

*Chief Judge of the State of New York*



*Jonathan Lippman*

November 18, 2010

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo  
Attorney General and  
Governor-Elect of the State of New York  
120 Broadway  
New York, NY 10271

Dear Governor-Elect Cuomo:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday concerning the status of pending litigation arising from the three undecided State Senate elections.

I am in full agreement with you that swift judicial resolution of the legal issues presented in these matters is of critical importance. The New York State Unified Court System is therefore taking immediate steps to insure that all three pending election cases are fully and finally resolved before the end of the calendar year.

To this end, I have directed Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau to issue the enclosed Administrative Order setting forth an expedited schedule for the timely hearing and disposition of the currently pending matters pertaining to the election of members of the State Senate in the 7th, 37th, and 60th Districts.

I greatly appreciate your recognition of the courts' essential role in the fair and expeditious resolution of these and other disputes affecting the well being of our State. I look forward to continuing to work with you on behalf of the public we all serve.

Very truly yours,

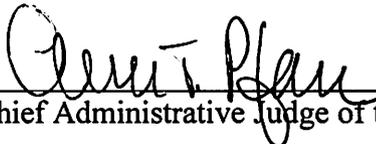
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, at the direction of the Chief Judge of the State of New York after his consultation with the Judges of the New York State Court of Appeals and the Presiding Justices of the Appellate Divisions of the New York State Supreme Court, Second and Fourth Departments, with due regard to the importance of the timely hearing and resolution of all currently pending matters pertaining to the election of members of the New York State Senate in the Seventh, Thirty-Seventh, and Sixtieth Senate Districts arising from the general election held on November 2, 2010 ("State Senate Election Matters"), I hereby establish the following schedule for the determination of the State Senate Election Matters:

1. On or before December 6, 2010 (absent extraordinary and unavoidable circumstances): completion of hearing and issuance of determinations by Supreme Court of State Senate Election Matters pending before said courts in Nassau, Westchester, Erie, and Niagara Counties.
2. Within 24 hours of issuance of the order or judgment by Supreme Court determining any State Senate Election Matter: telephonic notification to the Clerk's Office of the appropriate Appellate Division (Second or Fourth Department), for the purpose of establishing a briefing schedule for any motions or appeals to the Appellate Division; such schedule shall provide that the matters be briefed and ready to be heard by December 8, 2010.
3. December 8, 2010, but in any event no later than December 15, 2010: hearing and determination of all State Senate Election Matters pending before the Appellate Division (Second and Fourth Departments).
4. Within 24 hours of issuance by the Appellate Division of any determination of a State Senate Election Matter: telephonic notification to the Clerk's Office of the Court of Appeals, for the purpose of establishing a briefing schedule for any motions or appeals to the Court of Appeals; such schedule shall provide that the matters be briefed and ready to be heard by December 20, 2010.
5. December 20, 2010: hearing of all State Senate Election Matters pending before the Court of Appeals.

At the direction of the Chief Judge of New York, the Chief Administrative Judge will monitor and facilitate compliance with this timetable.

  
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Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: November 18, 2010

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