



**NYC CLERICAL-
ADMINISTRATIVE
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Local 1549 Membership,

In April 2021, Local 1549 filed an Article 78 appeal against the City of New York, the New York City Department of City-wide Administrative Services (DCAS), and 17 City agencies (Respondents) based on allegations that they failed to hire employees in the Civil Service title of "Clerical Associate", while at the same time hiring employees in non-competitive titles to perform the work of Clerical Associates. This misclassification causes Clerical Associates to be paid less than employees in non-competitive titles who are doing the same clerical work. Respondents filed a motion to dismiss the petition. On July 28, 2022, the Supreme Court, New York County denied Respondents' motion to dismiss, allowing Local 1549's Article 78 proceeding to continue, and ordered the parties to engage in discovery. As of January 2023, the parties are working on a joint discovery plan to file with the court.

The Local 1549 Administratorship team will continue to update you on the progress of the case.

Sincerely,

James Howell
Local 1549 Administrator