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Wednesday, January 22, 2014
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Room 283
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Thursday, January 23, 2014
5:00 p.m.
Room 286
Keynote Address by the Honorable Jenny Rivera
Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals of New York

Judge Jenny Rivera has spent her entire professional career in public service. She clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, on the Southern District of New York, and also clerked in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals Pro Se Law Clerk’s Office. She worked for the Legal Aid Society’s Homeless Family Rights Project, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (renamed Latino Justice PRLDEF), and was appointed by the New York State Attorney General as Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights. Judge Rivera has been an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Division for Human Rights, and served on the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Prior to her judicial appointment, she was a tenured faculty member of the City University of New York School of Law, where she founded and served as Director of the Law School’s Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality. On January 15, 2013, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo nominated her to the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed her appointment on February 11, 2013.

She graduated from Princeton University, and received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law.

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