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**Second Judicial Department Independent Judicial  
Election Qualification Commissions Announce  
2015 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**  
**2015 Final List of Rated Candidates**

<u><b>Judicial District</b></u>	<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Judicial Position</b></u>	<u><b>Rating</b></u>
2nd JD	Borrok, Andrew S.	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
2nd JD	Burzio, Stephen S.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
2nd JD	Patel, Hemalee J.	Judge of the Civil Court	Highly Qualified
<u><b>Judicial District</b></u>	<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Judicial Position</b></u>	<u><b>Rating</b></u>
9th JD	Trachten, Gary	Supreme Court Justice	Qualified
9th JD	Streng, Frank W.	Judge of the Surrogate's Court	Qualified
9th JD	Cacace, Susan	Judge of the County Court	Highly Qualified
9th JD	McLoughlin, Edward T.	Judge of the County Court	Highly Qualified
9th JD	Moloney, Katherine A.	Judge of the County Court	Qualified
9th JD	Weishaupt, Matthew A. (III)	Judge of the County Court	Highly Qualified
9th JD	Campbell, Victoria B.	Judge of the Family Court	Qualified
9th JD	MacKenzie, Tracy C.	Judge of the Family Court	Qualified
9th JD	Woods, Lori Currier	Judge of the Family Court	Highly Qualified
9th JD	Brockett, Steven	Judge of the City Court	Highly Qualified

<b><u>Judicial District</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Judicial Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rating</u></b>
10th JD	Luft, Martha L.	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
10th JD	Pines, Emily	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
10th JD	Luft, Martha L.	Judge of the Family Court	Highly Qualified

<b><u>Judicial District</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Judicial Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rating</u></b>
11th JD	Buggs, Cheree A.	Supreme Court Justice	Qualified
11th JD	Catapano-Fox, Tracy	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Haas, Mona	Supreme Court Justice	Qualified
11th JD	Hart, Duane A.	Supreme Court Justice	Qualified
11th JD	Heymann, George M.	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Lopez, Gene R.	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Mackoff, Jodi O.	Supreme Court Justice	Qualified
11th JD	O'Donoghue, Peter J.	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Ritholtz, Martin E.	Supreme Court Justice	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Rossi, Thomas J.	Supreme Court Justice	Qualified
11th JD	Avery, Susan F.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	Catapano-Fox, Tracy	Judge of the Civil Court	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Cheng, Leigh K.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	Gibbons, Wyatt N.	Judge of the Civil Court	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Goldman, Michael H.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	Greenberg, Ira R.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	Haas, Mona	Judge of the Civil Court	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Hesse, Candace	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	Heymann, George M.	Judge of the Civil Court	Highly Qualified
11th JD	Lanzetta, Claudia	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	Nisonoff, Mitchell B.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	O'Reilly, Michael A.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified
11th JD	Rossi, Thomas J.	Judge of the Civil Court	Qualified

For a list of 2014 and 2013 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@nycourts.gov](mailto:vdearie@nycourts.gov)

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