.nycla.org.

Media: Panelists will be available for interviews. Please coordinate with NYCLA to schedule.