

HOWARD A. LEVINE

PERSONAL

Date of Birth: March 4, 1932

EDUCATION

Schenectady, New York Public School System

B.A. Yale University – 1953

LL.B. Yale University – 1956

EXPERIENCE

Admitted to New York State Bar 1956

- 1956-1957 Assistant in instruction and research in criminal law, Yale Law School
- 1957-1959 Associate of Hughes, Hubbard, Blair and Reed, Attorneys, New York City
- 1959-1970 In private practice, Schenectady
- 1961-1966 Assistant District Attorney, Schenectady County
- 1963-1964 Part-time clerk to Justice James Gibson, Appellate Division, Third Department
- 1967-1970 District Attorney, Schenectady County
- 1971-1980 Family Court Judge, Schenectady County
Also served at civil and criminal jury terms by assignment as an Acting County Judge, Schenectady, Suffolk and Westchester Counties
- 1981 Justice of the Supreme Court, Fourth Judicial District, State of New York
- 1982-9/1993 Associate Justice, Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Department
- 9/8/1993-12/31/2002 Associate Judge, New York State Court of Appeals
- 2000-2002 Chair, New York Federal-State Judicial Council
- 2003-2005 Robert H. Jackson Distinguished Professor of Law, Albany Law School
- 2003 Jurist-in-Residence, Siena College
- 2003-present Senior Counsel, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP
- 2007-present United States Court of Appeals Second Circuit Committee on Attorney Admissions and Grievances
- 2007-2011 New York State Commission on Public Integrity

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- 2003 Recipient of New York State Bar Association's Annual Gold Medal Award for "Distinguished Service In The Law," the highest honor the State Bar bestows on a member of the legal profession
- 2000 Recipient of Distinguished Public Service Award, Federal and Commercial Litigation Section, New York State Bar Association
- 1987 Creation of New York State Bar Association "Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare" to be given annually by the Association's Committee on Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare
- 1980 Recipient of New York State Division for Youth's "Service to Youth" Award

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Presently Member, American Bar Association
Member, American Law Institute
Member, Schenectady County Bar Association
Member, New York State Bar Association (past Chairman, Special Committee on
Juvenile Justice: 1979-1985; Secretary, Judicial Section: 1980-1981
- Previously President, Association of Family Court Judges of the State of New York 1979-1980
New York State Division for Youth Independent Review Board 1975-1980
Juvenile Justice Advisory Board of the State Division of Criminal Justice Services
1975-1980
Member, New York State Temporary commission on Child Welfare 1974-1982
Member, New York State Temporary Commission on Recodification of the Family
Court Act 1980-1984
Member, Governor's Select Commission on the Future of the State/Local Mental
Health System 1984-1985
Member, New York State Supreme Court Justices' Committee on Pattern Jury
Instructions 1985-1993

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger
Sanctuary for Families, Executive Director

Since assuming the role of Executive Director at Sanctuary for Families, Judge Kluger has secured substantial new sources of private and public funding, growing the agency budget from approximately \$15 million to a budget of \$20 million today. Prior to joining Sanctuary, Judge Kluger served for 25 years as a judge in New York State, most recently as Chief of Policy and Planning for the court system, where amongst her responsibilities was oversight of New York State's 350 problem-solving courts. In 2013, she received the Award for Excellence in Public Service from the New York State Bar Association and is a prior recipient of Sanctuary's Abely Award for Leading Women and Children to Safety.

KATHLEEN R. DeCATALDO, ESQ. is the Executive Director of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children where she is responsible for developing and implementing the work of the Commission which aims to improve the lives and life chances of children involved in the court system. Responding to emerging child welfare, juvenile justice and related health, education and other wellbeing issues, Ms. DeCataldo is responsible for the development of materials, training aids, trainings and conferences to enhance judicial and other professionals' knowledge and understanding of the issues as a means to better serve children involved with the court system. Ms. DeCataldo advocates for the Commission's agenda by developing legislative, administrative and other reforms; speaking at state, national and local events; serving on leadership committees and advisory groups, including the , the New York State Education Department School Safety Task Force, the New York City Mayor's Leadership Team on School Climate and Discipline, New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents Steering Committee and New York State Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Advisory Group; and conducting trainings and forums. Ms. DeCataldo received the 2016 New York State Bar Association Howard A. Levine Award for excellence in child welfare and juvenile justice. In September, Ms. DeCataldo received the New York City Police Department School Safety Partnership Award for her work on the Mayor's Leadership Team on School Climate and Discipline. Prior to coming to the Commission, Ms. DeCataldo served as Assistant Deputy Counsel and Director of Legislation and Special Projects at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Ms. DeCataldo was appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of NY as the State representative to the Nicholson Review Committee arising from the *Nicholson v. Scoppetta* litigation 2001-2004 and Co-chair of the statewide collaborative Adoption Now Workgroup. While at OCFS, Ms. DeCataldo was instrumental in the passage of the Permanency Bill, Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2005, and the PINS Diversion law, Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2005. Ms. DeCataldo received the 2006 OCFS Commissioner's Award for Merit/Employee of the Year. Ms. DeCataldo served as Family Court Judge in Schenectady County in 2000. Prior to that time she served as a law guardian and attorney for parents in child protective, family violence, and juvenile justice proceedings. Ms. DeCataldo is a graduate of Albany Law School and the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

RICHARD M. BERMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Judge Berman has been a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York since November 1998, taking senior status in 2011. He received a B.S. degree from Cornell University in 1964, a J.D. degree in 1967 from N.Y.U. School of Law, and a M.S.W. in May of 1996 from the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service. He received a Diploma of Comparative Law in 1968 and a Diploma of International Law in 1970 from the University of Stockholm Faculty of Law.

Judge Berman was an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell from 1970 to 1974, and served as the Executive Assistant to United States Senator Jacob K. Javits from 1974 to 1978. In 1978, he became General Counsel to Warner Cable Corporation (and to MTV Networks Inc. in 1984). In 1986, he became a member of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae and served as managing partner of LeBoeuf Lamb's Los Angeles office from 1989 to 1991. From May 1995 until his appointment as a Federal District Judge, he served as a New York State Family Court Judge for Queens County.

Judge Berman has lectured on the "Rule of Law" and the "Independence of the Judiciary" in Istanbul, Turkey (2014) and Tirana, Albania (2013). He is the author of "Special Immigrant Juvenile Status", "A Team Model to Identify Child Abuse," "Seven Steps to Protect Children," and "Community Service for Juvenile Offenders," published in the *New York Law Journal*. Judge Berman is a member of the New York State-Federal Council and the New York County Lawyers' Association Family Court Task Force. He has served as Chairman of the Southern District's Media Relations and Magistrate Judges Committees and is a member of the Southern District's Clerk's Office Committee. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at New York Law School and as a member of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children.