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**United States District Court Western District of New York  
Join Us in Celebrating the Court's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary In 2025**

This year marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York. To celebrate the anniversary, the Court has planned a series of special projects and events.

Today, we are thrilled to launch our dedicated 125th Anniversary Website! (Link: <https://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/125>). This special platform contains a wealth of history, captivating stories, photographs, archival materials, and much more. We invite you to take the time to explore the site from beginning to end, immersing yourself in the rich legacy of the Western District of New York.

Chief Judge Elizabeth A. Wolford said, "Through a website specially designed to commemorate this anniversary, we have a unique opportunity to reflect on our journey over the past 125 years and the incredible individuals—judges, staff, legal professionals, and many more—who have contributed to our mission of justice and fairness. Join us in celebrating this milestone by visiting the site and sharing in our proud history."

Throughout 2025 the Court will be hosting several very special events. For instance, the Court is planning a series of events featuring video tributes which

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have been recorded to honor many of our beloved jurists who have passed away over the past 25 years. These events will be held on various dates in Buffalo and Rochester. They offer a heartfelt opportunity to celebrate their legacies and contributions of our judges. Once premiered at these events, the video tributes will be uploaded to the anniversary website to further document and preserve the history of the Court. We invite you to join us in remembering and cherishing the personalities and the service of these extraordinary individuals. Stay tuned for more information about these events throughout the year!

In addition, over the past few months, more than 50 attorneys and members of the Court's staff have recorded videos for the website which serve as an oral history of the Court. Others have contributed written recollections and remembrances. We will continue to collect these personal stories throughout the year. Anyone interested in recording a video or sharing funny stories, sweet memories, and innocent antics can find additional details on the anniversary website.

"Throughout 2025, the Court looks forward to celebrating our 125-year history of serving the people of Western New York," said Chief Judge Wolford. For now, please BOOKMARK this website and visit often for more content and events. We have an exciting year ahead and we look forward to celebrating it with you.

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