



**Judith S. Kaye**

Judge Kaye was sworn in as Chief Judge of the State of New York on March 23, 1993, becoming the first woman to occupy the top judicial office of New York State. She became the first woman to serve on New York State's highest Court when Governor Mario M. Cuomo appointed her Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals in September 1983.

Chief Judge Kaye is Co-Chair of the Commission on the American Jury of the American Bar Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts, a member of the Conference of Chief Justices, Chair of the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, a member of the Board of Editors of the New York State Bar Journal, Founding Member and Honorary Chair of Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA), and serves as Trustee of the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation. She is also a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Law Institute, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, the Association of Women Judges (New York and national) and the American Philosophical Society.

Judge Kaye is the author of numerous publications, particularly articles dealing with legal process, state constitutional law, women in law, professional ethics and problem-solving courts. She is the recipient of various awards, including the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the National Center for State Courts' William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, the New York County Lawyers Association's William Nelson Cromwell Award, New York University Law School's Vanderbilt Medal, the Barnard College President's Medal, the Gold Medal of the New York State Bar Association and the Fordham-Stein Prize. She has also received numerous honorary degrees.

Chief Judge Kaye is a 1958 graduate of Barnard College and received her LL.B. cum laude from New York University School of Law in 1962. She engaged in private practice in New York City until her appointment to the Court of Appeals.

She and her husband, Stephen Rackow Kaye, a practicing lawyer, are the proud parents of Luisa, Jonathan and Gordon, and proud grandparents of Sonja, Andrea, Ben and Shirin.