

Honorable Norman St. George

Justice of the Supreme Court

Judge St. George is an elected Justice of the Supreme Court for the 10th Judicial Department. On January 1, 2019, Chief Judge Janet DiFiore appointed Judge St. George to serve as the District Administrative Judge for all courts in Nassau County. In that capacity, Judge St. George oversees the Supreme Court, County Court, Family Court, Surrogate Court, District Court, and all City and Village Courts. Judge St. George directly supervises over one hundred judges and a non-judicial staff of one thousand individuals. From 2013 through 2018 Judge St. George served as the Supervising Judge of the Nassau County District Court. He was appointed to that position in February of 2013 by Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti. The Nassau County District Court is comprised of both criminal and civil courts and it is one of the busiest courts in New York State, handling over one hundred thousand criminal and civil cases per year. Judge St. George supervised twenty-six judges and a non-judicial staff of three hundred individuals. Judge St. George was an elected Nassau County Court Judge and an Acting Supreme Court Justice from 2008 to 2018. In 2018, Judge St. George established Nassau County's Youth Part under New York State's Raise the Age Law. While presiding over the Youth Part, Judge St. George published cases of first impression interpreting the Raise the Age Law which have become models for other counties throughout the state. Judge St. George has presided over serious felony criminal cases, commercial cases, medical malpractice cases, and oversaw the Integrated Domestic Violence Court, the Domestic Violence Court and the Sex Offense Court.

Prior to his election to the County Court in 2008, Judge St. George served as an elected District Court Judge from 2004 to 2008. In addition to presiding over criminal and civil cases, Judge St. George was charged with the responsibility of establishing Nassau County's first misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court. Judge St. George also established and presided over a Driving While Intoxicated Court. Over thirty of Judge St. George's written decisions have been published by the Official Court Reporter and the New York Law Journal. Judge St. George has presided over two hundred and fifty jury trials, including numerous high-profile press cases. He lectures at the Judicial Institute to other judges and at various Bar Associations on criminal and civil trial practice.

Judge St. George was born in the Bronx, New York. His father, now deceased, was born in Jamaica, West Indies, and immigrated to the United States for college in 1956 on a track scholarship. His father was a Psychiatrist and Professor at Adelphi, Hofstra and Columbia Universities. His mother, now deceased, was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. She was a School Psychologist. Judge St. George attended Long Island Lutheran Jr. and Sr. High School in Brookville, New York, where he graduated number two in his class as Salutatorian and as a member of the Honor Society. He attended Adelphi University in Garden City where he majored in Accounting and graduated with honors. Judge St. George attended Hofstra University School of Law on full academic scholarship and received his Juris Doctor in 1988. He was a member of the Hofstra Statewide Trial Team and was privileged to be selected as a student member of the Nassau County Inns of Court.

Prior to ascending to the bench, Judge St. George practiced law for sixteen years as a federal and state trial attorney. After graduating from law school, he worked as a Tax Attorney with Arthur Anderson and Company. He then began his litigation training at the Garden City law firm of Reisch, Simoni, Bythewood & Gleason. Judge St. George handled an extensive caseload of criminal and civil cases including major Federal criminal and civil RICO actions.

After leaving Reisch, Simoni, Bythewood & Gleason, Judge St. George served as an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Nassau under District Attorney Denis Dillon. He served in the District Court Bureau, Felony Screening Bureau, Grand Jury Bureau and County Court Bureau. As a Prosecutor, Judge St. George tried over thirty jury trials to verdict, and never lost a felony trial.

Judge St. George left the Nassau County District Attorney's Office to become a partner in the Wall Street firm of Jackson, Brown, Powell and St. George, LLP. In addition to being responsible for all the firm's civil and criminal litigation, Judge St. George served as the managing partner. Thereafter, Judge St. George set up his own law firm with offices in Mineola and Manhattan. Judge St. George successfully tried numerous federal and state criminal cases, federal copyright infringement cases, commercial litigation cases, and personal injury cases. Two of Judge St. George's trial verdicts were reported by the Jury Verdict Reporter, which reports significant Jury trial verdicts. Judge St. George frequently appeared on Court Television as a trial commentator.