

## NEWS

### Governor Cuomo Appoints BROWN CHIARI LLP Attorney, John V. Elmore to Judicial Screening Committee

Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued an Executive Order establishing the Four Departmental Judicial Committees and the State Judicial Screening Committees. Attorney John V. Elmore was appointed by Governor Cuomo to serve on both. Of the ten Gubernatorial appointments to the State Judicial Screening Committee, Elmore is Western New York's sole representative.

Governor Cuomo stated; "We have established screening committees to ensure a fair and thorough process for selecting judicial appointees in New York. Only the most talented and dedicated legal minds should be on the bench and making the important decisions that can impact all New Yorkers."

Attorney Elmore has a long history of service to the Courts and the Bar. He has served as chairperson for the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee for four years where he oversaw attorney disciplinary proceedings for the eight most Western counties of Western New York. He is a former president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York and has served on the Erie County Bar Association Board of Directors. Elmore also served on a statewide committee on Indigent Defense, which is credited in reforming the indigent defense system in New York.

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### FEATURED CASE

#### YMCA Sued for Negligent Supervision

Earlier this month we commenced a lawsuit against the YMCA on behalf of our then 11-year old client who was raped by a summer camp counselor. Our investigation showed that the YMCA failed to provide adequate supervision of this child during last year's summer camp at the William-Emslie YMCA. Additionally, we have uncovered information demonstrating the lack of hiring appropriate staff and a failure to provide appropriate training. Our client became pregnant as a result of this incident. We will be asking a jury to award all appropriate damages available under New York State Law.