

Christine Farrow, Ph.D., Commissioner of Jurors for Erie County with the New York State Unified Court System, Eighth Judicial District. Dr. Farrow is the first female and first African American to hold this position. She oversees all trial court and grand jury operations and has been instrumental in transforming jury operations and increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all practice areas.

Dr. Farrow also serves on the district's Diversity Steering Committee and Equal Justice in the Courts Committee where her focus is jury outreach and education. Further, she is a member of the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission which educates and advises decision makers in the New York State Court System on issues affecting both employees and litigants of color.

Dr. Farrow is committed to her community by serving as the Board President for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara, and the Southern Tier, the first African American and first female to hold the position in the agency's decades long history. In this role she serves on the Executive, Finance and Governance Committee, and leads the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force. She is also a board member for The Ralph C. Wilson Explore & More Children's Museum where she assists with a variety of DEI initiatives. Lastly, is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

Dr. Farrow has received numerous recognitions for her community involvement and academic achievements such as Business First "Forty Under 40," Pegula Foundation One Buffalo Community Award and the Marceline Jacques Award for outstanding research on individuals with disabilities, specifically College Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Learning Disabilities. Most recently she was the recipient of the following: 2020 Woman of Distinction Award from the New York State 146th Assembly District, 2021 Lamplighter Award from the New York State Women in the Courts Gender Fairness Committee, 2022 Liberty Bell Award from the Bar Association of Erie County and, 2023 Athena Leadership Award Finalist.

Dr. Farrow is a proud State University of New York (SUNY) graduate. She earned an Associate degree from Erie Community College; a Bachelor's degree and Master's Degree from Buffalo State College; and a second Master's Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the University at Buffalo (UB.) She is also a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and an Adjunct Professor in UB's Counseling, School Psychology Educational Psychology Department. Additionally, she is a long standing member of the University's Rehabilitation Counseling Advisory Committee where she assists with the accreditation of counseling programs.