



Women Trial Lawyers Caucus, Inc.

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WOMEN TRIAL LAWYERS CAUCUS RELEASES RATINGS FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE VACANCY

NEW YORK, NY (January 6, 2016 – The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus (WTLC) today released its ratings of the seven candidates nominated by the Commission on Judicial Nomination for the position of Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals and the State of New York created by the resignation of Susan P. Reid. We recognize the importance of this decision to the citizens of New York and we appreciate the opportunity to submit our findings.

The Judicial Screening Committee was comprised of WTLC members from diverse practice areas, all active practitioners in the courts of the State of New York. The committee met with and interviewed each candidate on January 5, 2016. Prior to the interview, committee members reviewed each candidate's submissions to the Commission on Judicial Nomination, including their questionnaires, opinions and/or other legal writings. The committee also met with the candidates to further assess each candidate's judicial philosophy and administrative ability.

The candidate ratings are either "Not Qualified," "Qualified," or "Highly Qualified."

The Judicial Screening Committee ratings are as follows:

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

About the Women Trial Lawyers Caucus

WTLC is an association dedicated to promoting the success and recognition of women trial lawyers and judges in New York State. Our mission is to encourage and support the advancement of women in the legal profession and in the judiciary, to protect the interests of women litigants and to facilitate and ensure equality and justice in the legal system.