

Carmen Ciparick

Appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Speaker of the Assembly (Executive Law § 833(1)(c)).

FY 2022-23 Expenditures: \$0

FY 2023-24 Expenditures: \$0

Anticipated FY 2024-25 Expenditures: \$0

Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick is the former Senior Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. She spent 19 years on New York State's highest court, and 34 years on the bench. Judge Ciparick was appointed on December 1, 1993 by Governor Mario M. Cuomo. She was re-appointed by Governor Eliot Spitzer in November 2007.

During her tenure on the court, she wrote the majority opinion for the court in 322 cases, 62 dissents and seven concurring opinions. She has written some of the court's most significant decisions, breaking new ground on issues such as school funding [Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. State of New York, 86 NY2d 307 (1995)], the separation of church and state [Grumet v. Cuomo, 90 NY2d 57(1997)], and the death penalty [People v. Taylor, 9 NY3d 129 (2007)].

Judge Ciparick started her career as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society in New York City where she worked from 1967 to 1969 when she became an Assistant Counsel for the Judicial Conference of the State of New York. She then served as Chief Law Assistant of the Criminal Court of the City of New York and Counsel in the Office of the New York City Administrative Judge. In 1978, she was appointed Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, and in 1982 was elected to the New York State Supreme Court .

Judge Ciparick advises clients on appellate matters, litigation strategy and mentors Greenberg Traurig's junior lawyers. She remains active in public service and serves on the Chief Judge's Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services, the New York State Federal Judicial Council and the Institute on Professionalism and the Law. She was recently appointed by the Chief Judge to co-chair the New York Justice Task Force that examines the causes of wrongful convictions.

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