

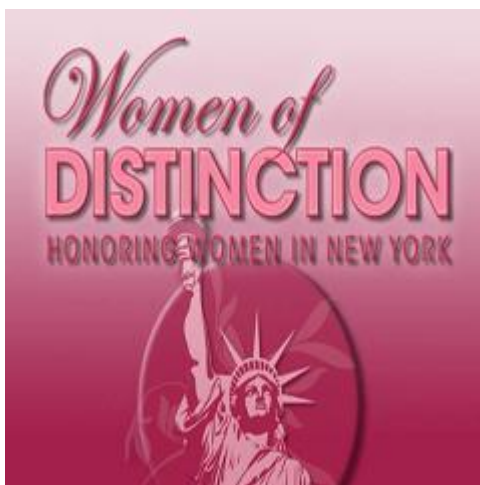
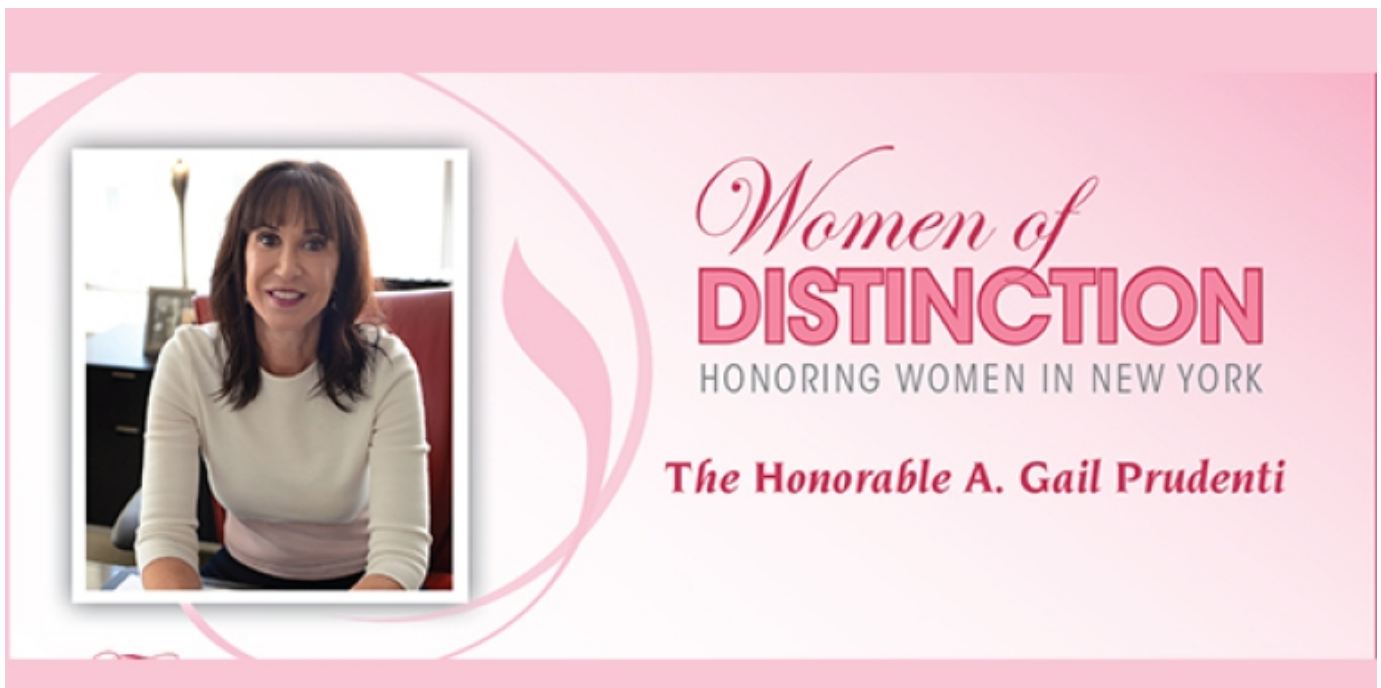


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## The Honorable A. Gail Prudenti

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The Honorable A. Gail Prudenti is the Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State as well as a New York State Supreme Court Justice. As Chief Administrative Judge, she oversees the administration and operation of the New York State Unified Court System, with a budget of over \$2 billion, 3,600 state and local judges and 15,000 non-judicial employees in over 350 court locations around the state.

Judge Prudenti previously served for nearly a decade as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department in New York State, one of the busiest appellate courts in the United States. She has also held the position of Administrative Judge for the Tenth Judicial District (Suffolk County) and was the first woman elected Surrogate of Suffolk County. Judge Prudenti began her career working in the Suffolk County Surrogate's Court and, prior to ascending to the bench, served as an Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County and as a private practitioner specializing in trusts and estates.

Judge Prudenti is an accomplished administrator and frequent lecturer throughout New York State. Her legal writings are extensive, with over 1,000 decisions published. She has contributed articles to many publications including The New York Law Journal, Newsday, and The Suffolk Lawyer. Judge Prudenti earned her law degree from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, which also awarded her an honorary Doctorate of Laws in 2004.

While greatly appreciative of the recognition and numerous awards she has received throughout the years from assorted groups and organizations, Judge Prudenti feels her greatest honor has been the opportunity to serve the people of the State of New York. She lives with her husband, fellow lawyer and former Suffolk County Attorney, Robert J. Cimino, in the Village of Bellport.