

Hon. Dale Fong-Frederick

Unified Court System – Supreme Court, Kings County, Criminal Term

Acting Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Criminal Term, Kings County

1/1/26 – Present

Currently assigned to preside over the pre-trial all-purpose part overseeing a New York State Supreme Court discovery pilot program. Inspect Grand Jury proceedings for compliance with statutory requirements. Decide complex legal issues. Conduct hearings on various issues such as protective orders and Emergency Risk Protection Orders.

Judge of the New York City Criminal Court, Brooklyn, New York

10/11/2022 – 12/31/25

Presided over arraignments, all-purpose parts, hearing parts, felony waiver part, and trial parts. Previously presided over a misdemeanor trial part. Previously assigned to preside over the misdemeanor DWI part, misdemeanor violations of probation. Previously presided over the felony waiver part. Decide complex legal issues. Supervising courtroom and chambers staff.

TRIALS

Misdemeanor Trials: 17

HEARINGS

Suppression: 85

Hardship: approximately 10

Probation Revocation: 5

SORA: 5

Parole Recognizance: approximately 45

Outley: 7

Crawford: approximately 80

ERPO: 3

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

People v Matos, 78 Misc3d 322 [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Hooks*, 78 Misc3d 398 [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Fields*, 77 Misc.3d 1233[A] [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Cruz*, 78 Misc3d 1237[A] [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Dorado*, 80 Misc3d 829 [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Palma-Amaya*, 80 Misc3d 897 [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Rodas-Argueta*, 80 Misc3d 1224[A] [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Maddox*, 80 Misc3d 1229[A] [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Hooks*, 81 Misc3d 1212[A] [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2023]; *People v Bartley*, 83 Misc3d 867 [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2024]; *People v Samuel-Kennedy*, 83 Misc3d 1230[A] [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2024]; *People v Burgess*, 84 Misc. 3d 1246[A] [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2024]; *People v Morales*, 227 NYS3d 909 [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2025]; *People v Williams*, 231 NYS3d 385 [Kings Co, Crim Ct 2025]; *People v Volmar*, 88 Misc.3d 1250[A] [Kings Co, Sup Ct 2026]; *People v Blackburn*, 89 Misc3d 1205[A] [Kings Co, Sup Ct 2026]; *People v Ramirez*, 2026 NY Slip Op 51116[U] [Kings Co, Sup Ct 2026].

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PANELIST

Criminal Court Reality Check: A Judge's Do's and Don'ts & Don't-Even-Try-Its

January 14, 2026

Orders of Protection: Just a Piece of Paper or an Empowering Legal Directive

May 2, 2023

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York State Court
Member

2025 – Present

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Kings County Criminal Court	
<i>Black History Month Committee, Co-Chair</i>	2022 – 2026
<i>Pride Committee, Founder & Chair</i>	2024 – 2026
<i>Gender Fairness Committee</i>	2023 – 2024
International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges	2023 – Present
Kings County Criminal Court Bar Association	2023 – Present
NYS LGBTQ+ Judicial Association	
<i>Vice President</i>	2026 – Present
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	2023 – 2026
Judicial Friends Association	2022 – Present
Caribbean American Lawyer's Association	
<i>Member of the Board of Directors</i>	2020 – Present
<i>LGBTQ+ Committee Founder & Chair</i>	2020 – Present
<i>Continuing Legal Education Committee, Co-Chair</i>	2020 - Present
<i>Technology Committee</i>	2020 – Present
<i>Nominating Committee, Chair</i>	2024 – 2025
<i>Men and the Community Committee</i>	2021 – 2022
<i>Black History Month Committee</i>	2020 – 2023
<i>Racial Equity in the Courts Committee</i>	2020
Queens County Bar Association	2020 – Present
<i>LGBTQ Committee</i>	2024 – Present
Macon B. Allen Black Bar Association	2020 – Present
South Asian & Indo-Caribbean Bar Association of Queens	2020 – Present
Brooklyn Bar Association	2017 – Present
<i>Part 137 Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Program Arbitrator</i>	2017 – 2020
<i>Trust and Estates Committee</i>	2017 - 2024
The LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York, <i>Member</i>	2017 – Present
New York City Bar Association	2022 – 2024
New York Surrogate's Court Law Association, <i>Vice President</i>	2017 – 2022
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
9 th Judicial District Equal Justice Committee	6/30/26
<i>Fourth Annual Pride Justice Awards</i>	
NYS LGBTQ+ Judges Association at Kings County Surrogate's Court	6/17/2026
<i>All Rise With Pride – Organizer and Speaker</i>	
Appellate Division, Second Department Fair Speech Committee	12/2025 – 6/2026
<i>Member</i>	
St. Peter's Episcopal Church Homecoming: International Day	9/30/2025
<i>Flag Recipient on behalf of Trinidad and Tobago</i>	
Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York State Court	7/2025 – Present
<i>Judicial Mentor</i>	
Equal Justice Committee New York County	
Supreme Court, Criminal Term	6/30/2025
<i>Pride: Then, Now, Always – Panelist</i>	
Kings County Criminal Court Pride Committee	6/17/2025
<i>Pride in the Kings County Criminal Court – Moderator</i>	
Equal Justice Committee New York County	
Supreme Court, Criminal Term	6/6/2025
<i>Pride Lunch – Presenter</i>	
Kings County Surrogate's Court, Black History Month Committee	2/26/2025

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Fruits of Labor – Panelist

New York County Dental Society <i>Installation of Officers</i>	1/13/2025
Impact Youth Basketball League <i>Coach</i>	10/2024 – Present
Legal Outreach <i>Mentor</i>	10/2024 - Present
Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York State Court <i>Reflect. Empower. Unite. – Panelist</i>	6/28/2024
Benjamin Cardozo School of Law January Intensive Trial Advocacy Program <i>Volunteer Faculty</i>	1/2004 – Present
City Harvest Family <i>Food Packing – Volunteer</i>	12/2 2023
Black Judges and Black Boys in Conversation <i>Panelist</i>	10/28 2023

Unified Court System - Kings County, Surrogate's Court

Court Attorney-Referee; Brooklyn, New York 1/28/2020 – 10/10/2022
Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. Margarita Lopez Torres; Brooklyn, New York 8/2017- 1/27/2020
Conducted hearings on complex legal issues; researched and drafted decisions on a wide range of proceedings and motions relative to compromise orders, probates, estate administrations, adoptions, guardianships, and various civil issues that are transferred to the jurisdiction of the Surrogate's Court. Conducted discovery and settlement conferences, hearings, and non-jury trials.

Unified Court System - City of New York, Civil Court, Small Claims

Arbitrator; Queens, Brooklyn, & Bronx, New York 5/23/2005 – 1/23/2020
Presided over trials presented by self-represented litigants and attorneys; applied substantive and procedural law to render final judgment on complex civil claims; conducted inquests and made recommendations on default judgments; and wrote opinions determining the facts and applicable law.

Unified Court System - Kings County, Criminal Court

Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. John T. Hecht; Brooklyn, New York 1/2017- 8/2017
Researched complex legal issues relative to motions; conducted pre-indictment conferences with parties in the specialized Gun Part.

Unified Court System - Kings County, Supreme Court

Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. Betty J. Williams; Brooklyn, New York 6/2014 – 12/2016
Reviewed Grand Jury minutes; researched issues relative to discovery and pre-trial litigation and drafted decisions; conducted settlement conferences with parties; and trained and supervised legal secretaries.

Law Office of Dale I Frederick

Solo Practitioner, Kew Gardens, NY 11/10/2007 – 5/2014
Operated a general practice consisting of state and federal criminal defense, real estate law, matrimonial law, personal injury law, civil rights law, landlord and tenant law, and family law; litigated various hearings and trials in criminal and civil court, as well as in administrative proceedings; and argued a criminal appeal in the Appellate Division, Second Department.

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Legal Aid Society

Staff Attorney, Housing Unit; Harlem, New York

1/16/2007 – 11/9/2007

Represented tenants in eviction proceedings in Housing Court, Supreme Court, and administrative proceedings; drafted motions, discovery, and pleadings; negotiated with opposing counsel; argued motions before the court; and negotiated with governmental agencies for client's housing interests, benefits, and subsidies.

Staff Attorney, Criminal Defense Division, Brooklyn, New York

5/23/2005 – 1/12/2007

Misdemeanor and felony practice; lectured new attorneys on speedy trial practice in Kings County; interviewed and evaluated prospective attorneys for hire; and trained new attorneys in various aspects of misdemeanor practice.

Unified Court System - Kings County, Criminal Court

Court Attorney to the Hon. Ruth E. Shillingford; Brooklyn, New York

1/16/2004 - 5/19/2005

Researched a wide range of issues relative to motions, hearings and trials, and drafted attendant decisions; conducted pre-trial conferences with parties; and researched and prepared CLE lecture on the consequences of civil judgments entered in Criminal Court.

New York County Defender Services; New York, New York

Staff Attorney; New York, New York

4/14/2003 - 1/9/2004

Misdemeanor and felony practice including a jury trial; draft motions, discovery, Writs of Habeas Corpus; and daily court appearances for plea negotiations, oral arguments, returns on bench warrants, violation of conditional discharge hearings, violations of probation, indigence hearings, and arraignments.

Legal Aid Society

Staff Attorney, Criminal Defense Division; New York, New York

9/8/1998 - 4/13/2003

Misdemeanor and felony practice including approximately twenty-six trials and hearings; drafted legal documents; daily court appearances; lectured on criminal practice to new attorneys; guest lectured on legal research at NYU Metropolitan Studies Clinic at the Legal Aid Society; supervised undergraduate and law school interns; interviewed prospective attorneys; and trained new attorneys in misdemeanor practice.

Community Legal Assistance Corporation at Hofstra University School of Law

Supervising Attorney; Hempstead, NY

Fall Semester 2001

Supervised law students in the Criminal Justice Clinic; lectured on criminal practice; conducted weekly supervisory sessions; taught methods of legal analysis, interviewing, counseling, and negotiating; edited legal writing; supervised student advocates during court appearances; supervised suppression hearings; acted as a liaison to the Courts, Nassau County Sheriff's Department and New York City Department of Corrections.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, May 17, 1998

Hofstra University School of Law; Hempstead, New York

- Deborah Sloyer Memorial Scholarship in Trial Advocacy
- The George and Sadie Krulik Award for Outstanding Performance in Advanced Trial Advocacy

BA, Cultural Anthropology, May 1995

Queens College, CUNY; Flushing, New York

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admitted: New York State Appellate Division, Second Department, January 27, 1999
Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, December 7, 2007

Published Opinions, New York City Civil Court, Small Claims: *Rintel-Abreu v. Hoffer*, NYLJ 10/15/15 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2015]; *Boiro v. Jean*, NYLJ 10/22/15 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2015]; *Veneracion v. Queens Funeral Livery, Inc.*, NYLJ 10/29/15 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2015]; *Escurra v. Sunrise Hospitality, LLC and Grand Corner Realty*, NYLJ 11/12/15 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2015]; *Zheng v. Cai*, NYLJ 1/26/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Sisselman v. Law Office of XueJie Wong, PLLC*, NYLJ 3/3/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Spano v. Gold Buyers Club*, NYLJ 4/7/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Nieves v. City of New York*, NYLJ 4/29/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Caton v. Unique Stair Builder, Inc.*, NYLJ 5/26/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Singh v. Katkaniec*, NYLJ 6/7/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Davidoff v. Lacosta*, NYLJ 6/30/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Crawley v Johnston*, NYLJ 7/7/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *DeJesus Jr. v. JFK Park and Go, Inc.*, NYLJ 9/27/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Shohid v Welshbach Electric Corp.*, NYLJ 11/9/16 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2016]; *Truong v. Yue 2015, Inc.*, NYLJ 2/15/17 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2017]; *Rollins v. Sanon and Methyer*, NYLJ 8/3/17 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2017]; *Lai v. Cathay Bank*, NYLJ 11/16/17 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2017]; *Tan v. JC Penny*, NYLJ 4/16/18 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2018]; *Conte v. Delacruz*, NYLJ 12/6/18 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2018]; *199-14 32nd LLC v. Postell*, NYLJ 3/14/19 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2019]; *JC Nat'l Air Conditioning Inc v. Bragard USA*, NYLJ 6/25/19 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2019]; *Potter v. City Talk, Inc.*, NYLJ 7/5/19 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2019]; *Butt v. Hussain*, NYLJ 12/11/19 [Queens Co, Civil Ct 2019].

CLE Panelist: *Challenging the CPL §730 Order*, April 20, 2006
Job of the Surrogate's Court Referee, May 14, 2019
Conducting a Kinship Hearing, October 22, 2019
To Fix and Determine: Legal Fees, January 29, 2020
Conducting a Kinship Hearing, June 16, 2020
To Fix and Determine: Legal Fees, September 24, 2020
Virtual Practice of Law in the Surrogate's Court, March 31, 2021
Law Diversity and Ethics, A Comparison Between the Caribbean Diaspora and the United States, May 5, 2021

Miscellaneous: *Caribbean American Lawyer's Association Black History Month*: Speaker, February 20, 2021; Moderator February 23, 2022

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.: Board Chair, 1/2022 – 10/2022; Board Vice Chair, 5/2021 – 1/2022; Board of Directors, 2/2021- 10/2022

Fireside Chat on Partition Actions and the Commercial Law with Justice O. Peter Sherwood: Moderator, November 19, 2020

Tzu Chi Academy New York: Volunteer, 9/2019 – 9/2021

Spoke before the New York City Council Committee on Housing and Buildings in support of, and suggesting an amendment to, Intro. No. 1241 (mandating infant changing stations in all restrooms in public buildings regardless of gender), October 25, 2017