

IRA R. GREENBERG

EXPERIENCE:

JUDGE of the CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK – Jan. 2019 – present.

Elected in November 2018, Queens County. Served in Queens County from January 2019 to July 15 and February 2020 to the present. Served in Kings County from July 16, 2019 through January 2020. Variety of cases from consumer credit to commercial landlord/tenant to small claims to complex issues with no-fault insurance law and regulation. Non- jury and jury trials regarding those issues as well as personal injury.

- *Member of the Queens NYC Civil Court Equal Justice in the Courts (EJIC) Committee. (Jan. 2022 to present)*

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE - Jan. 2002 – December 2018. (Of Counsel to Leavitt & Kerson, Esqs.)

General Law Practice with emphasis in the areas of elderlaw, real estate, trusts, estates, guardianship and civil litigation. Included hearings and trials in Surrogate's, Supreme, and Civil courts. Provided consultation and represented numerous clients with estate planning, real estate family law and housing issues. Represented clients at hearings in Surrogate's and Supreme Court involving jurisdictional and descent and distribution issues, cooperative apartments, contract, and family issues including guardianship, Medicaid and special needs trusts. Provided counsel to the law firm Leavitt & Kerson Esqs. on state and local government matters.

- Co-counsel on a prisoner civil rights trial in federal court (SDNY) resulting in a multi-million 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. Worked on settlement discussions involving New York State's criminal enrichment restitution statute, the "Son of Sam" law in order to fashion a settlement.
- *Pro-bono work for not-for-profits including incorporation and compliance work. Co-author of the firm's pamphlet "Elderlaw Basics."*

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY - Office of Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan

Legislative Advisor, Jan. 2015- Dec. 2018 (part-time) Provided legal advice to the Assemblywoman and staff on a variety of issues. Research regarding 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. Authored legislation regarding transportation, environment and numerous other issues. As staff to the Assembly's appointee to the MTA Capital Program Review Board, strategized and made 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 Assemblywoman's legislation, press releases correspondence and memos. Represented the Assemblywoman to the media and at public events. Supervised district and Albany staffs. Worked with community and advocacy groups. Wrote and worked with advocacy groups to pass a broad range of legislation including MTA procurement reform and public participation at MTA Board meetings.

LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE: *Adjunct Professor, Social Sciences Dept.*
March - June 2000 Taught *Introduction to Sociology* to a class of 35 students.

Law Office Of L. Blake Morris: Associate Attorney, Jan. 1998 - April 1999.

Practiced law in commercial law firm part-time. Represented clients in court, negotiated with other attorneys. Drafted summons and complaints, motions and memoranda of law and performed legal research.

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Member (June 2008 - December 2018)

Long Island 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 main line expansion project, more rider based on-time performance metrics and improved safety on the East Side Access project construction.

- *Appointed by MTA Chair to lead a Working Group on ADA Station Accessibility.*

Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA - 2007-2018, (Chair, 2009-June 2013)

Under my leadership produced a report, "Minutes Matter" that recommended changing the LIRR and Metro-North RR performance measures to better reflect the passengers' experiences. Required that the PCAC budget be adopted in an open session of the PCAC Board. Successfully advocated for a change in law in 2010 to establish the PCAC in law helping to secure permanent MTA funding for the PCAC. Negotiated a new memorandum of understanding with the MTA to improve the funding of the PCAC's staff and permanence of the organization.

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 and began an effort to have an interactive mobile on-line business map.

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*

N.Y.C. Civil Court Judges Association, Treasurer *Jan. 2021- present*

EDUCATION:

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL Juris Doctorate, 1996. Admitted to New York State Bar: 1997.

BARUCH COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK Master of Public Administration, 1990.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1983.