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Joseph A. Shifflett is Chief Court Attorney of Erie County Surrogate's Court. Prior to assuming that position in November, 2004, he had been Surrogate Judge Barbara Howe's Principal Law Clerk in Surrogate's Court and previously from 1993 when Judge Howe was a New York State Supreme Court Justice. Shifflett served, before that, as Principal Law Clerk for two Erie County Court Judges. Prior to joining the court system, Shifflett was an attorney at the Buffalo Legal Aid Bureau.

A graduate of the University of Toronto and the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, Shifflett is a member of the Bar Association of Erie County, and a past Chair of the Criminal Law Committee of the BAEC. He was a long time member of the Erie County Bar Association's Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society, Inc., Board of Directors. Shifflett currently serves on an OCA committee set up to help implement e-filing in Surrogate's Courts in New York State.