



**BETTY WERYBERG ELLERIN**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

January, 2000 to Present

Additional Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York - First Department

March, 1999 to December, 1999

Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. First Department

March, 1985 to March, 1999

Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York - First Department. (First woman appointed to this bench.)

January, 1982 to March 14, 1985

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York for the New York City Courts, with administrative responsibility for the operation of all the trial courts within the City. This entailed overseeing the activities of over 425 judges, nine local administrative judges and non-judicial personnel numbering over 4,700. (First woman appointed to that position.)

January, 1980 to December 31, 1981

Justice of the Supreme Court assigned as Judge-in-charge of the complex in New York County specially created to eliminate the heavy backlog of cases involving the City of New York. The complex consisted of a calendar-conference part, over which I presided, plus back-up trial parts and a clerk's office. Over 4500 cases were disposed of by trial or settlement, during this period.

July, 1978 to December 31, 1979

Acting Justice of the Supreme Court assigned to Criminal Term Trial and Calendar Parts for felony cases in New York County, through September 1979, then to the Civil Term City Part.

January 1, 1977 to July, 1978

Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York assigned to the Criminal Court, New York County, in arraignment and calendar parts.

January, 1955 to December 31, 1976

Law Secretary to Justice Harry B. Frank, originally in the City Court and, after court consolidation in 1962, in the Civil Court, and from November 1965 until his retirement, on December 31, 1975, in the Supreme Court. Thereafter I served as both *Law Secretary to Justice Jacob Markowitz*, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term and as *Acting Chief Law Assistant of the Appellate Term* until Justice Markowitz's death and thereafter *Law Secretary to Justice Samuel Rosenberg*;

July, 1952 to January, 1955

Associated with Klein & Ruderman, New York City, a firm specializing in maritime-personal injury matters.

**PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

**NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE COURTS**

(formerly the Committee to Implement the Recommendations of the N.Y.S. Task Force on Women In The Courts.)  
Chair (1 996 - Present). Member since 1987.

**NEW YORK STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ETHICS**

Established by the Chief Administrative Judge of the court system in 1987 to entertain inquiries from judges and render advisory opinions relating to judicial conduct and ethics. The Committee was legislatively mandated by amendment to the Judiciary Law, effective November 22, 1988. Member of the Committee since it was established and Chair of the First Department sub-committee.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES (NAWJ)**

President (1994-1995) and other offices (1990-1994). Chair, Gender Fairness Strategies Project jointly sponsored by NAWJ and 4 other national organizations including the National Judicial College and the National Center for State Courts and funded by the State Justice Institute (1996- present). Chair, National Task Force on Gender Bias In The Courts (1992-1993) (1988-1991). Chair, Nominating Committee (1 995-96); Judicial Academic Network (1995-1997); Dues Restructure Committee (1995-1996); Chair, Long Range Planning Committee (1991-1992). Director for District 2 (New York, Connecticut and Vermont) (1989-1990). An Honorary Director and founding member of the New York State Women Judges Association, a chapter of NAWJ.

**ASSOCIATION OF BAR OF CITY OF NEW YORK** Past Chair, Symposia Committee (1996-1998).

Nominating Committee (1997) (1989).

Executive Committee (1992-1996) (2003-2004).

Chair, Subcommittee on City Issues (1992-1994).

Vice-president (1991-1992) (2003-2004).

First Chair of Committee on Women in the Courts (1986-1990).

Former member on many other committees including Council on Judicial Administration.

Frequent participant in Association forums and programs.

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF N.Y. (WBASNY).

A founding member and member of the Board of Directors from the inception of the organization in 1980 to the present.

Member Advisory Council of New York Women's Bar Association, a chapter of WBASNY (1970 to present).

President (1969-1970).

Member Board of Directors (1970-1993) and past member of numerous other committees.

Chair of the Liaison to Women Judges Committee (2000-2001).

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

University Trustee Associate (2002-present).

University Trustee (1996-2002).

President, N.Y.U. Alumni Federation (1992-present).

Inaugural Co-Chair, N.Y.U. Alumni Association (1996-Feb. 1997).

Member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee, N.Y.U. Alumni Assn. (1996-present).

Director of the N.Y.U. Law Alumni Assn. and variously a director and Vice President (1973- 2000).

Advisory Board, N.Y.U. School of Law Center for Research in Crime and Justice (1985-present).

Alumni Relations Committee; Government Affairs Committee and University Life Committee (2003-2004)

OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on the Profession and the Courts - Chair, Subcommittee on Attorney Discipline (1996- 1997).

Co-Chair, Committee on Case Management - Report issued April 1995.

Chair, Civil Curriculum Committee for Annual Judicial Seminars (1989-1994).

NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION

Member, CLE Institute

Member, Judicial Section

Board of Directors (1989-1991).

Forum Committee (1974-1977); Admiralty Committee (1955-1960)

Former Chair of the Association's course entitled "General Practice for the Newly Admitted Attorney" and speaker at many lectures and forums.

As the New York City Administrative Judge, inaugurated a Student Intern Program for Supreme Court, New York County in conjunction with the Association's Supreme Court Committee.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METROPOLITAN COURTS

Member, Board of Directors (1982-1999).

NEW YORK STATE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

Member of the 14 person Committee charged with developing a proposed determinate sentencing plan for New York State (1983-1986).

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Member of nine-person Special Committee on Medical Professional Liability (1985-1986) to study legislative initiatives in the medical malpractice area and develop ABA policy proposals for consideration by the House of Delegates.

Member Judicial Administrative Division.

Member of the Fellows of the American Bar Association (9110190 to present)

JALBCA (Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert)

A founding member and member of Board of Directors.

HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY (H.I.A.S.)

An international migration and relocation agency which provides immigration services and assists immigrants in integrating into their new local communities.

Member of Board of Directors (1968-present).

Vice President and member of the Executive Committee (1974-1994).

President, Women's Division (1973-1988).

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Lecturer on Appellate Practice and speaker at Association programs.

Member Judicial Section's Special Com. to Improve Courthouse Facilities; former member, Com. on Supreme Courts.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS

Member, National Advisory Committee on Court Delay Reduction (1985) and speaker at court delay reduction programs.

## LAW SECRETARIES AND LAW ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION OF SUPREME COURT FIRST DEPARTMENT

First woman President; initiated a lecture series designed to keep all law secretaries and law assistants abreast of current developments in the law that has continued to the present time.

MATRIMONIAL COMMISSION (2004-present)

### OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

Women's Forum (Director 1999 - present)

Women's City Club

Women in Criminal Justice

Jewish Lawyers Guild

Hadassah

Fellows of the American Bar Association

Cancer Care

American Judicature Society (1993-present)

Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York

National Council of Jewish Women

Museum of Jewish Heritage (2003-2004)

### LECTURES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Member of the faculty (summer of 2001) at the International Law Program sponsored by Hofstra Law School in cooperation with Nice School of Law, in Nice, France.

Lecturer in Sex Bias Equity in the Courts: Who's Keeping Score and How Are We Doing: - A National Perspective sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin

Producer of Taming of the Shrew: Katherina vs. Petruchio on Appeal sponsored by the Association of the Bar (10/29/99). Appeal argued; plaintiff - Katherina; defendant - Petruchio.

Lecturer on "Brief Writing and Preparation/Presentation of Oral Argument" (CLE Program) sponsored by the New York State Bar Association (10/28/99 and 12/1/99).

Moderator in an interactive discussion: "Innovations in Case Management" (7/13/99 and 7/20/99).

Principal speaker at the Civil Court Practice Section Annual Dinner sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association (6/2/99).

Speaker at the annual breakfast meeting of the Delegates from the First Judicial District to the State Bar House of Delegates sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (5/25/99). Topics of discussion: alternative dispute resolution, tort reform, 18-b rates, mandatory CLE, ethics, and professional discipline.

Keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Women's City Club of New York (5/19/99).

Principal speaker at the Fourth Annual Ten Commandments Torah Celebration sponsored by the New York Criminal and Civil Courts Bar Association and the Jewish Lawyers Guild (5/18/99).

-Moderator of panel of judges, ethicists and litigators discussing "Friends of the Court: How Friendly Can They Be? Ethical Conflicts in Bench/Bar Relations" hosted by the Judicial Administration of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (5/3/99).

Lecturer on Ethics Program at Tarrytown House Conference Center sponsored by the Women's Bar Assn. of the State of N.Y. (5/1/99) (attendees credited 1.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education).

Lecturer on Brief Writing and Oral Argument at biannual New York Appellate Practice series sponsored by the New York State Bar Association (1987 to present).

Faculty member and panelist - American Bar Association Ioth Appellate Practice Institute (1996).

Chair, Civil Law Curriculum Committee for annual O.C.A. Judicial Education Seminars and lecturer at various seminar programs (1989 to present).

Faculty, National Judicial College - Train the Trainers, Gender Fairness in Judicial Education (1996).

Keynote Speaker, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Seminar-Fairness on the Home Court: Dealing with Diversity in the Legal System (1994).

Faculty Member, Annual Appellate Term Judicial Seminar - Civil Law Update (1993).

### AWARDS:

Women's Bar Association of State of New York - Inaugural Betty Weinberg Ellerin Mentoring Award

New York State Bar Association - Ruth G. Schapiro Award

New York County Lawyers' Association: Distinguished Public Service Award

New York Women's Bar Association: commemorating position as Presiding Justice Award

New York County Lawyers' Association: Edith I. Spivack Award

Metropolitan Women's Bar Association: President's Special Award

Defense Association of New York: Distinguished Service Award

Association of the Bar of the City of New York and New York County Lawyers' Association: "A Tribute to Presiding Justice Betty Weinberg Ellerin" Award

National Association of Women Judges Award

Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award (1993) presented by the American Bar Association  
Commission on Women in the Profession.

New York State Trial Lawyers Law Day Award.

Bronx County Bar Association Annual Award - first Woman Recipient.

New York County Lawyers' Louis J. Capozzoli Award.