

**Good afternoon to the Members of the New York State Commission On  
Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Compensation:**

**I begin by stating that I appreciate the commitment each of you has  
made to set fair compensation for New York Judges and Justices,  
including Trial Court Judges throughout New York State.**

**I am privileged to briefly and succinctly address you both as a member  
of the Board of Directors of the New York State Family Court Judges  
Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York  
City Family Court Judges Association, as well as, on a personal basis, as a  
professionally fulfilled judge of the Family Court of the State of New  
York, City of New York since February 9, 2000.**

**I emphasize the vital importance of the following:**

**(1) Pay parity amongst all New York State Family Court Judges;**

**(2) Adjustment of all New York State Family Court Judges, effective  
April 1, 2016, to an annual salary of \$203,100, immediately, without  
phase-in increments (based upon an expected re-set salary of Federal  
District Court Judges on January 1, 2016, reflecting changes in the cost  
of living since 1989); and**

**(3) Annual pay adjustments to the salary of all New York  
State Family Court Judges on April 1, 2017, April 1, 2018, and April 1,  
2019, equal to the cost-of-living adjustments provided by Executive  
Order to the Federal Judiciary effective each preceding January 1st.**

**Respectfully,  
Jane Pearl  
New York County Family Court**