

**NEW YORK STATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES ASSOCIATION**

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New York State Commission on  
Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

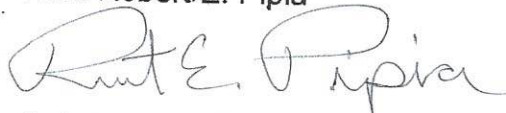
Dear Members,

As the President of the New York State District Court Judges Association, I am sending this correspondence to inform the Commission that the membership of this Association is in full support of the position taken by the Office of Court Administration that the salary of a New York State Justice be fixed at the rate of 100% of the salary of a Federal District Court Judge as of April 1, 2020 to April 1, 2023.

The Commission's most recent report sets the salary of a District Court Judge at 93% of the salary of New York State Supreme Court Justice. Our Association joins with other similar trial court judicial associations, and respectfully requests that the Commission consider that the salary of a New York State District Court Judge be set no less than 97% of a Supreme Court Justice's salary. We believe that obtaining closer compensation parity with Supreme Court Justices is appropriate because District Court Judges preside over various specialized civil and criminal parts with heavy caseloads, and unlike all full-time trial courts, District Court Judges must be able to rotate into those parts and effectively and efficiently write decisions on motions, hearings, and trials without the benefit and assistance of a law clerk, which is legislatively and exclusively designated to each judge. We believe that our efforts in serving the entire Tenth Judicial District in these various specialized roles merits serious consideration of our request.

The New York State District Court Judges Association thanks the members of the Commission in advance for their consideration of our submission and for their dedicated service to this commission's work.

Hon. Robert E. Pipia



Judge of the District Court and President  
New York State District Court Judges Association