

**Judge Stephanie Furgang Adwar
Suffern's First and Only Female Justice
in the 218-year History of Suffern**



Stephanie Furgang Adwar was first appointed to serve as Associate Village Justice in December, 2012 by Mayor Dagan Lacorte, where she served until 2015. In 2019, she was reappointed by Mayor Ed Markunas. Judge Adwar is the first and only female justice in the 218-year history of Suffern. Ms. Adwar moved to Suffern with her parents, Carol and Philip Furgang (former Village Trustee), in 1968.

Ms. Adwar attended Suffern Central schools and graduated from Suffern High School in 1983 at the top of her class. Judge Adwar lived in Suffern until she left for college and law school and then returned to the Village to raise her family with her husband, Cary Adwar, in 1996. Judge Adwar is a founding partner of Furgang & Adwar, LLP, located in Rockland County, White Plains, and New York City. She practices in the areas of entertainment and intellectual property law. She has remained deeply committed to improving knowledge of entertainment and intellectual property law among both attorneys and entertainment industry leaders.

Judge Adwar has directed and participated as a panelist regularly for the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs all over the world. She is active with her alma mater, Yeshiva University - Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and regularly appears on panels there. She lectures regularly at educational institutions like her alma mater, the Maurice Kanbar Institute of Film and Television at Tisch School of Arts at New York University (NYU), at Howard University School of Law, Rutgers School of Law, and at numerous industry events and before professional organizations like the American Bar Association and the International Trademark Association. She has authored several articles, "Trademarks: What's In a Name," Hemp World, Winter 1996, Vol. 2 Issue 3; "Social Media Law for Musicians", "The Case Against Arbitration", Entertainment and Sports Lawyer 2015, Volume 41, Number 4; The Musicians' Business & Legal Guide , Beverly Hills Bar Association Committee for the Arts (2017); and "How to Litigate Against A Copyright Troll" (publication pending in New York State Bar Association, Bright Ideas).

Judge Adwar serves as Membership/Communications Chair on the Governing Board of the American Bar Association's Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries. She is a member of the International Trademark Association, the New York State Bar Association's Entertainment and Sports Law Committee and Intellectual Property Law sections, and the Rockland County Bar Association. She also maintains active roles in entertainment professional organizations, including the prestigious New York Women in Film and Television, The Recording Academy, Women in Music, and the American Film Institute. She has received an "AV" peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory (the highest rating) and is listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

Suffern is proud to highlight the career of Judge Stephanie Adwar during Women's History and we congratulate her for outstanding contribution to our community.