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# Opening Remarks

**The Honorable Robert G.M. Keating\***

Thank you very much. Your gracious introduction is much longer than my opening remarks. It is my privilege to welcome you to the New York State Judicial Institute. This is the first event we have co-hosted with an outside organization, one other than the New York State Unified Court System. We are particularly proud and pleased to have this group here for a number of reasons. From the Chief Judge on down through the system, we think that the issue of domestic violence is really a transcendent one. One that is as important as it is difficult. We think the focus on these issues by this particular think tank is one of great significance to us as managers and administrators of the judicial system. It is our hope that the lessons that you learn here will be ones that Chief Judge Kaye and others who have been in this fight for so long, will be able to utilize.

Our link with the Women's Justice Center and Pace Law School is a connection and a partnership, which, quite frankly, we're very proud of. This institute will do other things than just educate judges and one of its goals is to become a national center for the kind of quality research programs that Pace Law School and the Women's Justice Center have made famous. This is, as you can see, a very new building. It is not finished yet and we would appreciate your ideas for improving it. Any suggestions you may have for future programs will also be appreciated. I want to give you my deep thanks for coming here, and my sincere gratitude for what you are doing. The best of luck and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

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