

Honorable Paula L. Feroletto



The Hon. Paula L. Feroletto is a graduate of Georgetown University and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. She was a partner at the law firm of Brown & Kelly, LLP prior to her election in 2004 to the New York State Supreme Court. In 2009 she was appointed to the position of Administrative Judge for the Eighth Judicial District which encompasses the eight counties of Western New York. Oversight includes eleven City Courts, and County, Supreme, Surrogate's, and Family Courts in each county with ninety three judges and just over seven hundred non-judicial employees working in the courts.

Judge Feroletto is proud of the efforts of the many employees and Judges in the District whose hard work has been instrumental in the success and expansion of the treatment court model. Presently, there are Integrated Domestic Violence Courts in seven of the eight counties, Drug Treatment Courts in all eight counties; Mental Health Courts, Felony DWI Courts, an Adolescent Diversion Part for 16 and 17 year olds charged with crimes as adults, and several Veteran's Treatment Courts. The Courts have also seen the implementation of an "Education 2 Recovery" program in three of the City Courts in the Eighth Judicial District. These programs offer participants the opportunity to earn a GED with instruction taking place at the courthouse.

Judge Feroletto, along with her husband John, received the Commitment to Education Award in 2009 from the City of Buffalo in recognition of their efforts to place city high school students in internships with law offices for the summer. In addition, she has extended the opportunity for students from high school, college and law school to obtain internships in the Courts of the Eighth Judicial District. Judge Feroletto was recognized by the Minority Bar Association in 2011 with their Legal Service Award, the Judiciary Award from her alma mater of the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School in 2011 and a recipient of the Women in the Law Award from the Gender and Racial Fairness Committee of the Eighth Judicial District.