

**Hon. Michael J. Garcia**  
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Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in Brooklyn, in October 1961. On January 20, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo nominated him to the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed his appointment on February 8, 2016. Judge Garcia received his undergraduate degree with honors from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1983 and an M.A. degree from the College of William & Mary in 1984. In 1989, he received his law degree (summa cum laude) from Albany Law School, where he graduated as valedictorian. He began his legal career as an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in 1989. From 1990 to 1992, he served as Law Clerk to Hon. Judith S. Kaye, then Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals.

From 1992 to 2001, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. In 2001, he became Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement in the Bureau of Industry and Security, and in December 2002 he became Acting Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at the United States Department of Justice. From March 2003 to August 2005, he served as Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the United States Department of Homeland Security. Judge Garcia was the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 2005 to 2008, when he joined Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Judge Garcia previously was Vice President of the Americas for INTERPOL, the international police organization, from 2003 to 2006. From 2012 to 2014, he was Chair of the Investigatory Chamber of the Ethics Committee of the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

Judge Garcia lives in Westchester with his wife and three children.



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A partner in Rivkin Radler's Appeals Practice Group with over two decades of experience, Cheryl regularly prosecutes and defends appeals before New York appellate courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Before joining the firm, Cheryl served as senior court attorney for the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department.

Cheryl currently serves as co-chair of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction. Additionally, she co-chairs the Long Island Women's Collaborative, which brings together, empowers and engages leading business women. Cheryl was named one of the "Top 40 Rising Stars in Business" and one of Long Island's "Most Influential Women" by Long Island Business News. She also was named to Long Island's "Who's Who in Women in Professional Services" and a Super Lawyer in the Metro New York Area.

Cheryl was named a Super Lawyer in the Metro New York Area in Appellate Law for 2014-2017.

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Alan J. Pierce is a partner in the Litigation Practice and Leader of the Appellate Practice. He has more than 30 years of litigation experience, concentrating on appellate practice, insurance coverage, defamation and civil and commercial litigation. Mr. Pierce has handled numerous civil, criminal, and family law appeals in his career, appearing before the New York State Court of Appeals, all four Departments of the State's Appellate Divisions and in the First, Second, Fourth and Eleventh United States Circuit Courts of Appeals. He has served as trial and appellate counsel in successful actions for defamation and insurance coverage and insurance bad faith. Mr. Pierce has authored numerous publications on appellate practice, defamation, and insurance coverage, and lectures on behalf of the ABA, NYSBA and the Office of Court Administration on appellate advocacy and insurance coverage litigation. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as Confidential Law Clerk to the Hon. Richard D. Simons, New York State Court of Appeals, from 1984-1986.

Mr. Pierce is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been included in Best Lawyers in America and New York Super Lawyers in Appellate Advocacy and Insurance Coverage since 2008. He was selected as the Best Lawyers in America 2016 Insurance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in the Syracuse/CNY area.



**Hon. Jenny Rivera**  
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Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in New York City in December 1960. On January 15, 2013, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo nominated her to the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed her appointment on February 11, 2013.

Judge Rivera has spent her entire professional career in public service. She clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, on the Southern District of New York, and also clerked in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals Pro Se Law Clerk's Office. She worked for the Legal Aid Society's Homeless Family Rights Project, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (renamed Latino Justice PRLDEF), and was appointed by the New York State Attorney General as Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights. Judge Rivera has been an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Division for Human Rights, and served on the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Prior to her appointment, she was a tenured faculty member of the City University of New York School of Law, where she founded and served as Director of the Law School's Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality.

She graduated from Princeton University, and received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law.



**Hon. Rowan D. Wilson**  
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Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in Pomona, California in 1960, and grew up in Berkeley, California. He received his A.B. degree from Harvard College in 1981, and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1984. He was admitted to the bar of the State of California in 1985, and the bar of the State of New York in 1987. From 1984 to 1986, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable James R. Browning, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, based in San Francisco, California.

In 1986, he joined the firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City as an associate, and was elected to partnership there in 1991, in which position he continued until February 2017. On January 15, 2017, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo nominated Judge Wilson to serve as an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed his nomination on February 6, 2017. While in private practice, Judge Wilson served on the boards of several charitable and not-for-profit organizations and handled numerous pro bono matters.

Judge Wilson resides with his wife and children in Port Washington, New York.