



Bio of Henry (“Hank”) M. Greenberg

Hank Greenberg is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer and past President of the New York State Bar Association. A former Counsel to the New York State Attorney General, General Counsel to a major New York State agency and federal prosecutor, Hank has handled numerous high-profile matters over the course of his three-decade career.

As Counsel to New York’s Attorney General (2007 to 2010), Hank worked on some of the Department of Law’s most significant litigation and public policy initiatives. He also served as General Counsel for the New York State Department of Health (1995 to 2000), where he was the chief legal advisor to the Commissioner of Health and administered an office of more than 100 attorneys engaged in virtually all aspects of administrative law.

Amongst the other government posts he has held, Hank served as Counsel to the Lieutenant Governor of New York State (1995), an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York (1990 to 1995), and law clerk to then Associate Judge (later Chief Judge) Judith S. Kaye of the New York Court of Appeals (1988-1990).

Hank ranks among New York’s leading lawyers in surveys for his work on high-profile litigation and other matters, including *Best Lawyers in America*, *the New York Law Journal*, *City & State*, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, *The American Lawyer*, and *The Legal 500 United States*. He has received numerous recognitions for his public service, including the *Making the World a More Just Place Award* from the National Judicial College, and the *Responsible 100 Award* for Corporate Social Responsibility from City & State.

Hank holds leadership positions on several professional organizations and government bodies. He is counsel to the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination, which nominates New York’s Court of Appeals Judges and chairs the Third Department Judicial Screening Committee. He is vice-chair of statewide programming for the Historical Society of New York Courts and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts, New York County Lawyers Association, and The Fund for Modern Courts. He is a member of the State Judicial Screening Committee and Advisory Group of the New York State and Federal Judicial Council. In 2020, he was elected to the American Law Institute. He is also a Life Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation and American Bar Foundation.

Hank has long supported and defended the Jewish community and Israel. He is a past president of Temple Israel in Albany and has held various positions with the Jewish Federation for Northeastern New York, including as its spokesperson, a member of the Board of Directors; Chair of the Israel and World Affairs Committee; Co-Chair of the Brandeis Baruch Society; and a member of the Community Relations Council. On behalf of the Federation, he travelled to war zones in Israel in October 2023 and the Polish-Ukraine border in April 2022. Over the years, he has spoken at numerous community rallies during times of crisis and travail in Israel.

Hank is a prolific author and public speaker. He has published over 60 articles, essays, and book chapters, on a wide range of legal subjects. He has delivered over 250 keynote addresses,

talks, speeches, and lectures, and spoken at numerous law schools, including Harvard, Columbia, Fordham, NYU, Albany, Brooklyn, CUNY, Pace, Syracuse, and Touro. In 2019, he delivered the 55th Charles Evans Hughes Memorial Lecture at the New York County Lawyers Association. He also frequently appears as a legal commentator in online and print media and on TV and radio.

Hank and his wife, Hope, have three adult children: Sarah (a teacher at a Jewish day school in Maine); Matthew (a professor at Bard College); and Brian (who works for International Rescue Committee in Washington, D.C.).