

**HON. EDWIN I. NOVILLO**  
**ACTING JUSTICE, SUPERVISING JUDGE OF QUEENS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT**

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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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**New York State Unified Court System**

*Acting Justice, Supervising Judge of Queens County Criminal Court* February 2025 – Present

*Acting Justice, Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Term* January 2024 – February 2025

*Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York* January 2019 – December 2023  
Queens County Criminal Court (January 2021 – December 2023)  
Kings County Criminal Court (January 2019 – January 2021)

*Judge, Interim Civil Court of the City of New York* February 2018 – December 2018  
Served in Kings County Criminal Court

As Supervising Judge I oversee and manage all operations in Queens Criminal Court. I preside over several court parts, including the Gun Waiver Part, All-Purpose Felony Waiver Part, Trial Readiness Part, and Standards and Goals Part. I handle misdemeanor and felony arraignments, evidentiary hearings, trials, and cases involving Superior Court Information pleas and pleas on Indictments. In 2023, I took the most pleas in the entire state, reflecting my commitment to efficient case resolution. Skilled in conferencing older cases to ensure timely resolutions and reduce case backlogs, while facilitating just dispositions and expediting cases to trial. I preside over preliminary hearings, review and issue search and arrest warrants, and render informed decisions of law. I train new judges assigned to various court parts, ensuring consistency in legal application and courtroom procedures. I developed scripts for plea allocutions and confidential informant search warrant examinations, as well as created a Universal Conditional Plea Action Sheet now used in multiple Counties.

**The Legal Aid Society**

*Senior Staff Attorney, Criminal Defense Practice, Queens County* August 2005 - February 2018  
*Staff Attorney, Criminal Defense Practice, Kings County* September 2003 - August 2005

Handled a full caseload of felony and misdemeanor cases from arraignment through trial. Responsibilities included client counseling, conducting thorough arraignment interviews, preparing motions, and engaging in plea negotiations. Made bail applications, prepared clients for Grand Jury presentations, and conducted and supervised case investigations. Evaluated clients' mental health needs, referred them for appropriate treatment, and coordinated social work intervention. Ensured clients received adequate pretrial services and prepared pre-sentencing reports. Delivered opening and closing arguments, conducted jury selection, direct and cross-examinations of witnesses, and prepared witnesses for pretrial hearings and trials. Mentored junior attorneys on trial strategies and courtroom etiquette while supervising legal and investigative interns. Maintained strong working relationships with Assistant District Attorneys, Judges, and court personnel.

**The Legal Aid Society**

*Legal Intern, Criminal Defense Practice, Queens County*

Summer of 2002

Conducted legal research and client arraignment interviews, drafted facial sufficiency and dispositive motions, served as a Spanish language translator, and collaborated with supervising attorneys to meet motion deadlines.

*Investigative Intern, Criminal Defense Practice, Queens County*

Summer of 2001

Investigated factual discrepancies, canvassed and photographed crime scenes, located and interviewed witnesses, and memorialized detailed written and oral statements for supervising attorneys.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND BOARD SERVICE

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**The Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision** July 2024 – Present

*State Council – Judicial Representative*

*(Gubernatorial Appointment, per recommendation of Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals)*

**Latino Judges Association**

June 2023 – Present

*Board of Directors, Recording Secretary*

**Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County**

August 2018 - 2024

*Advisory Board Member*

**Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (ALAA)**

October 2014 – February 2018

*Executive Board, Alternate Vice President*

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## EDUCATION

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**TOURO COLLEGE,  
JACOB D. FUCHSBERG LAW CENTER**, Huntington, NY  
*Juris Doctorate*

August 2000 - May 2003

Awarded the Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center's Public Interest Fellowship in 2001 and 2002

**JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**, New York, NY  
*Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies*

August 1996 - January 2000

Summa Cum Laude; Overall GPA: 3.906 / 4.0

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Member, Association of Judges of the Criminal Court of the City of New York

Member, Latino Judges Association & Board of Directors

Member, Queens County Bar Association

Member, Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County

Member, Queens County Women's Bar Association

Member, Puerto Rican Bar Association

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## AWARDS

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"Justice in Action" Recognition, issued by New York State Governor Kathy Hochul - 2025

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, issued by United States Congresswoman Grace Meng - 2024

Proclamation from New York State Assembly, issued by NYS Assembly member Catalina Cruz – 2024

Proclamation from New York State Assembly, issued by NYS Assembly member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas – 2024

Citation from New York City Council, issued by NYC Councilmember Shekar Krishnan – 2024

Citation from New York City Council, issued by NYC Councilmember Francisco Moya – 2024

Citation from the Nassau County Executive, issued by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman – 2022

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## BAR ADMISSIONS & LANGUAGES

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Admitted to practice in the State of New York – Retired from the Practice of Law

Fluent in the reading, writing and speaking of Spanish