

# What I Wish I Knew Then: Judy Kluger

In "What I Wish I Knew Then" (New York Law Journal, August 22, 2024), Judge Judy Kluger, chief executive officer of Sanctuary for Families, reflects on her career and delivers important insights in addressing the challenges of helping victims of domestic violence.

From overseeing NYC's Criminal Courts as an Administrative Judge to leading the establishment of an integrated domestic violence court, Judy Kluger not only reformed New York State's court structure via the "one judge-one family model" but established her legacy. Today, as Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families, she continues to transform the lives of countless survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking, and related forms of gender violence.

"Take chances. Throughout my journey, I've ventured to be open to change and new challenges. Some questioned my decision to leave a very fulfilling career on the bench to become the Executive Director of a not-for-profit. In hindsight, it was one of my best career decisions."

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