

IRA R. GREENBERG

EXPERIENCE

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Judge, Elected in Queens County, 2018

Queens County Supervising Judge, AJSC

Jan. 2025- Present

Supervise 10 other judges and manage the Civil Court in Queens including scheduling in six court parts and assigning cases for trials and hearings. Set annual goals and implement policies reducing case resolution time frames. Conducted seminars for new judges.

- *Co-Chair of the NYC Civil Task Force on Alternate Dispute Resolution.*

Served in Queens County

Jan. 2019 – July 2019; Feb. 2020 – Present

Served in Kings County

July 2019 – Jan. 2020

Oversaw and issued decisions on a variety of cases such as: Consumer Credit; Commercial Landlord/Tenant cases; Small Claims; and complex issues in No-Fault Insurance Law and Regulation. Conducted numerous jury and bench trials.

- *Member of the Queens NYC Civil Court Equal Justice in the Courts (EJIC) Committee*
- *Member of the NYC Civil Court Task Force on Alternate Dispute Resolution.*
- *Recommended legislation to expand the Family Court's jurisdiction to include name changes for minors. (Chapter 568 of the Laws of 2024)*

LEAVITT & KERSON, ESQS

Of Counsel

Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2018

General Law Practice with emphasis in the areas of elder law, real estate, trusts, estates, guardianship, and civil litigation. Represented numerous clients with estate planning, real estate family law, coop, condo and housing issues. Represented clients at hearings and trials in Surrogate's and Supreme Court.

Co-counsel on a prisoner civil rights trial in federal court (SDNY) resulting in a multimillion-dollar verdict which paved the way for changes in NYS Correction Department policies and procedures. Continued as co-counsel on the defendant's appeal to the 2nd Circuit.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY - Office of Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan

Legislative Advisor, Part-Time

Jan. 2015 – Dec. 2018

Provided legal advice to the Assemblywoman and staff on a variety of issues. Researched development proposals, including Sunnyside Yards and Western Queens in general. Provided advice and consultation regarding zoning changes, development proposals and legislation. Drafted documents, statements, and legislation.

Counsel

Jan. 1997 – Dec. 2003

Provided legal advice to the Assemblywoman and staff on a variety of issues. Authored legislation regarding transportation, environment and numerous other issues. Duties as staff to the Assembly's appointee to the MTA Capital Program Review Board, included strategizing and making recommendations on the MTA's multi-billion-dollar capital programs. Successfully required the MTA to perform system wide engineering evaluations to better determine the system's capital needs.

Chief of Staff**Jan. 1993 – Dec. 1996****Legislative Director****Feb. 1987 – Dec. 1992**

Reviewed and authored the Assemblywoman's legislation, press releases correspondence and memos. Represented the Assemblywoman to the media and at public events. Supervised district and Albany staff members. Worked with community groups. Worked with advocacy groups to pass a broad range of legislation including MTA procurement reform and public participation at MTA Board meetings.

COMMUNITY SERVICE**Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Member****June 2008 – Dec. 2018*****Long Island Rail Road Commuters Council Representative, Rider Advocate***

Reviewed numerous procurements and policies and projects of the Authority. Required analysis of fare policy, complex financial statements and Capital Plan proposals as well as contact with the public regarding these policies and operational issues. Advocated for improved on time performance and safety. Advocated for the LIRR main line expansion project, improved service and fare structures for Southeastern Queens (City Ticket), rider based on-time performance metrics and improved safety on the East Side Access project.

- *Chaired a Board Working Group on ADA Station Accessibility in 2018.*

Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA**2007 – 2018 (Chair, 2009 –2013)**

Under my leadership a report, “Minutes Matter” which recommended changing the LIRR and Metro-North RR performance measures to better reflect the passengers’ experiences was issued. the PCAC budget was adopted in an open session of the PCAC Board. Lobbied for the establishment of the PCAC in law helping secure permanent funding for the PCAC, and negotiating a new agreement with the MTA.

Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, President**2009 – 2011**

Established a conflicts of interest policy, successfully advocated for zoning changes on Queens Blvd. and Skillman Avenue to permit sidewalk cafes, secured funding for a business map of Sunnyside.

N.Y.C. Civil Court Judges Association, Treasurer**2021 – Oct. 2023*****Community Board Two Member – and Land Use Committee*****2016 – Dec. 2018*****Growing Up Green Charter School - School Leadership Team/Board member*****2013 – Dec. 2018*****Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside*****2003 – Present*****Pro-Bono Counsel to Local Community Organizations*****2003 – Dec. 2018****EDUCATION**

Brooklyn Law School, J.D.

Baruch College, CUNY, Master of Public Administration

University of Chicago, B.A., Political Science

BAR ADMISSION

Second Department, 1997

U.S. Eastern and Southern Districts, 1999

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BIOGRAPHY

Judge Ira Greenberg was born in the Bronx and grew up in Woodside Houses, Queens attending local public schools in Woodside and Stuyvesant High School.

He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago, a Master's degree in Public Administration from Baruch College, CUNY, a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School's evening program and was admitted to the bar in 1997. He practiced in the areas of elderlaw, wills, trusts and estates and real estate and civil litigation from 1999 to 2018 in Woodside, Queens. He was co-counsel on a federal civil right trial resulting in a multimillion-dollar verdict and paved the way for improved policies in NYS prisons.

He worked for Member of Assembly Catherine Nolan in the NYS legislature on a variety of legislation including improving the public's input into MTA policies such as requiring a public speaking time at Board and Committee meetings and placing rider and labor non-voting representatives on the MTA Board and the MTA's contracting procedures.

After being appointed to the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA in 2006 and serving as its Chair he was appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board from 2008 to 2018 chairing a working group on station disability access. He successfully advocated for the implementation of City Ticket on the Long Island Rail Road providing an affordable alternate for people commuting from areas not accessible to a subway. His other public service includes Community Board 2 where he served on the Land Use Committee; Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce Chair and pro-bono counsel to various community organizations.

Judge Greenberg was elected to the NYC Civil Court and began serving in Queens County in 2019. In 2023 he recommended legislation to expand Family Court's jurisdiction to include name changes for minors that was passed into law. He was appointed Supervising Judge of Queens Civil Court in January 2015. He served on the court system's Equal Justice in the Courts and Alternate Dispute Resolution committees and currently co-chairs that committee.