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Nassau County Bar Association Releases Ratings for Judicial Contests on 2016 Nassau Ballot

Mineola, NY – The Nassau County Bar Association's bi-partisan Judiciary Committee today released its findings of judicial candidates who are on the Nassau County November 8, 2016 election ballot. The following candidates have been found "well qualified":

Supreme Court Justice Edmund M. Dane Joseph H. Lorintz

Nassau County Family Court Judge Stacy D. Bennett Ayesha Keri Brantley Virginia A. Clavin-Higgins Eileen C. Daly-Sapraicone Ellen R. Greenberg Darlene D. Harris Martin J. Massell Conrad D. Singer Nassau County District Court Judge (2nd District)

Eileen J. Goggin David W. McAndrews Dennis F. McDermott Helen Voutsinas

Additional candidates for Supreme Court Justice who will appear on the Nassau ballot - Janine Barbera-Dalli, Deborah Poulos, David A. Morris and David L. Calone - are Suffolk County residents and were screened by the Suffolk County Bar Association.

The NCBA Judiciary Committee screens judicial candidates at the request of the candidate or a political party. Each candidate's qualifications and background is examined thoroughly. This process includes an interview of the candidate and of attorneys and others who have had contact with the candidate, reviews of the candidate's written decisions and other writings, and searches of court and other public records. Among the factors considered are the candidate's legal knowledge and ability for the position sought, trial and other professional experience, integrity, diligence and temperament. At the conclusion of the process, the Judiciary Committee members vote as to whether the candidate is "well qualified" or "not approved at this time" for the judicial office sought by the candidate.

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offering a variety of services for the public, including lawyer referral services, mortgage foreclosure, Sandy recovery and senior citizen legal clinics; judicial screening and public education programs. The Nassau Academy of Law provides hundreds of seminars providing important continuing education for the legal community. We Care, part of the Nassau Bar Foundation, NCBA's charitable arm, assists children, the elderly and others in need, through countless projects and donations. For more information, call (516) 747-4070 (language translation available), email info@nassaubar.org, or visit nassaubar.org.