

The Honorable Dineen Ann Riviezzo Bio

The Honorable Dineen Ann Riviezzo was first appointed to the New York State Court of Claims in December 2006 by Governor George Pataki and was re-appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo for a full-term expiring in December 2022. Prior to the Raise the Age Legislation, Judge Riviezzo presided for four years over the youthful and juvenile offender part providing young adults with the opportunity for a disposition involving an alternative to incarceration for violent felony offenses. She currently presides over cases involving the civil confinement of convicted sex offenders under Mental Hygiene Law Article 10 as well as felony criminal trials.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Riviezzo served as the New York State Inspector General, appointment by Governor Pataki, heading the agency responsible for investigating fraud, corruption and mismanagement within over 100 Executive Branch agencies and public authorities.

Prior to serving as the NYS Inspector General, Judge Riviezzo was appointed by Governor Pataki as Chair and Commissioner of the New York State Commission of Investigation, a bi-partisan law enforcement agency charged with investigating fraud and corruption within state and local governments.

Judge Riviezzo began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney with the New York County District Attorney's Office ending her seven-year service in the Sex Crimes Bureau and Homicide Investigations Bureau. Judge Riviezzo then spent four years at Clifford Chance US LLP, as a senior associate specializing in white collar and reinsurance defense cases.

Judge Riviezzo is proud of her Jesuit education, having graduated from Boston College and the Georgetown University Law Center. Judge Riviezzo credits her long history of public service to her desire to live the Jesuit motto of "Men and Women for Others." Judge Riviezzo lectures frequently for the NYS Judicial Institute and is an adjunct professor at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.