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Chief Judge to Address NY's Justice Gap at Annual Public Hearing

**WHAT/
WHO:** Chief Judge Janet DiFiore will preside over her annual statewide public hearing to evaluate the continuing unmet civil legal services needs in New York, with this year's hearing focusing on the civil justice crisis arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The hearing will be conducted in hybrid fashion, virtually and in person. Chief Judge DiFiore, Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks, the four Presiding Justices of New York's Supreme Court, Appellate Division: Hon. Rolando T. Acosta (First Dept.), Hon. Hector La Salle (Second Dept.), Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry (Third Dept.) and Hon. Gerald J. Whalen (Fourth Dept.), and State Bar President T. Andrew Brown will be present at Albany's Court of Appeals; presenters from around the State will testify remotely or in person (see attached list for this year's presenters).

The Chief Judge will report to the Legislature on the information obtained at the hearing and the continuing work of the New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice, whose mission is to expand access to civil legal services for low-income New Yorkers. The testimony gathered at the hearing will serve to inform the Commission's future efforts to ensure that every New Yorker, regardless of background or economic status, has access to civil legal services when basic human needs are at stake.

**WHEN: Monday, September 13, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Livestream:
<http://nycourts.gov/ctapps/civil.html>**

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