

The New Agenda
**Violence Against
Women Forum**
April 18, 2009

Honorable Leslie Crocker Snyder
Retired Justice of the New York Supreme Court

Topic: "Reform in sex crimes and domestic violence and the need to continue these reforms."



Leslie Crocker Snyder is a nationally recognized leader in the fight against crime, having spent 35 years protecting New Yorkers as a prosecutor, judge and devoted public servant.

As an Assistant District Attorney, Leslie was the first woman in the New York County District Attorney's office to try both felony and homicide cases. During her nine years in the office, she founded and led the Sex Crimes Prosecution Bureau, the first in the nation and a model throughout the country. Additionally, she is the co-author of legislation that includes New York's Rape Shield Law and other reforms of the Penal Law.

After leaving the Manhattan District Attorney's office, Leslie became a Special Assistant Attorney General, prosecuting corruption in the criminal justice system. In 1983, Leslie was appointed as a Judge to the Criminal Court of New York City. Subsequently, she was appointed to the New York State Supreme Court and the Court of Claims.

Leslie is the author of *25 to Life* and is currently a partner at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP. She has appeared on numerous television news and documentary programs and has been profiled in several, such as *60 Minutes*.

Saturday
3:00-5:00 pm
cocktail hour to follow
5:00-6:00 pm

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