



Senate Standing Committee on Alcoholism & Substance Use Disorders
Senator Nathalia Fernandez, Chair

Public Hearing

Treatment Court Expansion Act (S.4547 by Sen. Ramos)

Oct 10, 2025, 10:00 am | 250 Broadway, New York, NY, 19th Floor

Panel I	
1. NYS Unified Court System	Hon. Rowan D. Wilson Chief Judge of the State of New York and the Court of Appeals
2. NYS Unified Court System	Hon. Joseph Zayas Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Unified Court System
Panel II	
1. Selwyn Bernardez	Manhattan Alternatives to Incarceration Court Graduate
2. Nicole D'Alessandro	Peer Specialist, CASES - New Start Drug Court Graduate
3. Ashley Santiago	Senior Community Organizer, Freedom Agenda Urban Justice Center
Panel III	
1. Nassau County Legal Aid Society	Ilana Kopmar Policy Coordinator & County Court Attorney
2. NY County Defender Services, Chief Defenders Association of NY	Stan German Executive Director
3. Brooklyn Defender Services, NYS Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	Yung-mi Lee Director of Law and Appeals, Criminal Defense Unit

Panel IV	
1. Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES)	Nadia Chait Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy
2. BestSelf Behavioral Health	Laura Robinson Licensed Mental Health Clinician
3. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI NYS)	Nathan McLaughlin Executive Director
4. Justyna Rzewinski	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
5. Samaritan Daytop Village	Dr. Carolann Slattery Chief Clinical Officer
Panel V	
1. Center for Justice Innovation	Dan Ades Senior Director of NY Legal Policy
2. Independent Rikers Commission	Zachary Katznelson Executive Director
3. NYC Justice Peer Initiative	Helen “Skip” Skipper Executive Director
4. The Proper Perspectives	Charles Corbin Community Health Worker & Peer Court Navigator Supervisor
Panel VI	
1. Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)	Jane Shim Director, Anti-Asian Violence
2. Urban Justice Center Mental Health Project	Jennifer Parish Director of Criminal Justice Advocacy
3. Women’s Community Justice Association	Chaplain Dr. Victoria A. Phillips Director of Community, Health, and Justice Advocacy
4. NY Association of Treatment Court Professionals	JoAnn Ferdinand Retired Judge, Kings County Supreme Court