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Julie Garcia District Attorney (Fmr.) Essex County, NY

Julie Garcia began her legal career in 1999 as an assistant district attorney within the Domestic Violence Unit of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in New York, where she successfully prosecuted hundreds of domestic violence cases. In 2000, she moved to upstate New York to work in the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office and to be closer to family. After the death of her sister, she raised her two nieces and ran her own law firm, handling cases in Federal Court, Supreme Court, Family Court, County Court, and local courts for close to 20 years. In 2005, she made history by becoming the first woman elected District Attorney of Essex County. Her

tenure as DA was focused on working to proactively reduce crime by collaborating with treatment agencies, law enforcement, probation, and other organizations to decrease underage drinking, driving while intoxicated, drug abuse, and domestic violence.

Garcia left the District Attorney's Office in 2009 and has since worked in private practice. She is a commissioner on the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics and is a sitting board member of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York. She is a member of the Warren County Bar Association, Essex County Bar Association, Adirondack Women's Bar Association, and New York State Defenders Association. She holds a BA in social work from Siena College and a JD from Albany Law School.

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