



BenchNOTES Newsletter

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OATH News

Job opportunities at OATH:

OATH Trial Division is seeking recent law school graduates for the position of Law Clerk. Working directly with OATH's Administrative Law Judges, Law Clerks engage in legal research and writing on cases involving civil servant discipline, consumer and worker protection matters, taxi and rideshare licensing, contract disputes involving the city, as well as cases falling under the Campaign Finance Law, Human Rights Law, Conflict of Interest Law, and more.

OATH is also hiring a Supervising Law Clerk to head the legal research unit consisting of Law Clerks. The Supervising Law Clerk position requires admission to the New York State Bar; four years of recent full-time responsible, relevant, satisfactory legal experience following admission to any bar, 18 months of which must have been in the supervision of other attorneys, in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity. 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.

Both positions work to promote access to justice in New York City. For more details visit <https://cityjobs.nyc.gov/> and search for Job ID 720154 (Supervising Law Clerk) or 720158 (Law Clerk).

Trials Division

Licensing

Lifting of license suspension recommended.

ALJ Faye Lewis recommended lifting the license suspension of a taxi driver arrested for assault after an off-duty incident. [*Taxi & Limousine Comm'n v. Ahmed*](#), OATH Index No. 2350/25 (June 18, 2025).

[Read more about *Taxi & Limousine Comm'n v. Ahmed*.](#)

Health and Safety

Dogs found to be dangerous.

ALJ Faye Lewis found that five dogs were “dangerous dogs” under the Health Code and Administrative Code and recommended petitioner impose any control measures other than euthanasia to protect the public. [*Dep't of Health & Mental Hygiene v. Dennis-Ekwobi*](#), OATH Index No. 1470/25 (June 11, 2025).

[Read more about *Dep't of Health & Mental Hygiene v. Dennis-Ekwobi*.](#)

Real Property

Granting protected occupant's application recommended.

ALJ Christine Stecura recommended granting a protected occupant's application under the Loft Board's rules after finding that the owner's restriction on her elevator access constituted a diminution of services. [*Matter of Moon*](#), OATH Index No. 2648/23 (June 23, 2025).

[Read more about *Matter of Moon*.](#)

Contracts

Contractor's petition dismissed.

The Contract Dispute Resolution Board, chaired by ALJ Jonathan Fogel, denied a contractor's request for additional compensation under a contract with the Department of Environmental Protection for construction of a bypass tunnel to divert the flow of water around a leak in the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel. [*Kiewit-Shea Constructors, AJV v. Dep't of Environmental Protection*](#), OATH Index No. 833/24 (June 4, 2025).

[Read more about *Kiewit-Shea Constructors, AJV v. Dep't of Environmental Protection*.](#)

Appeals from the Hearings Division

Decision reversed.

An appellate decision reversed a hearing decision sustaining a violation of § 28-105.1 of the New York City Administrative Code against respondent for construction work without a permit. [*DOB v. City Wide Builders Grp In, Appeal No. 2500093 \(Apr. 24, 2025\)*](#).

[Read more about *DOB v. City Wide Builders Grp In* and other Appeals from Hearings Division cases.](#)

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