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Swearing-in Ceremony for Associate Justice Christina L. Ryba

ALBANY, NEW YORK – On January 15, 2026, Governor Kathy Hochul appointed the Honorable Christina L. Ryba to the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, effective March 4, 2026. A swearing-in ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Robert Abrams Building for Law and Justice, Albany, New York.

Justice Ryba graduated from Skidmore College and Albany Law School. She was elected a Supreme Court Justice for the Third Judicial District in 2015. Justice Ryba was appointed Administrative Judge for the Third Judicial District in May 2025 and previously served as Supervising Judge of the Supreme Court in the Third Judicial District.

Justice Ryba currently serves as Co-Chair of the Permanent Commission on Access to Justice. Prior to becoming a judge, she served as Special Projects Counsel to the Presiding Justice of the Third Department and Special Projects Counsel to the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside of New York City.

Before working with the judiciary, Justice Ryba was an Associate at Nixon Peabody. She began her career in public service, which included a position as a New York State Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Bureau as well as appointments in the City of Albany Community Development Agency and the City of Albany Corporation Counsel's Office.

Justice Ryba is President-Elect of the New York State Supreme Court Justices Association as well as past-president of both the Albany County Bar Foundation and the Albany County Bar Association. She is a member of the New York Women Judges Association, the Judicial Friends Association and the American Bar Association. Justice Ryba is also an Emeritus Trustee of Albany Law School.

The Appellate Division, Third Department hears appeals from all trial level courts in the 28 counties within the Court's geographical jurisdiction, which includes the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster in the Third Judicial District; Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington in the Fourth Judicial District; and Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tompkins and Tioga in the Sixth Judicial District.

The swearing-in ceremony will be open to the public and live-streamed on the Third Department's website <https://nycourts.gov/ad3/> and clicking on the "Live Session Webcast" link.

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