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Judy Whiting is General Counsel to the Community Service Society, a 168-year-old nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating poverty in New York City through advocacy, direct service, research and policy analysis, and litigation. In that capacity she directs the work of the Legal Department, helping to develop litigation and non-litigation approaches to ending discrimination against people with criminal conviction histories, with a particular emphasis on employment and housing.

Before coming to CSS, Judy was Senior Staff Attorney at the Legal Action Center, where she worked on anti-discrimination litigation and policy affecting people with criminal records, histories of drug or alcohol abuse and/or HIV/AIDS. She formerly served as Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and spent almost ten years as staff attorney with the Criminal, Civil and Volunteer Divisions of The Legal Aid Society in New York. Judy also served as clinical instructor at Hofstra Law School's Housing Law Clinic.

She is a graduate of Barnard College and Cornell Law School, where she received the first Freeman Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Award. She is recipient of the New York City Bar Association's 2008 Legal Services Award, is a member of the Association's Corrections Committee and Council on Criminal Justice, recently completed service on the Association's Nominating Committee, and is immediate past chair of the Corrections Committee.