THE COURT NEW YORK DESERVES

CAMPAIGN BRIEF: OPPOSING A NEW TERM FOR JUDGE BOLLER

A TROUBLING JUDICIAL RECORD

In May 2025, about a year after we succeeded at blocking a judge in Brooklyn, Vincent Del Giudice, from getting more time on the bench, we drew public attention to a Buffalo judge, M. William Boller, because he had permitted racial discrimination in jury selection, imposed excessive sentences that appeals courts repeatedly had to reduce in the interest of justice, imposed illegal sentences that appeals courts repeatedly had to fix, failed to safeguard New Yorkers' constitutional rights, and failed to rule on key legal questions.

OUR DEMAND: NO MORE TIME ON THE BENCH

Justice Boller's judicial term was set to expire that year, so we wrote a letter to Governor Hochul, urging her not to give him any more time on the bench.

We also wrote a detailed factsheet about Boller's judicial record.

BRINGING SCRUTINY TO JUDGE BOLLER'S RECORD

City & State covered our letter and our demand, and we used social media to further spread the information.

OUTCOME: TWO DAYS LATER, BOLLER WITHDREW

We planned to undertake more advocacy—but less than two days later, Boller told Buffalo TV station WGRZ that he was withdrawing his application to stay on the bench: "It was only after the urging of my fellow judicial colleges that I put my application in for a short extension. Quite frankly, having 46 years in the New York State retirement system, I look forward to retiring on December 31, 2025."