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**Second Judicial Department Independent Judicial  
Election Qualification Commissions Announce  
2014 Final List of Candidate Ratings**

**(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.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts.

Any candidate found highly qualified or qualified for election to a judicial office is deemed so qualified for that judicial 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 to be not qualified for that judicial office for one year from the date of submission of the candidate’s application to the commission.

**Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions  
2014 Final List of Rated Candidates**

| <u>Judicial District</u> | <u>Name</u>       | <u>Judicial Position</u> | <u>Rating</u>    |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 2nd JD                   | Fisher, Pamela L. | Supreme Court Justice    | Highly Qualified |
| 2nd JD                   | Campanelli, Joy   | Supreme Court Justice    | Qualified        |
| 2nd JD                   | Genovesi, Lara J. | Supreme Court Justice    | Qualified        |
| 2nd JD                   | Apuzzo, Dante W.  | Judge of the Civil Court | Qualified        |
| 2nd JD                   | Clarke, Sharon    | Judge of the Civil Court | Not Qualified    |
| 2nd JD                   | Szochet, Diana J. | Judge of the Civil Court | Qualified        |

| <u>Judicial District</u> | <u>Name</u>            | <u>Judicial Position</u>  | <u>Rating</u>    |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 9th JD                   | Thorsen, Rolf M.       | Judge of the County Court | Qualified        |
| 9th JD                   | Hahn, Rachel           | Judge of the Family Court | Highly Qualified |
| 9th JD                   | Krahulik, Christine P. | Judge of the Family Court | Qualified        |
| 9th JD                   | Stage, Christine F.    | Judge of the Family Court | Qualified        |
| 9th JD                   | Witherow, Matthew D.   | Judge of the City Court   | Qualified        |

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 10th JD                  | Jaeger, Steven M.   | Supreme Court Justice     | Highly Qualified |
| *10th JD                 | Prudenti, A. Gail   | Supreme Court Justice     | Highly Qualified |
| 10th JD                  | Sgroi, Sandra L.    | Supreme Court Justice     | Highly Qualified |
| 10th JD                  | Ukeiley, Stephen L. | Supreme Court Justice     | Highly Qualified |
| 10th JD                  | Jaeger, Steven M.   | Judge of the County Court | Highly Qualified |

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 10th JD                         | Lorintz, Joseph H.  | Judge of the Family Court       | Highly Qualified     |
| 10th JD                         | Hirsh Fred J.       | Judge of the District Court     | Highly Qualified     |
| 10th JD                         | Howlett, Patricia   | Judge of the District Court     | Not Qualified        |
| 10th JD                         | Senzer, Paul H.     | Judge of the District Court     | Highly Qualified     |
| 10th JD                         | Ukeiley, Stephen L. | Judge of the District Court     | Highly Qualified     |

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 11th JD                         | Culley, Anna            | Supreme Court Justice           | Qualified            |
| 11th JD                         | Duane, John F.          | Supreme Court Justice           | Qualified            |
| 11th JD                         | Esposito, Joseph J.     | Supreme Court Justice           | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | Hollie, Ronald D.       | Supreme Court Justice           | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | Iannece, Jerry M.       | Supreme Court Justice           | Qualified            |
| 11th JD                         | Latin, Richard G.       | Supreme Court Justice           | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | Leach, Leslie G.        | Supreme Court Justice           | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | Lebowitz, Jeffrey D.    | Supreme Court Justice           | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | McGowan, Margaret P.    | Supreme Court Justice           | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | Risi, Joseph (Jr.)      | Supreme Court Justice           | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | Esposito, Joseph J.     | Judge of the Civil Court        | Highly Qualified     |
| 11th JD                         | Goldstein, Barry M.     | Judge of the Civil Court        | Qualified            |
| 11th JD                         | Iannece, Jerry M.       | Judge of the Civil Court        | Qualified            |
| 11th JD                         | Pandit, Ushir           | Judge of the Civil Court        | Qualified            |
| 11th JD                         | Vallone, Peter F. (Jr.) | Judge of the Civil Court        | Qualified            |

\*The candidate's qualifications were evaluated by the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Commission utilizing the rules governing the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Commission.

For a list of 2013 and 2012 rated candidates and information regarding the evaluation process, visit the IJEQC web page at <http://www.ny-ijecq.org> or contact Vivian Dearie by telephone at 347-401-9248 or by email at [vdearie@courts.state.ny.us](mailto:vdearie@courts.state.ny.us)

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