



# **NEWS ADVISORY**

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## **Court Officer Recruits to Take Oath of Office at Albany Graduation**

*First-Ever Mother and Daughter Among the June 2025 Graduating Class*

**ALBANY, NEW YORK—First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George** will administer the oath of office to 120 Court Officer recruits who, representing a range of cultures and lived experiences, include a mother and daughter from Utica, New York. While most of the graduating class hails from upstate, several of the Unified Court System's Court Officers Academy graduates are from New York City and Long Island. Among the June 2025 class are former New York State Correction Officers and Deputy Sheriffs and a former TSA agent, park ranger, teacher, paralegal, and physical therapist, along with numerous other professions.

Adding to the ranks of the Unified Court System's 4,000-plus Court Officers and 2,000 non-uniformed peace officers, the newly minted officers will be deployed on Friday, June 13 to courts in the Capital Region, Western New York, Central New York, and New York's North Country and Southern Tier.

**Chief of the Court Officers Academy Joseph Baccellieri, Jr.** will kick off the program, with **Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas** and **Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Edwina G. Richardson** addressing the class. **Rebecca Dingman**, who joins daughter Jolyn Dingman as graduates of the June 2025 class, will provide remarks in her capacity as class representative. Awards will be presented for outstanding academic achievement, physical fitness, and leadership, among others. Award presenters include **Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside New York City James P. Murphy**, **OCA Executive Director Justin Barry**, **Chief of Public Safety Michael Magliano**, and **Chief David Joseph**.

**WHEN: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 11:30am**

**WHERE: The Egg, Center for the Performing Arts, Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York (Kitty Carlisle Theater)**

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