



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BECOMING A JUDGE

Friday, September 12, 2014
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Albany Law School
80 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY

Co-chairs:

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers, Appellate Division, Fourth Department and Chair, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission
Hon. Karen K. Peters, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Third Department

Agenda

1:30 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

Penelope (Penny) Andrews, *President & Dean, Albany Law School*

1:40 p.m. Introduction

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers, *Appellate Division, Fourth Department and Chair, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission*

Hon. Karen K. Peters, *Presiding Justice, Third Department*

1:50 p.m. Election Law Overview & Related Ethical Requirements

Moderator: **Hon. Karen K. Peters**

Presiding Justice, Third Department

Panelists: **Cathleen S. Cenci**, *Deputy Administrator, New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct*

James Long, *Law Office of James E. Long Esq.*

Matthew J. Clyne, *Democratic Commissioner, Albany County Board of Elections*

Brian Haak, *Election Law Attorney and Town of Colonie Councilman*

2:40 p.m. Question & Answer Regarding Evaluation Processes

Moderator: **April Dalbec**

President, Capital District Women's Bar Association

Panelists: **Christopher Massaroni, Esq.**, *Albany County Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee*

Timothy O'Keefe, *Director, Third Department Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions*

3:10 p.m. Securing a Nomination in Supreme Court

Moderator: **Hon. Doris M. Gonzalez**,

Acting Supreme Court Justice, Supreme Court Bronx County

Panelists: **Hon. Karen Peters**, *Presiding Justice, Third Department*

Hon. Leslie Stein, *Appellate Division, Third Department*

Paul Caputo, *Albany County Independence Party Chair*

Richard Jacobson, Esq., *Chair of Albany County Democratic Committee's Law Committee*

4:00 p.m. Making the Ballot in City, County, Family Court

Moderator: **Hon. Peter Crumme**

President, Albany County Bar Association

Panelists: **Hon. Rachel Kretser**, *Albany City Criminal Court Judge*

Hon. Debra Young, *Rensselaer County Court Judge*

Hon. Susan Kushner, *Albany Family Court Judge*

Hon. William Carter, *Albany City Criminal Court Judge*

5:00 p.m. Appointment Process for New York State Court of Claims/Federal Court

Moderator: **William Little**

President, Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association

Panelists: **John Regan**, *Assistant Counsel, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo*

Hon. Michael Melkonian, *Court of Claims Judge*

Jessica Cherry, *New York State Senate*

A reception in the East Foyer will follow the program.

THE EVENT IS PRESENTED BY:

- Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission • Albany Law School • Capital District Women's Bar Association
- Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association • Capital District Black & Hispanic Bar Association • Albany County Bar Association
- Academy of Trial Lawyers • Center for Women in Government • NYS Hispanic Judges Association
- National Association of Women Judges, New York Chapter • 3rd Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee

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