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Judge Judith Kaye is Honoree at Theodore Roosevelt Inn of Court Annual Dinner

New York's Highest Judge Honored by Local Attorneys

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On September 28, 2004, the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter of the American Inn of Court, a local honorary group of attorneys and judges, hosted its annual banquet dinner honoring Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye. The dinner was held at the Nassau County Bar Association in Mineola.

Judge Kaye, New York's Chief Judge, was appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo in 1993 and is the first woman to occupy that post. She was also the first woman to serve on the State's highest court, the Court of Appeals, which she joined in 1983.

As New York's top judicial officer, Judge Kaye has two titles and two sets of responsibilities. As Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, she presides over New York's seven-member court of last resort.

In her role as Chief Judge of the State of New York, Judge Kaye is the head of the New York Unified Court System, with more than 1,200 State-paid judges in 363 courthouses across the state.

The Theodore Roosevelt Inn of Court is a chapter of the American Inns of Court, an organization

dedicated to the enhancement of civility, ethics and legal excellence in the practice of law. To foster these concepts, the Inns emphasize hands-on participation in the preparation and presentation of programs which address every-day experiences which lawyers face in their practices. Members include a number of federal and state judges, seasoned trial lawyers, attorneys from both public and private sectors, and law students.

At the dinner, Chief Judge Kay delivered an inspiring address which highlighted the positive

developments which she was instrumental in bringing to the New York Unified Court System during her tenure as Chief Judge. She also installed and swore in the Inn's new slate of officers. The event was well attended by about 130 guests including about 30 federal, state and county court judges, and several officers from the Bar Association. A four course dinner was served against a backdrop of live classical music and candle-lit, flower adorned tables.

Old Brookville attorney, Marilyn K. Genoa, was sworn in as the new president, succeeding Gregory W. Carman, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade. Nassau Supreme Court Judge Ira B. Warshawsky is the president-elect. Douglas T. Burns, Esq. is secretary and Lois Carter Schlissel is counsel. The dinner chairman was Westbury attorney, Craig D. Robins, Esq..

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