

Mimi Tsankov
Biographical Statement

Mimi Tsankov is an Immigration Judge at the New York Federal Plaza Immigration Court. In the past 15 years presiding at Immigration Courts in New York, Colorado, and California, she has held a variety of national leadership roles including Pro Bono Liaison Judge, contributing editor to the Immigration Judge Benchbook, Chair, Immigration Court - Board of Immigration Appeals Precedent Committee, Mentor Judge, and Juvenile Docket Best Practices Committee Chair. She is currently the elected President of the National Association of Immigration Judges (NAIJ) (2021 - 2023).

In her personal capacity, she has been elected to the Federal Bar Association (FBA) Board of Directors, and serves as Immediate Past President of the FBA Southern District of New York (SDNY) Chapter. She is a prior Chair of the FBA national International Law Section. Presently she serves on the Board of the Judicial Division and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. In Fall 2020, she co-chaired a national law student three-part webinar program entitled, *Racial Equality and the SDGs: A Certificate Training Program for Law Students*. This program was accessible to all law students, nationwide. In Spring 2021, she launched an International Courts Topical Webinar Series at the FBA.

At the American Bar Association (ABA), Judge Tsankov is Secretary of the Judicial Division National Conference of Administrative Law Judges (NCALJ), serves as Liaison to the ABA Commission on Immigration, and has an ABA Presidential Appointment to the United Nations Department of Global Communications.

Judge Tsankov is co-chair of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) Immigration Law Committee, and Vice President of Publications, in her capacity as President of the NAIJ.*. She serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Fordham Law School in New York. Judge Tsankov publishes regularly in peer-reviewed, and general interest journals. She speaks regularly before members of the immigration law community at international, national, and regional conferences.

Judge Tsankov completed her J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law and was awarded an M.A. in International Relations at the University of Virginia Graduate School of Politics. She completed her undergraduate degree at James Madison University.

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