

Support Court Simplification!

Support the Article VII Bill Submitted by the Governor in the 2020/2021 Budget
Support Court Simplification/Restructuring Proposed by the Chief Judge
Reform the NYS Court Structure to Better Serve the Diverse People of Our State

Our court system is not one that is accessible, navigable and trusted by ALL New Yorkers. The court system cannot provide equal justice to the diverse people of New York based upon a 19th century idea of justice. We have to amend the State Constitution to bring it up to date.



New York's existing multiple court system creates confusion for the people the justice system is supposed to serve; for many, and frequently in matters involving the safety of families and children, different judges hear integrated matters this means each judge has an incomplete story of a case requiring a individual to repeat, again and again the trauma that caused them to appear in court; this wastes time for litigants which often results in unnecessary repeated court appearances, and the loss of work and wages; generates a system that is difficult, if not impossible, to understand, and hurts individuals and their families as they get caught up in systemic chaos.

Simplification will remove the barriers that impact all litigants, families, victims, local government, small business, lawyers, nonprofit organizations, judges, court personnel and anyone who uses the courts.

Simplification will integrate the courts in a way that eliminates the need to go to different courts for different yet related issues. And, court simplification will allow more resources to go to the courts that need them the most.

The Simplify the Courts! Coalition is a growing alliance of over 110 organizations from all parts of the state representing a diverse cross section of New Yorkers established to achieve the critical goal of amending the NYS Constitution and simplifying the New York State court system. To join or for more information on the issue visit: simplifynycourts.org or email: Denise Kronstadt, Director of Advocacy and Policy, Fund for Modern Courts, justice@moderncourts.org