

JUDGE NESTOR DIAZ

Legal Experience

- 01/21 – Present** **Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York** **Queens County**
Elected, 2020-2029
- 01/21 – Present** **Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York** **New York County**
- Preside over daily calendar of misdemeanor criminal cases, including many assignments in the domestic violence part. Responsible for determining bail applications and issues of facial sufficiency of complaints, speedy trial, suppression of evidence and discovery. Administer plea allocutions and impose sentence. Decide search warrant applications. Periodically preside over the Midtown Community Court, which encompasses Mental Health Treatment Court.
- 11/00 – 12/20** **Law Office of Nestor H. Diaz** **Kew Gardens, NY**
Proprietor
- Represented individual and corporate clients in a variety of matters in Supreme Court (Civil and Criminal Term), Civil Court, Criminal Court, Family Court, Immigration Court and other transactions.
- 02/05 – 12/20** **NYS Foreclosure Referee**
- Court appointed fiduciary pursuant to Part 36 of the Chief Judge's rules.
- 11/96 - 11/00** **Kings County District Attorney's Office** **Brooklyn, NY**
Senior Assistant District Attorney
- Conducted hearings, trials, grand jury presentations, arraignments.
 - Legal and Investigative research.
 - Assigned to various units in the Office, including the Civil Rights and Rackets Bureau, where duties and responsibilities involved prosecution of bias and "white collar crimes", Investigations, Domestic Violence Bureau, and Criminal Court.
 - Supervised Assistant District Attorneys in the Early Case Assessment Bureau.
- 8/89 - 11/96** **Administration for Children's Services/Human Resources Administration, NYC**
Special Assistant to the Corporation Counsel for the Commissioner of Social Services
- Supervised attorneys while maintaining own extensive case load.
 - Supervised warrant squad and worked with law enforcement officials who would arrest "dead beat dads", non-custodial parents with extensive child support arrears, and initiated enforcement proceedings.
 - Represented the Counsel in Article 78 Proceedings in State Supreme Court.

Teaching Experience

- 6/17 – 12/20** **St. John's University School of Law, Ronald H. Brown Prep Program for College Students** **Flushing, NY**
- Participate in guiding and advising prelaw undergraduates from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds and assist them in preparing for the law school experience.

Other Experience

- 3/88 - 5/89** **Law Office of Martin Gallent** **Jackson Heights, NY**
Legal Assistant
- Law Clerk to General Practitioner.
- 6/87 - 12/87** **Charles J. Hynes, NYS Special Prosecutor's Office** **New York, NY**

Legal Assistant

- Provided legal and investigative assistance during "Howard Beach" trial.
- Assigned to team investigating police and political corruption.

2/85 - 8/86

Federal Bureau of Investigations

New York, NY

Investigative Support Clerk

- Assigned to Domestic Terrorism Squad.
- Provided investigative support to Special Agents in the field.

Education

1986 - 1989

St. John's University School of Law

Jamaica, NY

- *Juris Doctorate*

1982 - 1986

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, C.U.N.Y.

New York, NY

- *B.A., Government and Public Administration*
- *Graduated Summa Cum Laude*

Awards & Recognitions

2020

- Man of the Year Award from "The 100 Hispanic Men", presented at Citifield

2019

- "El Quijote" Award from the Committee for the NYC Hispanic Parade.
- Community Award Recognition from FUNCRIS (the Crecilio Sanchez Foundation) that provides health and education assistance to indigents in the Dominican Republic.
- Recognition for community work presented by Queens Dominican Parade Organization
- Guest of Honor in the NYC Hispanic Parade, Queens Dominican, Queens Colombian, and NYC Cuban Parade.

2015

- Recognition for work representing Hispanic Culture presented by Bronx Dominican Parade Organization.

2014

- Recognition for work as attorney of Dominican descent by APEC University.

2006

- New Immigrant Leadership Award presented by Queens Borough President.
- Recognition Awards by members of U.S. Congress, NYS Assembly and Senate, and NYC Council.

2001

- Acknowledgement by New York City Police Department for services rendered at and near "Ground Zero" following "9-11"

Affiliations

- Advisory Board: Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County, President 2009-2010
- General Counsel: New York Dominican Officers Organization and NYS Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 148
- Dominican Bar Association
- Queens County Bar Association
- Saul Weprin Democratic Club
- Wood-Heights Democratic Club
- Fred Wilson Regular Democratic Club
- Democratic Heights Club
- Catholic Lawyers Guild

Church Affiliations

Lector

- Recite select biblical texts to the community of worshipers at Roman Catholic Mass

2005 - Present

American Martyrs Parish

Bayside, NY

1993 - 2005

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Queens Village, NY

1990 - 1993

Holy Trinity Parish

Whitestone, NY

2002 – 2020

Legal Counsel

Queens Hispanic Clergy (“Iglesia Hispana de la Comunidad”) **Long Island City, NY**

Media Interviews

Regular guest appearance commenting on the latest legal news on several media outlets:

- *Luis Jimenez show*, presently on QPTV and internet radio JulioEnAmericaRadio.com.
- “*Al Ritmo De La Noche TV En NY*” (To the Rhythm of the Night TV in NY), a variety television show presented on Spanish television.

Languages

Read, write, and speak Spanish fluently

Publications

- *People v. Carlos Santiago*, CR-020847-20NY, decision dated March 17, 2021 regarding excited utterances published in the *New York Law Journal*
- *People v. Rafael Moran*, CR-011794-21NY, decision dated October 20, 2021 regarding speedy trial published in the *New York Law Journal*