

# NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Judicial Section Annual Reception and Luncheon

**Friday, January 29, 2016**

Mercury Ballroom and Rotunda, 3rd Floor  
New York Hilton Midtown  
1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York City

**\$70 per person, NYSBA Judicial Section Member**

**\$110 per person, Judiciary Members not in the NYSBA Judicial Section**  
*(NYSBA \$90 general registration fee NOT required)*

**Reception (Cash Bar)**

12:30-1:00 p.m.

**Luncheon**

1:00-2:30 p.m.



**Welcome Remarks**

**Hon. John F. O'Donnell**  
Presiding Chair  
Judicial Section



**Remarks**

**David P. Miranda, Esq.**  
President  
New York State Bar  
Association



**Keynote Speaker**

**Robert Bauer, Esq.**  
Former White House  
Counsel



**Honoree**

**Hon. Edwina G. Mendelson**  
Recipient of 2016  
Award for Advancement of  
Judicial Diversity



**Judge Mendelson** was appointed to the New York City Family Court bench by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg on January 24, 2003, and was reappointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio in October 2014. She served as a trial judge in Queens County Family Court until February 14, 2008, when she was appointed Supervising Judge of that Court. One year later, on May 6, 2009, Judge Mendelson was elevated to Administrative Judge in charge of all New York City Family Courts. In October 2015, Judge Mendelson resumed the trial bench.

Before becoming a judge, Judge Mendelson served as a Court Attorney-Referee in Queens County Family Court presiding over child protective proceedings from July 2001 until her appointment to the Family Court bench. Prior thereto, she practiced law for ten years as a member of the Assigned Counsel Panel, representing parents and children in New York County Family Court and in Supreme Court matrimonial matters. Early in her career, Judge Mendelson served as the very first staff attorney for the Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Womens Legal Services and was an attorney with The Legal Aid Society, Bronx County Civil Division, where she represented indigent clients in Housing Court and in benefits entitlement proceedings.

In **Robert Bauer's** 30 years of practice, he has provided counseling and representation on matters involving regulation of political activity before the courts and administrative agencies of national party committees, candidates, political committees, individuals, federal officeholders, corporations and trade associations, and tax-exempt groups.

Mr. Bauer served as White House Counsel to President Obama, and returned to private practice in June 2011. In 2013, the President named him to be Co-Chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration.

Mr. Bauer is the author of several books: United States Federal Election Law (1982, 1984), Soft Money Hard Law: A Guide to the New Campaign Finance Law (2002) and More Soft Money Hard Law: The Second Edition of the Guide to the New Campaign Finance Law (2004) and numerous articles. He serves on the National Advisory Board of Journal of Law and Politics. Mr. Bauer teaches law at the New York University School of Law, where he is a Professor of Practice and Distinguished Scholar in Residence.

Listed as one of the "100 Most Influential Attorneys" by National Law Journal, 2013

Listed in Chambers USA, "America's Leading Political Law Lawyers," 2014 - 2015

Received the Burton Award for Legal Achievement, 2000



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