

**DAVID M. HAWKINS**  
**Judge, New York City Civil Court**

**JUDICIAL AND COURT EXPERIENCE**

**Judge, Elected to New York City Civil Court, 2014 to Present**  
**New York City Civil Court, Queens County**  
**New York City Criminal Court, Queens County, 2014 to 2015**

Preside at jury and non-jury trials, pre-trial hearings, all purpose parts, motion parts and calendar parts. In Criminal Court, presided in arraignment parts and specialty parts. Conducted pre-trial hearings and trials. In Civil Court, preside in specialty parts, including consumer debt, small claims, and no-fault. Preside at 325(d) jury trials in all phases from pre-trial motions and hearings to verdict. Have conducted several hundred non-jury trials within Civil Court and small claims jurisdictions. Have also presided at summary jury trials. Have supervised trial assignment calendars and special term calendars.

Issue pre-trial decisions and orders and non-jury trial decisions. Areas of expertise include criminal law and procedure, Constitutional law, personal injury law, no-fault and insurance law, general landlord-tenant law and contracts.

Preside in a diverse court and regularly work with language interpreters, litigants and attorneys from diverse backgrounds. Supervise staff and legal interns.

**Principal Law Secretary/Court Attorney, Judge Ira H. Margulis, 2003 to 2013**  
**Court Attorney, Judge D. Pineda-Kirwan, 2002**

Assisted Judge in all phases of trial. Drafted decisions and orders for pre and post trial motions, jury charges, and prisoner's writs. Assisted in jury selection, and jury charges, and reviewed Judicial Hearing Officer's transcripts.

Counsel for all phases of trial, evidentiary issues, and procedural issues.

**Small Claims Arbitrator, 2005 to 2013**  
Presided over small claims matters and issued decisions.

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**NYC Administration for Children's Services**  
Attorney, Employment Law Unit, 2001 to 2002

Litigated Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII, employment discrimination, and civil rights matters in City, State and Federal forums. Represented Agency regarding employee disciplinary issues at Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings and NYC Office of Labor Relations. Acted as Step I Hearing Officer in employee discipline matters.

**NYS Office of Attorney General**, 1999 to 2001

**Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Inspector General**, New York and Albany, New York  
Investigated not-for profit fraud.

**NYS Assembly**, Albany and Queens, New York, 1997 to 1999

Counsel to Speaker Pro Tempore Denis J. Butler

Counsel to Aging Committee Chair Barbara Clark (1998 Legislative Session)

Counseled Assembly Members regarding legal issues and pending legislation, and negotiated passage of legislation with State Senate and Governors' representatives. Drafted legislation and provided expert advice on elder law issues and crimes against the elderly. Major contribution was drafting "Home Equity Fraud Act" as a statutory defense to foreclosure actions. In addition, formed a group of Law Professors, legal aid societies and other practitioners to investigate fraud and its effect on older homeowners.

**Suffolk County Legal Aid Society**, Senior Citizen's Division, BayShore, New York

Attorney, Senior Citizen's Division, 1993 to 1997

Served in criminal court representing indigent defendants.

Represented clients in federal and state trials and administrative hearings from intake to disposition. Wrote and argued federal dispositive motions and drafted and perfected appeals and other memoranda. Counseled senior citizens on health care financing and public benefits. Successfully prevented mortgage foreclosures on the grounds of "home equity fraud", in which senior citizens, many of whom were people of color, were specifically targeted.

**Friendly Holidays, Inc.**, Lake Success, New York

Staff Accountant, Part-Time 1986 to 1990

As a part-time employee during college, worked in the accounting department of this large national travel wholesaler.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & HONORS**

Member, Queens County Bar Association and Queens County Bar Association Academy of Law

Committees include LGBT Lawyers and Lawyers Assistance

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Former Member, Asian Affairs Committee

Former Member, China Institute, Japan Society, Council on Foreign Relations

Former Chair, Suffolk County Bar Association Legislative Review Committee

Distinguished Service Award, Suffolk County Bar Association, 1999

## **ADMISSIONS**

United States Tax Court, 2001

United States Supreme Court, 1997

United States District Court, Southern and Eastern District of New York, 1996

New York State Appellate Division 2nd Dept, 1994

## **TEACHING & LECTURING EXPERIENCE**

### **St John's University, Jamaica New York**

Adjunct Professor, Department of Government, 2007-2013

Taught "***STREET LAW***" Course regarding individual Criminal Constitutional Rights.

### **Queens County Bar Association Academy of Law**

### **Suffolk County Bar Association, Suffolk Academy of Law**

Assisted in curriculum development, research, writing and presentation of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) materials

## **EDUCATION**

### **Albany Law School, Albany, New York**

JD, May 1993

Student Volunteer, "***Peoples Law Project***"

### **State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York**

BA, Political Science, *Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude*, 1990