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Judith S. Kaye Speeches and Articles B2593

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series contains speeches and articles by Judith S. Kaye during her time as an associate judge and later Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. It also contains speeches and articles from after her retirement.
Creator:	Kaye, Judith S., 1938-2016
Title:	Judith S. Kaye speeches and articles
Quantity:	8 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1985-2015
Series:	B2593

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Arrangement

Mostly chronological. Also by subject and alphabetically.

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Administrative History

In 1983, Governor Mario Cuomo appointed Judith S. Kaye, a commercial litigator, to the New York State Court of Appeals as an associate judge, the first woman to serve on the bench of the state's highest court. After the resignation of Chief Judge Sol Wachtler, Cuomo nominated Kaye to fill the position. She was unanimously confirmed by the state senate and took office on March 23, 1993. In 2007, Kaye was reappointed by Elliot Spitzer to another 14-year term. She retired in 2008 after reaching the state's mandatory retirement age for judges, as the first woman and longest-serving Chief Judge in the history of the state. After leaving the Court of Appeals, Kaye became of counsel to Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York City and was appointed by Governor David Paterson to the Commission on Judicial Nomination. In 2010, State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo appointed Kaye as independent counsel to investigate ethics violations by Paterson and a domestic violence case involving a Paterson aide. Kaye died from lung cancer on January 7, 2016.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Access Terms

- Women--Legal status, laws, etc.
- Judges
- Courts
- New York (State)
- Speeches (documents)
- New York (State). Court of Appeals