

PUBLISHER’S INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026 EDITION OF BENCH BOOK FOR TRIAL JUDGES— NEW YORK

Bench Book for Trial Judges—New York is a comprehensive guide to court proceedings for New York trial judges. In a concise, accurate manner, Bench Book for Trial Judges—New York covers topics frequently encountered in the courtroom, including ethics, juries, trial procedure, motions at trial, witnesses, evidence, civil subpoenas and writs, mental hygiene, *res judicata*, and referees. This reference sets the standard for New York judges’ rulings on important issues of law and trial procedure, and includes numerous sample documents, ready-reference tools, and citations to pertinent cases, statutes, and rules. Some of the many changes and updates appearing in the 2026 Edition of Bench Book for Trial Judges—New York include:

- Coverage updated on the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge governing judicial conduct (§ 2:1)
- Additional coverage of Courtroom Conduct, including Consequences and remedies for misconduct, and Trials in absentia (§ § 3:1, 3:2 & 3:2)
- Expand discussion and case law regarding Motions for summary judgment, Calendar practice, and Medical Indemnity Funds (§ § 5:1, 5:2 & 5:8)
- Additional references and case law covering Expert Witnesses (§ 6:6)
- Expanded and updated coverage on evidence generally, including definitions, presumptions and inferences as well as Judicial notice, Real evidence, Attorney work product, and Opening the door to Molineux evidence (§ § 7:1, 7:2, 7:3, 7:4, 7:8 & 7:13)
- Additional case law and coverage of Habeas corpus—CPLR 7000 et seq. and CPLR Article 78 Writs (§ § 8:1, 8:3)
- Expanded coverage of Involuntary admission and retention of people with mental illness (Mental Hygiene Law, Art. 9) and Post-incarceration civil commitment or supervision of sexual offenders (Mental Hygiene Law, Art. 10) (§ § 9:1, 9:3)
- New coverage on Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) (§ 9:7)
- Updated coverage of Discovery Rules, Jury Trials, and Post-verdict proceedings. (§ § 10:3, 10:6 & 10:7)

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- The entire volume has been reviewed for changes in the law and significant new developments and brought up-to-date, including the expansion or addition of many other points of law throughout this volume

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