

NEW YORK STATE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION RELEASES RATINGS FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY

NEW YORK (January 5, 2016) – Evan M. Goldberg, President of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA), released today the Association’s ratings of seven candidates nominated by the New York State Commission on Judicial Nominations to fill the vacancy on the New York State Court of Appeals created by the retirement of Associate Judge Susan P. Read on August 24, 2015.

The Association’s Judicial Screening Committee was comprised of NYSTLA members from counties across New York and chaired by Josh Silber and Catherine Beltz-Foley. The committee reviewed each candidate’s submitted questionnaire and their other legal writings. Additionally, the committee met with and interviewed each candidate to further assess his or her judicial philosophy and approach.

The candidates were rated as “Not Qualified,” “Qualified,” “Qualified and Recommended,” “Highly Qualified and Recommended”, or “Highly Qualified and Highly Recommended” to fill the vacancy.

The Judiciary Committee ratings are as follows:

Michael J. Garcia	Qualified and Recommended
Judith J. Gische	Highly Qualified and Highly Recommended
Caitlin J. Halligan	Qualified and Recommended
Erin M. Peradotto	Highly Qualified and Highly Recommended
Benjamin E. Rosenberg	Qualified and Recommended
Rowan D. Wilson	Highly Qualified and Highly Recommended
Stephen P. Younger	Highly Qualified and Highly Recommended

About The New York State Trial Lawyers Association

Founded in 1953, NYSTLA is the oldest and largest state lawyer association dedicated to protecting the rights of consumers and advocating on behalf of injured New Yorkers. NYSTLA’s thousands of members work to promote a safer and healthier society, to assure access to the civil justice system by those who are wrongfully injured and to advance representation of the public by ethical, well-trained lawyers. NYSTLA works to assure that the wrongfully injured will have full access to the civil justice system. The organization is dedicated to the preservation of federal and state constitutional rights to trial by jury. NYSTLA fights to see that injured people are not barred from the civil justice system; that wrongdoers are not immunized from liability; that juries are free to determine the proper amount of compensation without arbitrary legislative interference; and that obstacles are not placed in the way of litigating all meritorious claims.

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