



# Lawsuit Reform Alliance of New York

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## **-LRANY Supports Fair Compensation for Justices-**

Governor Cuomo recently commissioned a panel to review judicial pay in New York State. The Lawsuit Reform Alliance applauds this effort by the governor and supports the increase of judicial salaries for the New York State court system.

New York State judges have not had a salary increase or cost of living adjustment since 1999. Since this raise, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 41% and other state employees were given raises totaling 44%. Of all 50 states, New York's judges have gone the longest without any salary adjustment. All other states have had an increase of about 3.2% annually totaling 24% since 1999 (1).

Judges in New York are required to be lawyers and in most cases have practiced law in New York for at least 10 years prior to appointment. Our judges have strong opportunities in the private sector and they need to be fairly compensated for the work that they perform on behalf of the state. The judges in our system are talented and experienced judges whose compensation must be kept fair and current to ensure their retention.

LRANY supports the review of judicial salaries and supports fair compensation for judges dedicated service to New York.

1. <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/publications/pdfs/NCSCJudicialCompReport.pdf>