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## **Housing Court Judge Appointed in Brooklyn**

**NEW YORK CITY**—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George today announced the appointment of Michael A. Faleck, a Principal Court Attorney with the Appellate Term, Second Department, to the New York City Housing Court bench in Kings County (Brooklyn). Judge Faleck, who is filling a vacancy created by Judge Juliet Howard's election to the New York City Civil Court, will preside over proceedings in the New York City Civil Court's Housing Part, serving a five-year term.

"New York City Housing Court plays a vital role in protecting the rights of tenants and landlords alike, directly affecting the daily lives of New Yorkers," said Judge Zayas. "Michael Faleck possesses a wealth of legal experience, astute judgment, an even temperament, and a passion for the law and equal justice. His appointment enhances our ability to meet the demands of this high-volume court."

"Michael Faleck has an extensive legal background in housing-related matters that, along with his hard work, fairness, integrity, and public service orientation, will be assets to the New York City Civil Court's Housing Part," added Judge St. George.

Michael A. Faleck has been serving as a Principal Court Attorney with the Appellate Term, Second Department since June 2023, researching and analyzing complex legal issues and drafting confidential case reports and slip opinions. Previously, he was a Senior Principal Law Clerk to New York State Court of Appeals Associate Judge Anthony Cannataro. Prior to that, he served as a Principal Law Clerk to Judge Cannataro during the Judge's tenure on the New York County Supreme Court bench. From 2015 to 2018, he worked as a Court Attorney in New York City Housing Court, where he conferenced cases, drafted decisions, and conducted legal research, among his other duties.

Judge Faleck began his legal career as a Law Secretary in Queens County Supreme Court's Civil Term, followed by employment as an Associate with the law firm Newman Ferrara LLP, where he edited a handbook on landlord-tenant law in addition to his other responsibilities. He is a graduate of Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, to which he earned a full academic scholarship, and a member of the Small Claims Arbitrators Association.

"Thank you to the judicial leadership for this amazing opportunity, to all those who supported me along the way, and to my colleagues for their ongoing support. I am humbled and honored to have been selected for this role, and to be joining in the extraordinarily important and impactful work of the New York City Housing Court," said Judge Faleck.

Expressing his gratitude to Judge Howard, Judge Zayas added, “We are thankful to outgoing Judge Howard for her contributions to Brooklyn’s Housing Court bench throughout her five-year tenure and commend her on her election to New York City Civil Court, where her judicial expertise will continue to benefit Brooklynites.”

Judge Faleck’s appointment takes effect January 1, 2026.



Judge Michael Faleck

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