

ILS Board

The nine-member Indigent Legal Services Board was established by [Executive Law § 833](#) to monitor, study and make efforts to improve the quality of legal representation provided pursuant to Article 18-B of the County Law. Executive Law § 833 also specifies the Board's composition and duties.

Duties of the Board

The ILS Board's statutorily required duties include:

- Evaluating existing indigent legal services programs and determining the type of indigent legal services that should be provided in New York State to best serve the interests of persons receiving such services.
- Consulting with and advising the Office of Indigent Legal Services in carrying out the Office's duties and responsibilities.
- Accepting, rejecting, or modifying recommendations made by the Office of Indigent Legal Services regarding the allocation of funds and the awarding of grants, including incentive grants, from the Indigent Legal Services Fund.
- Advising and making an annual report to the Governor, Legislature, and Judiciary.

Composition of the Board

The nine-member Indigent Legal Services Board is chaired by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. The other eight Board members are appointed by the Governor as follows:

- One on the recommendation of the Temporary President of the Senate;
- One on the recommendation of the Speaker of the Assembly;

- One from a list of at least three attorney nominees submitted by the New York State Bar Association;
- Two from a list of at least four nominees submitted by the New York State Association of Counties;
- One who shall be an attorney who has provided public defense services for at least five years;
- One who shall be an attorney; and
- One from a list of no more than two nominees submitted by the Chief Administrator of the Courts, each of whom shall be a judge or justice, or retired judge or justice, who was elected to the Supreme, County or Family court, or appointed to the Criminal Court or Family Court in the City of New York, and has substantial experience presiding as such a judge or justice in trial matters before such court.

Executive Law § 833 excludes from the Board active prosecutors, law enforcement officials, and anyone providing services to, or employed by, prosecutors and law enforcement officials. Member terms are for three years, members may be reappointed for additional terms, and members of the Board shall continue in such position upon the expiration of their term until such time as they are reappointed or their successor is appointed.

Members receive no compensation for their services but are allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their functions.

Board Members

[Rowan D. Wilson](#), Chair

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

[Diane Atkins](#)

Director of Human Services for Westchester County

[Carmen Ciparick](#)

Greenberg, Traurig LLP

Former Senior Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals

[Christopher P. DeBolt](#)

Ontario County Administrator

[Sheila DiTullio](#)

Judge of the Erie County Court, Buffalo

[Vincent E. Doyle III](#)

Partner, Connors LLP, Buffalo

[Suzette M. Melendez](#)

Assistant Professor and Director of Children's Rights and Family Law Clinic
Syracuse University College of Law

[Leonard Noisette](#)

Program Director: Criminal Justice Fund, Open Society Foundations, US Programs
Executive Director, Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem (1995 - 2008)

[Jill Paperno](#)

Chief Strategy Officer, Empire Justice Center

Upcoming Board Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, quarterly meetings of the ILS Board are held at 11:00 a.m. at the New York City Bar Association, 42 West 44th Street, New York, NY. Meeting dates for the following year are typically agreed upon by the ILS Board at the December meeting.

June 7, 2024

September 20, 2024

December 13, 2024

Past Board Meetings

Documents from the quarterly Board meetings, including agendas, minutes and attachments, are provided below:

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[Minutes](#)[pdf]

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June 2, 2023

[Meeting Notice](#)[pdf]

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April 14, 2023

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