



Appellate Division
Supreme Court of the State of New York
Second Judicial Department
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Hector D. LaSalle
Presiding Justice

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Presiding Justice Announces Recipients of the Fourteenth Annual Milton Mollen Commitment to Excellence Award

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK – Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, today announced the recipients of the Fourteenth Annual Milton Mollen Commitment to Excellence Award. This annual award is named in honor of former Presiding Justice Milton Mollen, to recognize the achievements and efforts of the employees of the Unified Court System within the Second Judicial Department who have demonstrated the highest level of dedication, integrity and professionalism, qualities that are synonymous with those exemplified by former Presiding Justice Milton Mollen.

The awards will be presented on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**, at a formal ceremony to be held in the Courthouse of the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department, located at 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn Heights, New York.

The ceremony will be presided over by Presiding Justice LaSalle and the Associate Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. Among those in attendance will be Hon. Norman St. George, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of New York State Courts, Deputy Chief Administrative Judges, as well as the Administrative Judges and District Executives for the judicial districts that comprise the Second Department, just to name a few.

The ceremony will feature special remarks by former Presiding Justice Mollen's son, Scott E. Mollen, a distinguished attorney.

The Fourteenth Annual Milton Mollen Commitment to Excellence Award Recipients are:

Second Judicial District: Daniel M. Alessandrino, Chief Clerk (*Ret.; Posthumous*)
Supreme Court, Kings County, Criminal Term

Ninth Judicial District: Noreen Haddad, Resource Coordinator II
Supreme and County Courts, Dutchess County
Problem Solving Unit

Tenth Judicial District: Steven Maffei, Esq., Principal Law Clerk
(Nassau) Matrimonial Center of Nassau County

Tenth Judicial District: Susan D. Alexander, Principal Court Attorney
(Suffolk) Suffolk County District Court (Central Islip)

Eleventh Judicial District: Charles Nocilla, First Deputy Chief Clerk
Supreme Court, Queens County, Civil Term

Thirteenth Judicial District: Larry Godoy-Lenz, Court Interpreter
Supreme Court, Richmond County

Appellate Division: Adrienne B. Hairston, Senior Appellate Court Clerk
Second Department Appellate Term, Second Judicial Department
Ancillary Agency

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Muriel L. Gennosa, Executive Director for Attorney Matters,
Counsel to the Committees on Character and Fitness
Appellate Division, Second Department

Upon announcing the names of the awardees, Presiding Justice LaSalle stated,

“It is a privilege to continue the tradition started by Former Presiding Justice Prudenti to reward the dedicated and committed court employees in the Second Judicial Department with this honor. I would also like to congratulate those who were nominated, for I am certain the Selection Committee had some very difficult choices to make.”

Presiding Justice LaSalle expressed deep appreciation to the members of the Executive Selection Committee and, in particular, to its Chairperson, Hon. Mark C. Dillon, for the hard work in evaluating the nominations that were received and choosing the award recipients. In addition to Justice Dillon, the Executive Selection Committee included Hon. Betsy Barros, Hon. Valerie Brathwaite Nelson, Hon. Angela G. Iannacci, Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers, Hon. William G. Ford, all of whom are Associate Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department; and Darrell M. Joseph, Clerk of the Court.

The Ceremony will be live-streamed and may be accessed via the Second Department’s home page, by clicking on the Oral Argument Live link, or via the following link <https://cmi.nycourts.gov/ad2/ad2.php>

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