

ELIZABETH J. NEWTON

EDUCATION:

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SCHOOL OF LAW, Flushing, New York
Juris Doctor 1998

UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT, M.A., Bridgeport, Connecticut

EXPERIENCE:

NEW YORK CITY FAMILY COURT

Family Court Judge

January 2025 to Present

Preside over custody, visitation, Family Offense, Adoption, and Special Immigration Juvenile Status proceedings. Adjudicate objections to orders rendered by Support Magistrates in child support proceedings.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – CRIMINAL PRACTICE QUEENS COUNTY

ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR March 2013 – December 2024

Responsible for the effective running of and the provision of client services by a complex containing 30-35 attorneys, 2-3 investigators and 2-3 paralegals and support and administrative staff. Respond to client concerns about their representation. Resolve conflicts among staff, court personnel and other agencies in the criminal justice system. Address problems that arise on an emergency basis. Monitor standards of performance for the complex. Assist in formulating, interpreting, and implementing organization policy. Represent the office and the Criminal Defense Practice in interactions with the public and other practice areas of the Society.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE QUEENS COUNTY

October 2004 – March 2013

Responsibilities include Representation of indigent defendants in Criminal and Supreme Court. Cases handled in the criminal practice range in seriousness from disorderly conduct to serious violent felony offenses. Develop legal strategies for the purposes of litigating cases in criminal and Supreme Court, conducted several misdemeanor trials both jury and nonjury and couple felony jury trials. Work closely with various agencies and organizations to obtain necessary resources for clients.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – CIVIL PRACTICE QUEENS COUNTY

January 2001- October 2004

Responsibilities include Representation of indigent respondents in civil court and Housing court. Extensive Motion Practice and Research. Develop legal strategies for litigating cases; heavy appellate court writing and research for oral argument at intermediate courts; obtain invaluable negotiation skills and work closely with various agencies and organizations to obtain necessary resources for clients.

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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN SERVICES – QUEENS COUNTY

November 1998-January 2001

Responsibilities included: Prepared legal cases involving child neglect, abuse, termination of parental rights and other Family law matters using standard legal research and expert witnesses to submit information to the court for resolution and/or disposition relative to children's future. Interview witnesses and other parties to determine admissibility of types of evidence, develop legal strategies and prepare testimony to prepare cases for litigation. Draft legal documents, including pleadings and motion using generally accepted legal procedures, forms, and techniques to meet the Agency's needs, goals, and objectives.

BAR: Admitted in Southern District Federal Court 1999
Admitted to New York State Bar 1999
Admitted to United States Supreme Court 2015

Associations:

Queens County Woman's Bar Association	President	2023-2024
	Vice President	2022-2023
	Financial Secretary	2021-2022
	Corresponding Secretary	2020-2021
	Board of Directors	2015-2020
Women's Bar Association of the State of New York	Co-Chair Criminal Law	2017-2023
Women's Bar Association of the State of New York	Stephanie E. Kupferman Juvenile Justice Award Recipient	2022
Women's Bar Association of the State of New York	Legislative Committee -	2010-2022
Queens County Bar Association	Criminal Law Committee	2018-Current
	Academy Law Committee	2021-Present
New York City Bar Association	Counsel on Judicial Admin.	2017-2019
Small Claims Court – Queens County	Arbitrator	2017-2023
Community Board 6	Chair, Consumer Affairs, Economic Development & Cultural Affairs	2018-2023
Legal Advisor to Robert Couche Senior Center		2023- Present