**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**SUMMARY**

Judge Pratt is an award-winning, nationally and internationally recognized expert known for championing criminal justice reform. As the Chief Judge of the largest and busiest municipal court in New Jersey, she gained national and international acclaim for her work to reform the criminal justice system. She’s called a pioneer in procedural justice - a simple, proven approach to transforming our court system using the power of dignity and respect. While presiding over the New Jersey’s first Community Court, Newark Community Solutions, she provided alternatives to jail to low-level offenders, through community service, social service mandates, and often assigned essays to defendants. As a Visiting Professor at Rutgers Law School, she taught Problem Solving Justice and Restorative Justice. Currently, she serves as a Professor of Professional Practice at Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professor of Professional Practice, Rutgers University - SCJ, Newark, NJ 09/19 - present

Principal, Pratt Lucien Consultants, LLP, Montclair, NJ, 11/2017 - present

Visiting Professor, Rutgers Law School, Newark, NJ, 10/2017 - 10/2018

Chief Judge, Newark Municipal Court, Newark, NJ, 9/2014 -10/2017

Presiding Judge, Newark Community Court, Newark, NJ, 5/2010 - 10/2017

Judge, Newark Municipal Court, Newark, NJ, 11/2009 - 10/2017

New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Court Security, 2016 - 2018

New Jersey Supreme Court Municipal Court Practice Committee, 2016 - 2017

Counsel to the President, Newark Municipal Council, Newark, NJ, August 2006 - October 2009

Compliance Officer, Camden City School District, Camden, NJ, October 2005 - August 2006

Assistant Counsel, Office of the Governor, Authorities Unit, Trenton, NJ, April 2004 - September 2005

Contract Attorney, Hudson Global Resources, New York, NY, March 2003 - April 2004

**EDUCATION**

Juris Doctor, Rutgers University Law - Newark, NJ

Bachelor of Arts, Rutgers University, Livingston College, Piscataway, NJ,

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

United States Supreme Court

New York (Retired)

New Jersey

**BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

Center for Court Innovation - Chairwoman, Advisory Board

New Jersey’s Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women - Chairwoman, Board of Trustees

Shine Global, Inc. - Advisory Committee

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

*PANELIST:*

Sundance ScriptEd Competition, Criminal Justice Script Competition Judge, Park City, Utah January 2020

2019 GSBA Substantive Law Series, Criminal Justice Forum, Newark, NJ April 2019

Pace Girls Center - All About Girls Summit, Fort Lauderdale, FL March 2019

Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, The Right to the City Symposium, “Facing the future: Working Toward Equity on Our Cities,” Washington, D.C., October 26, 2018

Congressional Black Caucus Conference, “What is Real Criminal Justice Reform?” Washington, D.C., September 2018

Metro Women’s Leadership Summit, “Transitioning from Leader/CEO to Social Justice Entrepreneur,” Newark, NJ June 2018

Center for Court Innovation, 2018 Community Court and Policing Conference, “Community Partnerships,” Birmingham, AL May 2018

2018 Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference, “Moving to Mastery,” Denver, CO May 2018  
  
Hispanic Bar Association, Women in Leadership and Law Conference, “Women Rising,” New Brunswick, NJ March 2018

The Whitehouse, “Whitehouse Convening on Criminal Justice,” Washington, D.C., November 2016

Rutgers University Newark - School of Criminal Justice, “Building Democracy in the Brick City: How do Social Policy, Law, and Institutions Shape Civic Life in Newark?” Newark, NJ May 2016

Center for Court Innovation, International Community Justice Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2016, San Francisco, CA, April 2014, and Washington, D.C., January 2012

U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Penalties: Fees and Fines, “Innovations and Approaches to Reform,” Washington, D.C., December 2015

The Whitehouse, A Whitehouse Convening: “A Cycle of Incarceration: Prison, Debt and Bail Practices,” Washington, D.C., December 2015

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Center on Media, Crime and Justice, “Reducing and Preventing Violence,” New York, NY September 2015

National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, “Logistical Decisions and Access to Justice,” Washington, D.C. March 2013

Essex County Bar Association, “Gender Bias by Officers of the Court: Continued Challenges for Women in the Legal Profession,” Newark, NJ October 2013

American Judges Association Annual Conference, “Community Justice: An International Innovation,” New Orleans, LA October 2012

*GUEST LECTURER:*

Rutgers Law School, Selected Topics in Public Interest, Newark, NJ April 2017

Rutgers University - Newark, Graduate Urban Space and Urban Conflict, Newark, NJ April 2016

Yale Law School, Criminal Justice Reform: Theory and Research in Action, New Haven, CT October 2016

Rutgers Law School and the Alumni Association, 33rd Annual Chief Joseph Weintraub Lecture, Newark, NJ April 2016

Kean University, Graduate Health and Social Activism, Elizabeth, NJ April 2019, April 2018, March 2017, February 2016 and May 2015

*INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:*

Vilnius, Lithuania: Keynote Speaker and Workshop Facilitator, “XXI Justice and the Focus on the Human,” and Facilitator, “Women’s Empowerment Session,” May 2019

Edinburgh, Scotland: Keynotes, Medics Against Violence, Scottish Parliament - Justice Committee, Faculty of Advocates, “Presiding with Kindness,” and Facilitator, “Women’s Empowerment Session,” March 2019

Dubai, United Arab Emirates: Panelist, Dubai International Financial Courts, “Court Excellence and Innovation: Today & Tomorrow” November 2018

Kyiv, Ukraine: Workshop Facilitator, USAID New Justice Program, “The Role of the Court and Community in Implementing Restorative Justice, Alternative Sentencing and Effective Re-Socialization,” April 2018  
  
Kyiv, Ukraine: Keynote Speaker, Catholic University’s Rule of Law Lecture Series, “Increasing Public Trust in the Justice System,” April 2018  
  
Kyiv, Ukraine: Conference Presenter, USAID New Justice Program, “Effective Delivery of Justice As a Means to Increase Public Trust and Confidence in the Judiciary,” April 2018

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago: Guest Facilitator, Judicial Education Institute, Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago, “Fostering and Maintaining Public Trust Confidence in the Administration of Justice,” and Facilitator, “Women’s Empowerment Session,” May 2017

Monterrey, Mexico: Keynote Speaker, The Judicial Council of State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico “A Simple Idea to Increase Public Trust in the Justice System*”* (in Spanish), October 2016

Monterrey, Mexico: Conference Speaker, Encuentro Mundial de Valores - Worldwide Gathering on Values: Confronting Social Crisis with Value: Justice, *“*Justice Reform: Newark Community Solutions,” October 2016

London, England: Panelist, Better Courts 2015 Conference: A National Conference on Court Innovation “Judges as Leaders in Court Innovation” and Keynote Presenter “Enhancing Procedural Fairness and the Courts,” February 2015

London, England: Keynote Speaker and Seminar Facilitator, Uprising: Emerging Leaders Network, “Inspire and Influence: Leadership Seminar,” and Praise Christian Center, “Leashing Your Gifts,” February 2015

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Panelist, “Violencia de Genero en Nueva York,” (Domestic Violence in New York – in Spanish), El Ministerio de la Mujer, February 2014

*FACULTY:*

Plenary Speaker, Albuquerque Judicial Institute, Judicial Conclave, “Why What we do Matters,” Albuquerque, New Mexico September 2019

Plenary Speaker, New York State Judicial Institute, Family Violence Task Force Seminar, “Why What we do Matters” White Plains, NY October 2018

Workshop Facilitator, National Association Court Managers (NACM), “Why What we do Matters Part II,” Atlanta, GA July 2018

Workshop Facilitator, New Jersey Minority Concerns Program, “Procedural Justice and Access to Justice,” Trenton, NJ June 2018

Workshop Facilitator, Denver County Court Law Symposium, “Increasing Public Trust in the Justice System,” Denver, CO April 2018

Keynote Speaker, Pennsylvania’s Criminal Justice Advisory Board’s (CJAB) Annual Conference, College Park, PA April 2017

Keynote Speaker, Annual Conference of the National Association of State Judicial Educators (NASJE), “Re-Imaging Justice,” Burlington, VT, September 2016

Keynote Speaker, 2016 Ohio Judicial Conference Annual Meeting “A Simple Idea to Increase Public Trust in the Justice System,” Columbus, OH September 2016

Speaker, USDOJ’s Bureau of Justice Assistance Smart Suite Summit - Criminal Justice Reform and Innovation, Arlington, VA September 2016

Trainer, National Judicial College, Advanced Bench Skills: Procedural Fairness, San Diego, CA February 2016

Trainer, New Jersey Judicial College, “Walking in Different Shoes: Encouraging Judicial Understanding of Access and Fairness from the Perspective of Self-Represented Litigants,” November 2013

*KEYNOTE SPEAKER/COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER:*

Providence College’s Signature Lecture, Providence, RI April 2019

LinkedIn’s #TransformHer Conference, New York, NY March 2019

Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals Conference, Lansing, MI March 2019

Texas Tech University - School of Law’s Diversity Week, Lubbock, TX March 2019

University of Arizona’s Rombach Lecture Series, Tucson, AZ February 2019

Rollins College, Annual Martin Luther King Program, Winter Park, FL January 2019

National Association of Court Managers, Atlanta, GA July 2018

Wesleyan University’s CSS Banquet, Hartford, CT April 2018

Denver County Court Law Symposium, “Increasing Public Trust in the Justice System,” Denver, CO March 2018

Men & Women of Color Symposium, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ March 2018

West Side High School, Newark, NJ June 2016

Eta Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc., Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast, Montclair, NJ January 2016

Newark G.A.L.S. Inc. Conference, Newark, NJ October 2015

Science Park High School, Newark, NJ June 2015

Belmont Preparatory High School, Bronx, NY June 2015

Marion P. Thomas Middle School, Newark, NJ June 2015

Irvington High School, Irvington, NJ June 2014

MissRepresentatation.org and the City of Newark - Girl Up: A Newark Town Hall, Newark, NJ August 2013

African American Office of Gay Concerns - Annual Transgender Symposium, Newark, NJ November 2013

Port Authority of NY & NJ Network of Black Employees’ Martin Luther King Day Breakfast, Newark, NJ January 2013

Center for Court Innovation Staff Meeting, New York, NY April 2013

Fathers Now - Newark Comprehensive Center for Fathers Program, Newark, NJ January 2012

**AWARDS**

Newark Boys Chorus School, 2019 Lifetime Achievement in Law & Justice Award

National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Criminal Justice Reform Award

Blue Wave New Jersey, 2018 Champion of Justice Award  
  
Chad Foundation, 2018 Distinguished Community Servant Award

Garden State Bar Association, 2015 Roger M. Yancey Humanitarian Award

**MEDIA**

TED Talk - *How Judges Can Show Respect*

https://www.ted.com/talks/victoria\_pratt\_how\_judges\_can\_show\_respect

# Forbes - *Former Newark Chief Judge, Victoria Pratt, Shares 4 Habits She Used To Master Confidence And Navigate The Judicial System* <https://www.forbes.com/sites/pauleannareid/2019/12/18/former-newark-chief-judge-victoria-pratt-shares-4-habits-she-used-to-master-confidence-and-navigate-the--judicial-system/#154112e29dfc>

The Tamron Hall Daytime Talk Show

<https://youtu.be/v5QzjYVovJk>

The Guardian - *The Simple Idea that Could Transform the U.S. Criminal Justice,* Tina Rosenberg

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/jun/23/procedural-justice-transform-us-criminal-courts>

MSNBC Melissa Harris Perry - *Meet the Judge who Assigns Essays*

https://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/meet-the-judge-who-assigns-essays-in-court-482752067786?v=raila

MarieTV - Marie Forleo: *Judge Pratt on Procedural Justice*

<https://www.marieforleo.com/2018/09/judge-victoria-pratt-interview/>

BBC Scotland - *Proceeding with Kindness*

(TV segment available upon request)

BBC News – *The ‘Kindness’ Judges Turning Courts Inside Out*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-47528102>

New Jersey Monthly - *Newark Judge Victoria Pratt Serves Up a New Kind of Justice*

<https://njmonthly.com/articles/politics-public-affairs/newark-judge-victoria-pratt-serves-up-a-new-kind-of-justice/>

Good Life Project - *A Radically Human Take on Justice*

<https://www.goodlifeproject.com/podcast/judge-victoria-pratt/>

Good Law Bad Law – *R-E-S-P-E-C-T w/Judge Victoria Pratt*

<https://www.goodlawbadlawpodcast.com/podcaseepisodes/2019/4/12/good-law-bad-law-129-what-is-procedural-justice-w-judge-victoria-pratt>

MSNBC The Docket - *Writing Goal Driven Essays will Change your Life*

<http://www.msnbc.com/the-docket/watch/writing-goal-driven-essays-will-change-your-life-512763459944>

PBS Due Process - *Community Court: a Kindler, Gentler Way?*

<http://watch.njtvonline.org/video/2365915414>

NPR Fresh Air with Terry Gross - *How Can America Reduce Mass Incarceration?*

<https://www.npr.org/2018/08/06/635972655/road-map-how-to-reform-the-america-s-justice-system>

WBGO Conversations with Allan Wolper

<http://www.wbgo.org/internal/mediaplayer/?device=m&podcastID=6243&type=wolper>

Rutgers Magazine - *Asking for a Little Respect,* Tina Rosenberg

<http://magazine.rutgers.edu/features/asking-for-a-little-respect>

London Law Gazette - *Lessons in Judicial Courtesy,* Monidipa Fouzder

<http://www.lawgazette.co.uk/lessons-in-judicial-courtesy/5046596.article>

Justice & Prisons, Social Justice - *Can Courts do more than Process and Punishment?* Rob Allen

<http://justiceinnovation.org/can-courts-process-punish/>