

Appellate Division, First Department Holds Historic Sitting in the Bronx



Photo L-R: Hon. Julio Rodriguez III; Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels; Presiding Justice Dianne T. Renwick; Hon. Lizbeth González; and Hon. Bahaati E. Pitt-Burke

Thursday, December 7, 2023 **Bronx County Courthouse, Bronx, New York**

On Thursday, December 7, 2023, the Appellate Division, First Department heard oral arguments in the ceremonial courtroom of the landmarked Bronx County Courthouse. The calendar consisted of appeals from matters originating in the Bronx, which make up approximately 25 percent of the Court’s caseload.

The appeals were heard by a historic bench—all First Department Justices of Color elected in the Bronx—comprised of Presiding Justice Dianne T. Renwick, Justice Sallie Manzanet-Daniels, Justice Lizbeth González, Justice Julio Rodriguez III, and Justice Bahaati E. Pitt-Burke.

Prior to the arguments, the Justices, on behalf of the Court, presented a donation of toys for the Bronx County Bar Association’s annual toy drive. Toys will be donated to the Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots program.

The Justices also met with a group of students from the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, Presiding Justice Renwick's high school alma mater. In addition to the students, the oral arguments were well attended by court staff, other judges, and members of the public.

The session commenced at 2:00 pm and was livestreamed via the Court's website and YouTube channel. For the calendar, an archived recording, and other pertinent information, please consult [the Appellate Division, First Department's website](#).