

Record Group 5: District Attorney

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SUMMARY (RG5)

Established: 1818, when each county became its own district
(since Apr. 4, 1801, the District Attorneys of New York had overseen
districts made up of several counties)

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1819-1820	Robert P. Lee
1820-1823	Aaron Ward
1823-1845	William Nelson
1845-1848	Richard R. Voris
1848-1851	William W. Scrugham
1851-1857	Edward Wells
1857-1863	William H. Pemberton
1863-1866	Pelham L. McClellan
1866-1869	John S. Bates
1869-1872	Jackson O. Dykman
1872-1875	Daniel C. Briggs
1875-1878	Robert Cochran
1878-1890	Nelson H. Baker
1890-1896	William P. Platt
1896-1901	George C. Andrews
1902-1907	J. Addison Young
1908-1913	Francis A. Winslow
1914-1916	Frederick E. Weeks

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1917-1921 Lee Parsons Davis
1922 Frederick E. Weeks
1923-1928 Arthur Rowland
1929-1934 Frank H. Coyne
1935-1939 Walter A. Ferris
1940-1945 Elbert T. Gallagher
1946-1952 George M. Fanelli
1952-1954 Samuel Faile
1955-1960 Joseph F. Gagliardi
1961 Robert Trainor
1962-1968 Leonard Rubenfeld
1968-1993 Carl A. Vergari
1994-2005 Jeanine Pirro
2006- Janet DiFiore

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DETAILS (RG5)

¹ Name	Party	Term Began	Term Ended
Robert P. Lee		June 12 th , 1818	1820
Aaron Ward		July 8 th , 1819	1823
William Nelson		February 21 st , 1822	1845
Richard R. Voris		September 27 th , 1844	1848
William W. Scrugham		June ** 1847	1851
Edward Wells	Whig-Democrat ²	1851	December 31 st , 1856
William H. Pemberton	Republican-Democrat ³	January 1 st , 1857	December 31 st , 1862
Pelham L. McClellan	Democrat	January 1 st , 1863	December 31 st , 1865
John S. Bates	Republican	January 1 st , 1866	December 31 st , 1868
Jackson O. Dykman	Democrat	January 1 st , 1869	December 31 st , 1871
Daniel Clark Briggs	Republican	January 1 st , 1872	December 31 st , 1874
Robert Cochran	Democrat	January 1 st , 1875	December 31 st , 1877
Nelson H. Baker	Democrat	January 1 st , 1878	December 31 st , 1889
William Popham Platt	Democrat	January 1 st , 1890	December 31 st , 1895
George C. Andrews	Republican	January 1 st , 1896	December 31 st , 1901
J. Addison Young	Republican	January 1 st , 1902	December 31 st , 1907
Francis A. Winslow	Republican	January 1 st , 1908	December 31 st , 1913
Frederick E. Weeks	Republican	January 1 st , 1914	December 31 st , 1916
Lee Parsons Davis	Republican	January 1 st , 1917	December 31 st , 1921 ⁴
Frederick E. Weeks	Republican	January 1 st , 1922	December 31 st , 1922
Arthur Rowland	Republican	January 1 st , 1923	December 31 st , 1928
Frank H. Coyne	Republican	January 1 st , 1929	December 31 st , 1934
Walter A. Ferris	Republican	January 1 st , 1935	December 31 st , 1940
Elbert T. Gallagher	Republican	January 1 st , 1941	December 31 st , 1945 ⁵
George M. Fanelli	Republican	December 31 st , 1945	December 31 st , 1952
Samuel Faile	Republican	January 1 st , 1953	December 22 nd , 1954 ⁶
Joseph F. Gagliardi	Republican	December 23 rd , 1954	September 14 th , 1960 ⁷
Leonard Rubinfeld (Acting)	Republican	September	October
Robert J. Trainor	Republican	October 3 rd , 1960	January 15 th , 1962 ⁸
Leonard Rubinfeld (Acting)	Republican	January 15 th , 1962	February 7 th , 1962
Leonard Rubinfeld	Republican	February 7 th , 1962	January 1 st , 1968 ⁹
Carl A. Vergari	Republican	January 1 st , 1968	December 31 st , 1993
Jeanine F. Pirro	Republican	January 1 st , 1994	December 31 st , 2005
Janet DiFiore	Republican/Democrat ¹⁰	January 1 st , 2006	

¹ This chart prepared 2013 by Patrick Raftery, Westchester County Historical Society Librarian

² Elected as a Whig in 1853; ran for reelection as a Democrat in 1856.

³ Elected as a Republican in 1856 and as a Democrat in 1859.

⁴ Resigned to enter private practice.

⁵ Appointed a Westchester County Court Judge.

⁶ Elected Westchester County Surrogate Court Judge.

⁷ Appointed a Westchester County Court Judge.

⁸ Appointed a Westchester County Court Judge.

⁹ Appointed a Westchester County Court Judge.

¹⁰ Became a Democrat on August 16th, 2007.