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Howard and Iris Kaplan Memorial Lecture

to be delivered by

The Honorable Jenny Rivera
Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals

Thursday, November 6
noon-2 p.m. | Room 308 | Hofstra Law
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom

The Honorable Jenny Rivera, associate judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in New York City in December 1960. On January 15, 2013, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo nominated her to the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed her appointment on February 11, 2013.

Judge Rivera has spent her entire professional career in public service. She clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, on the Southern District of New York, and in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals Pro Se Law Clerk’s Office.

Judge Rivera worked for the Legal Aid Society’s Homeless Family Rights Project and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (renamed Latino Justice PRLDEF) and was appointed by the New York State attorney general as special deputy attorney general for civil rights. She was an administrative law judge for the New York State Division for Human Rights and served on the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Rivera was a tenured faculty member of the City University of New York School of Law, where she founded and served as director of the Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality.

Judge Rivera graduated from Princeton University and received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her LL.M. from Columbia Law School.

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