

**Board of Judges of the Civil Court
of the City of New York
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Dear Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this Statement for your consideration. I am President of the Board of Judges of the Civil Court of the City of New York. Our organization is comprised of one hundred twenty Judges.

The Civil Court of the City of New York had over nine hundred thousand filings this past year, making us one of the busiest Courts in the State if not the nation.

Many of our Judges have never experienced a single salary raise or cost of living adjustment throughout the course of their judicial career. Many clerks and court attorneys earn more than the Judges for whom they work. This is a situation which must be corrected to ensure the highest quality bench.

Our organization strongly supports the position taken by the Office of Court Administration in its written submission as expressed by Judge Pfau at the hearing.

We trust that the Commission will do justice.

Very truly yours,

George J. Silver
President