



BenchNOTES Newsletter

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OATH News

OATH Continuing Legal Education:

The Administrative Judicial Institute will host a two-hour CLE-accredited program, on Thursday November 13, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., entitled Rules and Ethical Issues in Administrative Proceedings Before OATH's Trials Division. The program will be presented by Administrative Law Judges Kevin Casey, Julia Davis, Faye Lewis, and Christine Stecura. The program's first half will provide an overview of the rules and best practices for appearing at OATH's Trials Division. The program's second half will review relevant sections of the New York Rules of Professional Conduct and related ethics opinions and their impact on practitioners who appear before OATH's Trials Division. The free program will give participants 1.0 CLE credit in Areas of Professional Practice and 1.0 CLE credit in Ethics and Professionalism (transitional/non-transitional).

Pre-registration is required. Register [here](#).

Job opportunities at OATH:

OATH Trials Division is seeking a Supervising Law Clerk to head the legal research unit and oversee the Law Clerks. The Supervising Law Clerk position requires admission to the New York State Bar. Experience handling highly

complex and significant legal work is a plus. Incumbents must remain members of the New York State Bar in good standing for the duration of this employment.

This position promotes access to justice in New York City. For more details visit <https://cityjobs.nyc.gov/> and search for Job ID 720154 (Supervising Law Clerk).

CityAdmin Notice:

The OATH decision database has moved. The CityAdmin Document Repository is now hosted by the City of New York and can be found at this link:

<https://nyc.mindbreeze.com/search/apps/cityadmin/>.

Contract Dispute Resolution Board Panelists:

OATH is accepting applications from qualified persons who would like to serve on Contract Dispute Resolution Board (CDRB) panels. CDRB panels hear the final appeal in a three-step dispute resolution process contained in City contracts for construction, goods and services. Each CDRB panel consists of an OATH Administrative Law Judge, as chair, a representative of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, and a third member selected from a pre-qualified roster of individuals, established and administered by OATH, who has appropriate expertise and is unaffiliated and not employed by the City.

Those interested in being added to the roster of pre-qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have a background and experience in government contracting, construction, engineering or related law. The application form, as well as more information on the panelist role, can be found [here](#).

Completed applications should be sent via e-mail to the OATH Trials Division Law Clerks, LawClerks@oath.nyc.gov.

Trials Division

Personnel

Termination Recommended.

ALJ Charlotte E. Davidson recommended termination of employment for an Eligibility Specialist with the Human Resources Administration (“HRA”), who, in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, engaged in a scheme to defraud the Small Business Administration’s (“SBA”) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program and then failed to report her arrest for such conduct. [Dep’t of Social Services \(Human Resources Admin.\) v. Lawrence](#), OATH Index No. 940/25 (Sept. 3, 2025).

[Read more about Dep’t of Social Services \(Human Resources Admin.\) v. Lawrence.](#)

Licensing

Denial of Press Credentials Upheld.

ALJ Christine Stecura affirmed the denial by petitioner, the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment, of respondent’s press credential application after finding that petitioner proved by a preponderance of the evidence that respondent failed to meet eligibility requirements. [Mayor’s Office of Media & Entertainment v. Johnson](#), OATH Index No. 1837/25 (Sept. 18, 2025).

[Read more about Mayor’s Office of Media & Entertainment v. Johnson and other Licensing Cases.](#)

Appeals from the Hearings Division

Decision reversed.

An appellate decision reversed a hearing decision that sustained a violation of the New York City Administrative Code for work without a permit. [DEP v. 1365 Teller LLC, Appeal No. 2500395 \(Sept. 25, 2025\)](#).

[Read more about DEP v. 1365 Teller LLC and other Appeals from Hearings Division cases.](#)