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**Second Judicial Department Independent Judicial
Election Qualification Commissions Announce Interim
List of “Qualified” and “Not Qualified” Candidates**

(BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, N.Y.) Pursuant to Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions (“IJEQCs”) have been established in each of the judicial districts of New York State. The IJEQCs are a statewide network of independent screening panels for judicial candidates. Each IJEQC is charged with the responsibility of evaluating the qualifications of candidates within its judicial district who submit a questionnaire and are seeking election to the following New York State Courts: Supreme, County, Surrogate’s, Family, New York City Civil, District, and City.

After careful consideration, the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions for the Second Judicial Department have recently announced the following ratings for candidates for judicial offices within the 2nd, 9th, 10th, and 11th Judicial Districts. Additional candidates are under consideration.

Any candidate found qualified for election to a judicial office is deemed qualified for that office for three years in the absence of any new information that may reflect adversely upon his or her qualifications and background. Any candidate not found qualified for election to judicial office is deemed not to be qualified for that judicial office for one year from the date of submission of the candidate's application to the commission.

**Qualified Candidates for the 2nd Judicial District
Kings and Richmond Counties**

Supreme Court Justice

Ariel E. Belen
Theresa M. Ciccotto
Gloria M. Dabiri
John M. Leventhal
Plummer E. Lott
Judith N. McMahan
Marsha L. Steinhardt
Jeffrey S. Sunshine

Judge of the Civil Court

Loren Baily-Schiffman
Theresa M. Ciccotto
Ingrid Joseph
Alice Fisher Rubin
Lisa S. Ottley

**Qualified Candidates for the 9th Judicial District
Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties**

Judge of the Surrogate's Court

Robert A. Onofry
James D. Pagones

Judge of the Family Court

Joan S. Posner

Judge of the City Court

Victoria B. Campbell

**Qualified Candidates for the 10th Judicial District
Nassau and Suffolk Counties**

Supreme Court Justice

Hector D. LaSalle
Robert A. Lifson
James F. Quinn

Judge of the County Court

Joseph Farneti
James F. Quinn
Jeffrey A. Spinner

Judge of the District Court

Howard M. Bergson
Charles S. Hackeling
Fred J. Hirsh
Dana M. Jaffe
Francis D. Ricigliano
Stephen L. Ukeiley
Debra A. Urbano Disalvo

Judge of the Family Court

Carnell T. Foskey
David R. Freundlich

Candidates with Applications Pending for the 10th Judicial District

Supreme Court Justice

Jerry Gargiulo

Judge of the District Court

Paul M. Hensley

**Qualified Candidates for the 11th Judicial District
Queens County**

Supreme Court Justice

Orin R. Kitzes
Jaime A. Rios
Sheri S. Roman
Martin J. Schulman

Judge of the Civil Court

Robert Caloras
Dennis Lebwohl
Elizabeth A. MacEwen

**Candidate Found Not Qualified for the 11th Judicial District
Queens County**

Judge of the Civil Court

Neldra M. Zeigler

Candidates with Applications Pending for the 11th Judicial District

Supreme Court Justice

Albert J. Baldeo
Cheree A. Buggs
Peter F. Lane
Frederick D. R. Sampson
Barry A. Schwartz

Judge of the Civil Court

Albert J. Baldeo
Phillip Hom
Peter F. Lane
W. Annette Rodriguez-Soriano
Barry A. Schwartz
Nelson E. Timken
Elizabeth R. Yablon

For a list of 2007 rated candidates and information regarding the evaluation process, visit the IJEQC web page at <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/courts/ad2/IJEQC/IJEQC2.shtml> or contact Vivian A. McCallum, Director, at the address above, by telephone at 347-401-9248, or by email at vmccallu@courts.state.ny.us .