

Robert Abiuso is Appointed to the Nassau County Equal Justice in the Courts Committee

Partner, Robert Abiuso, was recently appointed to the Nassau County Equal Justice in the Courts Committee. The goal of this committee is to provide an improved overall court experience in anti-discrimination/diversity and a more “user friendly” court experience.

According to Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Edwina G. Mendelson and The New York State Unified Court System “Office for Justice Initiatives,” In June 2020, amidst the hardships of an international pandemic that changed our way of life, the nation faced its most recent reckoning on issues of racism, bias, and inequality. These are longstanding issues, but recent events have cast a renewed spotlight on the inequality permeating all our institutions. The courts are no exception to this troubling reality. Thus, Chief Judge Janet DiFiore responded by commissioning former Obama Administration Cabinet member Jeh Johnson to conduct a thorough review on issues of racial bias within the New York State Court system. The Report issued by Secretary Johnson and his law firm team identified that racism and bias remain very present throughout and within the court system. The report also set forth recommendations on how we all can and must do better to combat racism within the courts and promote a more fair and equitable justice system for all.

In furtherance of implementing recommendations to address the concerns raised in the report of Special Advisor Jeh Johnson, a local committee on Equal Justice in the Courts was created.

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