

Presided over by outspoken former family court judge, Judge Judith Sheindlin, the top-rated series continues to serve as a benchmark for the increasingly popular courtroom genre.

With her no-nonsense, hard-hitting, decisive and witty approach to justice, Judge Sheindlin establishes herself as a pop-culture icon for a new generation of viewers. As a result, she has been featured numerous times on "Entertainment Tonight," "The Today Show," CNN's

"Larry King Live," "The Tonight Show," "The View," "20/20," "Dateline NBC" and "Saturday Night Live," to name a few. In addition, profiles of Judge Sheindlin include "Nightline," A&E series "Biography," E! Entertainment Television's "E! Celebrity Profile," MSNBC's

"Headliners and Legends" and Lifetime Television's "Intimate Portrait." Judge Sheindlin has also been featured in People, TV Guide, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Parade, Entertainment Weekly, McCall's, Ladies' Home Journal, Modern Maturity, Family Circle, Good Housekeeping, Redbook and Time.

Judge Judy selects actual court cases from across the nation and places them before the charismatic Judge Sheindlin, a credible arbitrator well known for her decisions on some of the toughest cases in New York. The series focuses on small claims disputes, which most often center on family and/or interpersonal relationship issues. Ultimately, the cases usually involve relationships in conflict where Judge Sheindlin applies her unique ability to act as a true moral compass for people seeking guidance, insight and resolution in their often complicated lives.