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## Talks to increase pay for NY judges

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NEW YORK STATE - New York's judges may finally see a pay raise after 12 years. The judicial compensation board is planning a public hearing for next week.

After not receiving a raise in 12 years, some judges are now citing their lack of pay as a reason for leaving the bench.

The committee's chairman and former New York City comptroller Bill Thompson says legislators salaries have been coupled with judges salaries, leading to none of them receiving a pay increase. Although he says a raise is on its way.

"What you need to see is to see real increases. What that real increase is, we haven't agreed on. We're going to be taking testimonial on the 20th at a hearing in Albany and we'll start as well as looking at the submissions and other things, we'll start to look at what a real raise is," said Thompson.

According to a report in the New York Times, one in ten judges is leaving every year for better paying jobs.

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