

Judge D'Agostino has been a District Judge in the Northern District of New York since 2011. Prior to taking the Bench, she was a trial attorney for 30 years. The Judge is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and The International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Judge D'Agostino is heavily involved in civic education for students of all ages and particularly interested in continuing legal education for young attorneys.

James Egan is an Assistant Federal Public Defender and head of the Appellate Division for the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of New York, where he has worked since graduating from Syracuse University College of Law in 2007. He can be reached at [james.egan@fd.org](mailto:james.egan@fd.org).

Darrin Howard is the Regional Counsel for the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Northeast Region located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He provides oversight of legal services to the Regional Office and prison administrators for all general legal matters including defensive litigation, constitutional rights, torts, contracts, administrative, labor, and employment law. Additionally, he supervises legal staff who provide litigation support to U.S. Attorney's Office for inmate litigation and assist with the prosecution of crimes that occur at institutions within the Northeast Region. Mr. Howard has overseen the Bureau of Prisons' reduction in sentence (RIS) program, legislative initiatives, development of agency policy, and Special Administrative Measures (SAMs). Mr. Howard earned his J.D. in 1995 from Howard University and his B.A. in 1990 from Rutgers University.



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**Joanne Macri** is the Executive Director of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR) which is an international institute dedicated to promoting the rule of law, democracy, human rights, and good governance in criminal law and the administration of criminal justice – domestically, regionally and globally. Prior to joining ICCR, Joanne was the Statewide Chief Implementation Attorney and Regional Initiatives Director of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) where she was responsible for overseeing and improving the overall quality of mandated indigent criminal defense legal services and for developing the first state-funded network of Regional Immigration Assistance Centers (RIACs) designed to support those who are in need of quality legal representation in criminal, family and immigration matters across New York State. Ms. Macri was also honored to serve as a member of the NYS Advisory Council on Immigration Issues in Family Court.

Ms. Macri also served as the director of the Criminal Defense Immigration Project (CDIP) and the Immigrant Defense Project of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA) where she has provided immigration support to criminal and family law attorneys across New York State and conducted numerous continuing legal education trainings on the immigration consequences of New York criminal convictions and family court dispositions. She was also an adjunct professor at Sage College and at the State of New York University at Buffalo Law School where she has taught courses on prisoners’ rights law, U.S. immigration law, immigration law practice and criminal/immigration law for several years.

For her service, Ms. Macri was recognized by the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Criminal Justice Section for her Outstanding Contribution to Criminal Law Education, the NYSBA Committee to Ensure Mandated Quality Representation and Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York for her commitment to providing support to indigent representation. She was also recognized by the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) as the 2015 recipient of the Mark T. Kenmore Mentor of the Year Award. Most recently, Ms. Macri received the Unsung Hero Award for Government Services as an Albany Law School Alumni and was honored by the New York State Defenders Association as the first female attorney recipient of the Wilfred R. O’Connor award for her commitment to client-centered representation. Ms. Macri has also served as a member on the Committee for Gender Fairness for the Third Judicial Department and has previously served on the NYSBA Immigration Litigation Committee, the New York City Bar Association Criminal Justice Operations Committee and the Upstate New York AILA Chapter Subcommittees for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection. She is a graduate of Albany Law School.

Carina Schoenberger has served as an Assistant United States Attorney for ten years, first as a civil litigator, then a criminal prosecutor, and now an appellate attorney. She began her government career in the Southern District of New York, and currently works in the Syracuse office of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York. Prior to entering the public sector, Carina worked as a litigation associate in the St. Louis, Missouri offices of Bryan Cave LLP. She graduated from New York University School of Law in 2007 and received her undergraduate degree from Columbia University.

Judge Jennifer Sober was elected to the Rensselaer County Court bench in 2018. She spent the first part of her legal career as a prosecutor in both Albany and Rensselaer Counties. In 2005 she opened a law practice focusing on criminal defense, guardianship proceeding and election law. She spent a great deal of time trying felony cases throughout the Capital Region. In 2016 she was appointed as Special Counsel to the New York State Senate, where she was tasked with handling election law issues, motions, hearing and trials. Judge Sober has been a mentor to young lawyers during her time as an ADA and a private attorney and continues to mentor law students through her chamber internship program. She is a member of the Rensselaer County Bar Association and the Capital District Women Bar Association.

KIMBERLY M. ZIMMER is the sole member of Zimmer Law Office, PLLC, where her practice consists of a wide variety of criminal defense matters, including matters in federal courts and county courts throughout the region. Ms. Zimmer also handles regulatory and administrative matters, civil litigation, and the representation of students in university disciplinary and Title IX matters throughout the state.

Ms. Zimmer received a B.A. in Economics from the College of the Holy Cross in 1985, and a Juris Doctorate from Cornell University Law School in 1988. She began her career in the United States Department of Justice's Honors Program where she worked as a Trial Attorney in the Northern Criminal Enforcement Section of the Department of Justice's Tax Division. In addition to jury trials and appeals, Ms. Zimmer conducted extensive tax and fraud investigations, including the investigation of federal excise tax evasion schemes and organized criminal activity in the Eastern District of New York.

From 1991 to 1998, Ms. Zimmer served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of New York, where she prosecuted a wide variety of federal criminal matters. Her responsibilities included grand jury investigations, trials, and appeals to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Among other types of matters, as an AUSA, Ms. Zimmer conducted financial fraud investigations involving tax, money laundering, financial institution, credit card, Medicare, telemarketing, and other federal program frauds.

From 1998 to 1992, Ms. Zimmer worked for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as Senior Trial Counsel. She was responsible for the prosecution of federal securities fraud violations, including frauds by investment advisers and broker-dealers, prime bank frauds, insider trading, accounting and financial frauds, and offering frauds.

Prior to opening her own practice in 2008, Ms. Zimmer was a partner at Green & Seifter, PLLC, now known as Bousquet Holstein PLLC, where she led the firm's litigation practice group and handled a wide variety of criminal and civil litigation matters.

Ms. Zimmer is a member and currently a Vice President of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association. She is also a member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel Committee for the Northern District of New York and is currently the CJA Representative for the Northern District. Additionally, Ms. Zimmer is the Second Circuit Representative to the Practitioners Advisory Group to the United States Sentencing Commission.

She is also a member of the Onondaga County Bar Association and the Central New York Women's Bar Association and previously served on each of those Boards.